WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION *AGENDA

(Agenda Subject to Modification in Accordance with Law)

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER:

6:00 p.m., Staples High School, Room 1025C, Principal's Conference Room

ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION: School Security Matters; Strategies for Negotiations

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

7:30 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (15 MINUTES)

RECOGNITION: Board of Education Appreciation

MINUTES: February 4 and 10, 2014 and March 4, 2014

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

1.	Acceptance of Gifts	(Encl.)	Dr. Landon
2.	Approval of Westport Intermediate Administrators Association Contract: July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017	(Encl.)	Ms. Cion
3.	Modification of Teacher Evaluation Plan	(Encl.)	Ms. Cion
4.	Student and Faculty Calendar: 2015-16 School Year	(Encl.)	Dr. Landon
5.	Security		Dr. Landon

ADJOURNMENT

*A 2/3 vote is required to go to executive session, to add a topic to the agenda of a regular meeting, or to start a new topic after 10:30 p.m. The meeting can also be viewed on cable TV on channel 78; AT&T channel 99 and by video stream @www.westport.k12.ct.us PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WELCOME USING THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

- Comment on non-agenda topics will occur during the first 15 minutes except when staff or guest presentations are scheduled.
- . Board will not engage in dialogue on non-agenda items.
- · Public may speak as agenda topics come up for discussion or information.
- Speakers on non-agenda items are limited to 2 minutes each, except by prior arrangement with chair.
- Speakers on agenda items are limited to 3 minutes each, except by prior arrangement with chair.
- · Speakers must give name and use microphone.
- Responses to questions may be deferred if answers not immediately available.
- · Public comment is normally not invited for topics listed for action after having been publicly discussed at one or more meetings.

WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To:

Members of the Board of Education

From:

Elliott Landon

Subject:

Acceptance of Gifts

Date:

March 10, 2014

We are fortunate at this meeting to be the recipient of three (3) very generous gifts to enhance the work of teachers and students within our school system.

The first of these gifts is from the Coleytown Middle School PTA which wishes to provide us with a Hewlett Packard wide-format printer, as recommended by Dr. AJ Scheetz, 6-12 Department Chair of Science. This is similar to previous wide-format printers that have been gifted to us in the past from our PTAs at other schools. The value of this gift is \$3,000.

The second, consisting of tables valued at \$3,005 comes from the Long Lots School PTA which, in collaboration with Rex Jones, LLS Principal, has initiated the construction of an Outdoor Classroom in that school's interior courtyard. As part of the development of the Outdoor Classroom, the LLS PTA would like to gift us three (3) hexagonal outdoor tables and one (1) handicapped-accessible hexagonal outdoor table.

The third constitutes a donation by ten donors of thirty (30) artworks to the Westport Schools Permanent Art Collection (WSPAC) with a total value of \$49,100 in honor of the:

- 50th anniversary of WSPAC, founded in 1994 by Burt Chernow
- 20th anniversary of the Westport Art Awards, and
- Westport Arts Advisory Committee, also established by Burt Chernow, to increase public awareness of the Town's cultural resources

The donors include: David and Pegeen Rubinstein; Tyler Hicks; Spencer Platt; Anna Lee Fuchs (2); Leonard Everett Fisher (2); Jak Kovatch (2); Estate of Tracy Sugarman (24); Lucia Nebel White; Alice Jennings (3) and Carol Gluckman (3). Details of the contributed artworks may be found in the materials appended to this memorandum.

I recommend acceptance of these generous gifts with thanks and appreciation to the CMS and LLS PTAs, to the ten listed donors and to Kathie Bennewitz, WSPAC co-chair and Town Curator.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with thanks and appreciation a gift from the Coleytown Middle School PTA of a Hewlett Packard wide-format printer; a gift from the Long Lots School PTA of outdoor tables for the Outdoor Classroom; and, a gift of thirty (30) artworks from ten donors for the Westport Schools Permanent Art Collection.

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Group A. The following artworks are donated in honor of WSPAC's 50th anniversary and the 20th anniversary of the Westport Art Awards, which recognize accomplishments of past/present artists in the fields of Literature, Music, Theatre, Film and Visual Arts. The artist donors are each award recipients. All artist donors exhibited these or other works in the 2013 exhibit, *Framing the Past, Present and Future: 20 Years of Westport Arts Awards*, at the Westport Historical Society.

1) Donor: David and Pegeen Rubinstein, 30 Dogwood Lane, Westport CT, 203. 226. 3409; davidprubinstein@gmail.com



Artist: Jim Dine (b. 1935) Title: Philadelphia Heart, 1984

Medium: Color soft-ground etching, drypoint, and aquatint

Signed: signed; AP

Plate: 11.75 x10.9 in; Sheet: 26 x 19.75 in

Edition: Artist's Proof; Printed by Aldo Crommelnyck, Atelier

Crommelnyck; signed by artist

Provenance: member of artist's family to donor

Published: Friends of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. © Jim Dine/

Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York Value: \$ 4,500.00, as provided by donor

Database # 1677

Credit line: David and Pegeen Rubinstein in memory of Mollie Donovan.

Donated by David Rubinstein in honor of the late Mollie Donovan, who was his longtime cochair on the Westport Arts Advisory Committee (WAAC), established in 1994 by Burt Chernow, to increase public awareness of the Town's cultural resources: its artists, its public art collection, and its cultural institutions. Upon the 20th amiversary, David stepped down as chair.

Artwork Significance: The iconic form of the perfectly symmetrical heart has been a part of world-renowned contemporary artist Jim Dine's in his paintings, drawings, prints and sculpture since the mid1960s. "I always need to find some theme, some tangible subject matter besides the paint itself. Otherwise I would have been an abstract artist. I need that hook...something to hang my landscape on," wrote Jim Dine, Five Themes, 1984. "The Heart" is one of his most enduring vehicles for his explorations of line and color and one of his most expressive motifs.

Sample Teacher Packet, Ohio University (Common Core Standards for English Language Arts and Ohio Academic Content Standards in Visual Art), 2011 http://www.ohio.edu/museum/archive/education/resources/JimDineTeacherPacket.pdf

2) Donor: Tyler Hicks; c/o Julie Hicks, 60 Hillspoint Road, Westport, CT 06880



Artist: Tyler Hicks (b. 1969)

Title: Gaza City, Gaza, November 17, 2012

Medium: Photograph, not signed

Dimensions: Image: 15 1/4 x 23 1/2" Frame: 26 1/2 x 33 1/2 "

Provenance: the artist

Credit line: Courtesy Tyler Hicks/The New York

Times

Insured Value: \$500.00 *no tax deduction for

donor, who is the artist

Database # 1679

Artist Statement/Caption: "An injured man is helped moments after three bombs exploded in Gaza City, killing one and injuring several others. The bombs were targeted in the Zaitoun neighborhood. Israel retaliated for Palestinian rocket attacks on Tel Aviv and Jerusalem in Gaza City. The military said it had struck more than 200 targets overnight, including scores of underground rocket launchers and smuggling tunnels in Rafah, on the Gaza-Egypt border."

Significance: In 2012 Tyler Hicks (SHS 1988), at 43 years old, was the youngest artist to be honored with a Westport Lifetime Achievement Award. For over a decade Hicks has accepted assignments fraught with danger by entering and crossing front lines, to make timeless photographs that capture the perilous conditions of firefights as well as the common humanity of both soldier and civilian. A staff photographer for The New York Times, he documented the recent Nairobi massacre, for which he received 2nd place in the Spot News category of the prestigious World Press Photo competition. In 2009 the Staples graduate won a Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting for coverage of Afghanistan and Pakistan, and earned the Newspaper Photographer of the Year award from Pictures of the Year International for his work in 2006. He was a co-recipient of the George Polk Award for Foreign Reporting in 2012.

3) Donor: Spencer Platt



Artist: Spencer Platt (b. 1970)

Title: BAALBEK, LEBANON - JUNE

28, 2013

Medium: Photograph, signed

Dimensions: 11 x 14 in. **Provenance:** the artist **Credit Line:** Courtesy of

Spencer Platt/Getty Images **Insured Value:** \$500.00*

*no tax deduction for donor, who is the

artist

Database # 1680

Artist Statement/ Caption: "Syrian refugees fill jerry cans with water at a pump inside a camp for Syrians who have fled the fighting in their country on June 28, 2013 in Baalbek, Lebanon. Baalbek, which is located near the Syrian border, has numerous informal camps housing tens of thousands of refugees."

Significance: Spencer Platt (SHS 1989) grew up in Westport and is now based in New York. He joined Getty Images in 2001 and currently covers stories in Latin America, Africa and the Middle East. His work has appeared in Time, Newsweek, Paris Match and the Los Angeles Times. His awards include Photography of the Year, the National Press Photographers Association Year in Pictures, and in 2006 the coveted World Press Photo of the Year award for an image in taken in Beirut. He and Lynsey Addario (SHS 1991) were the recipients of the inaugural Horizon Award, given to successful artists from Westport under the age of 32.

4) **Donor**: **Mrs. Bernie (Anna Lee "Babs") Fuchs**, 3 Tanglewood Lane, Westport, CT; 203.227.4295; ALHF99@aol.com



Artist: Bernie Fuchs (1932 – 2009)

Title: The Grass Harp

Publication: Reader's Digest Condensed Books

Date: 1985

Medium: Gouache on paper

Signed Lr.

Dimensions: Image: 24 x 18; Framed:

Provenance: the artist's family **Valuation**: \$5,000.00 (per donor)

Credit Line: The Family of Bernie Fuchs

Database no 1681

This watercolor illustrates a scene from *The Grass Harp* by Truman Capote. His 1951 novel is about an orphaned boy and two elderly ladies who take up residence in a tree house, observing life below. Fuch's identified models are "Reb" Von Schmidt (top center; wife of Harold Van Schmidt) and Blanch Sims (lower right), a children's book illustrator both from Westport.

Significance: According to Terrance Brown, former director of Society of Illustrators, "Bernie Fuchs was to his generation what Norman Rockwell was to his. He was the artist whose next work was anxiously awaited by all other illustrators. Fuchs broke ground visually and compositionally...his images often incorporated interesting viewpoints along with his trademark dramatic lighting, with a thinned oil wash over a deft charcoal drawing as his medium."



Artist: Bernie Fuchs (1932 – 2009)

Title: Olympics

Publication: TV Guide, July 28,

1984

Date: 1984

Medium: Oil on canvas

Signed l.r.

Dimensions: Image: 28 x 20 in.;

Framed

Provenance: the artist's family **Valuation**: \$6,000.00 (per donor)

Credit Line: The Family of Bernie Fuchs

Database no 1682



This painting of Olympic men's pole vault was the cover of *TV Guide* for the week of July 28, 1984, advertising coverage of the 1984 Summer Olympics (July 28-August 12). The US was the host nation of the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles. Ronald Regan was first American President to open an Olympics. It was the 19th time that Team USA participated, having boycotted the 1980 summer games in the USSR. 140 Nations participated in 1984, with 6,829 (1,506 women) represented 140 nations and participated in 21 sports and 221 events. On the US Team were 522 competitors (339 men; 183 women) who took part in 217 events in 25 sports.

Team USA won 83 Gold medals at the 1984 Summer Olympics, which is the record for most first place finishes in a Summer Olympics by a host nation. Highlights include: Mike Tulley and Earl Bell, winning silver and bronze in the Men's Pole Vault and Carl Lewis winning gold in the 100m, 200m 4 x 100m relay, and Men's Triple Jump, and Mary Lou Retton winning gold in Women's All-Around Individual Gymnastics.

5) Donor: Leonard Everett Fisher, 7 Twin Bridge Acres, Westport, CT 06880; 203.227.0133; l.e. fisher@sbcglobal.net



Artist: Leonard Everett Fisher (b. 1924)

Title: The Driven, 1972

Medium: acrylic on gessoed masonite **Dimensions**: Frame, 41 in x 61 in.

Provenance: artist

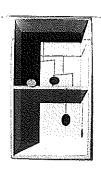
Exhibition: Leonard Everett Fisher: 70 Years an Artist, Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of

Religion, 2012

Insured Value: \$15,000* (based on other Fisher WSPAC paintings) *no tax deduction for donor, who

is the artist

Database #1671



Artist: Leonard Everett Fisher (b. 1924)

Title: Mobile, 1970

Medium: acrylic on gessoed masonite **Dimensions**: Frame, 33.25 in x 48.25 in.

Provenance: artist

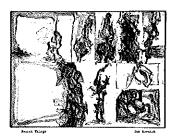
Insured Value: \$10,000* (based on similar paintings in WSPAC)

*no tax deduction for donor, who is the artist

Database #1672

Significance: Pulitzer Prize winner Leonard Fisher's (Yale '49, MFA '50) prolific career embraces contemporary painting, the illustration of more than 200 books, and commissions by the U.S. government to design postage stamps, as well as work as a World War II mapmaker. He is also nationally acclaimed author and educator. Much of his work encompasses the Bible, American and Jewish history, and the trajectory of his own life. Fisher's masterful use of vibrant color, bold line, form and dynamic technique help give clarity and vitality to his subjects. Fisher said he always strives to connect with the viewer, "For art to be 'art,' it must have a human connection; it must transcend mere representational recognition or decoration and have a life of its own—a uniqueness skillfully executed." He added, "Doing the next picture is what propels me. When I go to sleep at night, I think about what I want to paint the next day."

6) Donor: Jak Kovatch, 34 Sasco Creek Rd, Westport, CT 06880; (203) 259-9461; jakkovatch@sbcglobal.net



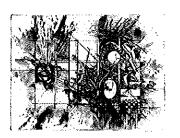
Artist: Jak Kovatch (b. 1929) Title: Secret Things, 1986

Medium: Color intaglio (etching, drypoint, aquatint) **Image**: 17.5 in x 23.75 in; Frame: 28.25 x 34.25

Provenance: the artist Insured Value: \$1,000.00*

*no tax deduction for donor, who is the artist

Database no 1668



Artist: Jak Kovatch, b. 1929 Title: Spaces Revisited, 1980

Medium: Color intaglio (etching, drypoint, aquatint)

Image: 17.625 x 23.75 Frame: 28.25 x 34.25

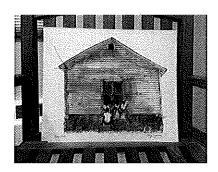
Provenance: the artist Insured Value: \$1,000.00*

*no tax deduction for donor, who is the artist

Database no 1669

Significance: A longtime Westport resident and former faculty member of The Famous Artist School, Jak Kovatch has been recognized nationally and internationally since 1949 when he first exhibited at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Since 1952 Kovatch has been working on a series of etchings, paintings, sculpture exploring human form. A native of Los Angeles, he studied at art in California and at the Art Students League, New York. For many years, while going to school or painting in the daytime, he was on call nights and weekends for X-ray duty in hospital and clinic ER, gaining valuable information about the human body and its working. He is on the Silvermine faculty, teaching life drawing, and a member of the Silvermine Guild of Artists.

7) Donor: Estate of Tracy Sugarman, c/o Gloria Sugarman, 21 Owenoke Park, Westport CT



24 works: Unframed, small, unsigned mechanical reproductions, offset lithographs, watercolors, pen and ink drawings, and oil paintings). Subjects include WWII, Civil Rights in Mississippi, sports, music, Westport scenes and local residents, and people at work, done throughout his lengthy career. Upon the passing of author and illustrator Tracy Sugarman, a longtime supporter of WSPAC, in 2013 his widow offered these selections rom the unframed work in his Owenoke house and studio.

Total Insured Value: \$2,000.00

Database nos. 1593-1616



Significance: Longtime Westporter Tracy Sugarman was best known for his paintings and illustrations recording American history from D-Day to the Space Shuttle. Among Sugarman's nonfiction books are "My War: A Love Story in Letters and Drawings," "We Had Sneakers, They Had Guns: The Kids Who Fought for Civil Rights in Mississippi," "Drawing Conclusions: An Artist Discovers His America," and "Stranger at the Gate: A Summer in Mississippi," choreographing what he witnessed as an illustrator journalist in 1966 during the civil rights movement and while navigating the turbulent landscape of social change in Mississippi during the 1960s. In 2011 Sugarman said that Martin Luther King Jr. "changed my life" when he came to Westport in 1964 to speak at Temple Israel. Sugarman said that meeting led him to be among Westporters and other volunteers who later went to the South to support King and help blacks in their nonviolent fight for their rights. In addition to being an intimate participant in the civil rights movement, Sugarman was a U.S. Navy Reserve ensign who served on an amphibious boat during the D-Day invasion of Normandy June 6, 1944. "He was on Utah Beach from June 6 until November, bringing in stuff for the troops on the land," recalled Bill Vornkahl, Memorial Day Parade chairman who picked Sugarman as grand marshal in 2011. Sugarman's works were featured in Fortune, Saturday Evening Post, New York Times, Collier's, and books by major publishers. In addition are murals found at Norwalk Hospital, as well as New York hospitals, and his "Heroes of Nine Eleven" mural commissioned by the AFL-CIO in Washington, D.C.

8) Donor: Lucia Nebel White, 175 Roseville Rd Westport, CT 06880; (203) 227-5568



Artist: Berthold Nebel (Switzerland 1889-

Westport 1964)

Title: World Unity Or Oblivion

Date: 1945

Published: Society of Medalists

Medium: Bronze

Dimension: Diam. 2-7/8 in.

Provenance: Acquired online for collection by Lucia White, daughter of the artist; she

has plaster models Valuation: \$100.00 Database no. 1673

Artist Statement: 1945 Medal created and statement written prior to Hiroshima: "Modern warfare has developed to such a degree that civilization may vanish from the earth

unless there is to be better understanding among nations, and this medal was designed to help impress that thought, which, I believe, is uppermost in our minds. On the one side of the medal, I have attempted to portray an American soldier who is trying to aid a wounded comrade. The other side represents an explosion intended to destroy enemy forces, but it also obliterates whole communities. In composing the medal, I have used only material connected with this war. For instance, besides the soldier, the atomic bomb is a symbol of the most modern type of warfare. In the foreground, I have shown the disaster caused by the tremendous force of such an explosion."

Significance: Nebel was born in Switzerland and came to the United States with his parents as a one year old. He worked at a decorative terra cotta factory in NJ while studying art at night at the National Academy of Design and Under James Earle Fraser (later from Westport) at The Arts Students League in New York. He won a three-year fellowship from 1914-1917 at the American Academy in Rome and was awarded the 1914 Prix de Rome. In 1920 Nebel returned to the US with his Italian wife and son. He worked for James Earle Fraser, the architect Charles McKim, and at the School of Sculpture at the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburg; in 1925 he

opened a studio New York. Among his commissions were monuments for the Connecticut State Capitol, and bronze allegorical doors for Museum of the American Indian the Museum of the National Geographic Society, and façade allegorical relief panels for The Hispanic Society of America. In 1930 he bought a house in Westport and had a stone studio built on the property. This was where he lived and worked until his death in 1964.

Group B. The following artworks are donated in honor of WSPAC's 50th anniversary

9) Donor: Alice Jennings, 478 Oenoke Rdg, New Canaan, CT 06840-3610; Use c/o BRealty, 161 Elm Street, New Canaan 06840



Artist: Albert Dorne (1904-1965)

Title: "War in Africa," *Look*, December 29, 1942 Medium: Ink and ink wash on composition board

Dimension: 11 ½ x 15 inches

Signed upper left; Verso: "Look December 29, 1942"

Provenance: Artist to Edwin Eberman (donor's father), who was on faculty of Famous Artist School

with Dorne

Publication History: Look, December 29, 1942 Value: \$1500.00 (provided by donor, with Ann

Chernow)

Database no 1683

Significance: Al Dorne was a renowned advertising artist, illustrator and founder and first president of the Famous Artist School of Westport, founded in 1948. Throughout his career, he was available to young artists who wanted his advice. The fact that so many aspiring artists needed help gave him an idea that culminated in the Famous Artists School. With the dedication he had once reserved for illustration, he developed the idea, a home study program prepared and directed by America's foremost artists. He built his program into one of the largest correspondence schools in the world. In the early sixties he also founded the Famous Writers School and the Famous Photographers School.



Artist: John C. Pellew (England 1903-Norwalk 1993)

Title: View on Saugatuck Medium: Watercolor on paper

Dimensions: Image: 19 ½ h x 26 in. w; Frame: 29.5 in.

hx35.5 in. w [original frame]

Signature: lower left: "Pellew"; title on back

Date: nd

Provenance: Artist to Edwin Eberman (donor's father), who was on faculty of Famous Artist School with Pellew Value: \$500.00 (provided by donor, with Ann Chernow)

Database no 1684



Artist: John C. Pellew (b. England 1903-1993-d. Norwalk,

CT, 1993)

Title: Study for View on Saugatuck Medium: Watercolor on paper

Dimensions: Image: 10 1/4" h x14.25" w; Frame: 16.5" h x

20.5" w

Signature: lower right: "Pellew"

Date: nd

Provenance: Artist to Edwin Eberman (donor's father), who

was on faculty of Famous Artist School with Pellew Value: \$500.00 (provided by donor, with Ann Chernow)

Database no 1685

This is a study for the larger watercolor above, and depicts the Saugatuck River in Westport.

Significance: John Pellew worked in oil and acrylic but received much praise for his watercolors and authored three books on painting: Acrylic Landscape Painting, 1968, Painting in Watercolor, 1969, Oil Painting Outdoors, 1971. During his career he worked art director for Colliers magazine in New York, and was on the staff of The Famous Artist School in Westport and faculty at Silvermine. He was a member of the National Academy of Design, The Salmagundi Club, Allied Artists of America and The American Watercolor Society. His primary residences throughout his career were Astoria, New York and Norwalk, Connecticut.

10) Donor Name: Carol Gluckman, 226 Lansdowne, Westport, CT 06880, 203.259.1011 carol.gluckman@sbcglobal.net



Artist: Oscar F. Howard (1888 – 1942 Westport)

Title: "I'll Fight for a Song. Why Not?"

Date: 1930

Medium: graphite and ink wash on paper

Dimensions: Image: 11.25 x 15.25; Frame: 17.25 x 21 **Signature**: Ir, signed, "0 Howard 1930"; poem by New York novelist and short story author Edward L. McKenna

on back and on mat

Provenance: Unknown to Carol Gluckman Value: \$500.00 (per donor, with Ann Chernow)

Database no 1676

This drawing illustrates a verse by New York novelist, columnist, and short story author Edward L. McKenna (1893-1953), who also was an assistant professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

I'll Fight for a Song, Why Not? Yes, I'll go quarrel for a song ... If you wish to sing, Lady, You'll Give us all great pleasure

Significance: Oscar Howard and his wife Lila Wheelock Howard, a sculptor, were part of the early artist community in Westport, settling here in Coleytown the mid 1910s. They resided across form today's CMS, on North Ave extension in the home now owned by Joanne Woodward. Like his wife, he attended the Arts Students League in NYC, and then worked

professionally as an illustrator and cartoonist for New York newspapers and magazines and also illustrated books.



Artist: Leonard Besser (1919-1969)

Title: Untitled Portrait

Medium: Oil on canvas, mounted on board

Dimensions: Image: 18 5/8h x 14 ½ w; Frame: 25.5hx19.75w

Signature: lower right signed, Besser

Date: nd

Provenance: Unknown to Carol Gluckman **Value:** \$200.00 (per donor, with Ann Chernow)

Database no 1675

Significance: Besser was a widely respected artist, printmaker and sculptor who was a former faculty member of the Famous Artist School in Westport and member of the Silvermine Guild. During WWII he was an artist-correspondent in the Pacific. Artists have represented people in portraits for thousands of years, capturing historical figures, the famous and everyday people. Many artists, like Besser, create portraits from direct experience, often incorporating clues in the work to the subject's identity, status and presence. More recently artists also challenged the notion that art must realistically depict the world and pushed the boundaries of traditional portraiture. By manipulating the subject's appearance with expressive use of color, non-traditional materials, scale and new techniques, portraits served as avenues for depicting subjective experience and conveying emotional meaning and psychological state rather than physical reality.



Artist: Sigmund Abeles (b. 1934)

Title: Sleepers

Medium: aquatint, etching, phelogreen and black

Dimensions: Image: 11 3/4 h x17 3/8 w in; Frame: 20" h x

25"w

Signature: 60/110; signed

Date: 1966

Provenance: Bought 1966 subscription by donor

Value: \$300.00 (provided by donor, with Ann Chernow)

Database no 1674

Significance: Sigmund Abeles was born in Brooklyn to an orthodox Jewish father and a self-proclaimed "modern orthodox" mother. In 1936, at the age of 2, Sig and his mother left Brooklyn (and his father) for Myrtle Beach, SC, where his mother built a boarding house. He met with resistance from family members who recommended other, more stable and respectable professions. His father in particular was "ashamed and furious that making art was to be my calling" since this was clearly in opposition to the Second Commandment prohibiting the making of graven images. Sig persevered with art as his chosen vocation: "I credit Life magazine's excellent art features as bringing great art into my life and helping me determine a life commitment to making art was for me. My first centerfold, taped up over my bed was Life's fold out of the entire Sistine Ceiling." Despite the prevailing winds of abstraction that were blowing across the nation, Sig remained resolute as a representational, figural artist: In 1954, Sig set off for New York City still confident in his calling as a figural artist. He realizes this not only through the range of subject matter, but also through his ability to manipulate the dramatic through his mastery of contrasting lights and darks visible in his drawings and prints. "I want the

meaningfulness of my imagery to also mean something to the viewer, to be about life, from birth to death. It is the psychological insight and individuality of line as conveyor of emotion that links Sig to some of the great draftsmen (and women) of the past. Artists like Abeles remind us that the most common subject in the history of art-- the figure-- still has the power to capture our imagination.

ID 1593

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title (WW II soldiers)

media details pen and ink on paper

Size 10-5/8" x 8-7/8"

Value

Signature Pos.

Dated

ID 1594

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title (3 WWII soldiers with helmets)

media details pen and ink

size 4-5/8" x 4-5/8"

Value

Signature Pos.

Dated

ID 1595

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title (Jitterbug Dancers)

media details pen and ink and watercolor wash

Size 6-1/4" x 9"

Value

⊿ignature Pos.

Dated

ID 1596

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title (Pilgrim Landing at Plymouth England - WWII)

media details pen and ink

Size 11-1/2" x 9"

Value

Signature Pos.

Dated 1945

id 1597

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title "Memory Note of D + 1. A story goes with it, w

media details pen and ink and watercolor wash

size 6-3/4" x 8-1/4"

Value

Signature Pos.

Dated











1598 ID

Sugarman, Tracy Artist

(Senior Center Vignettes) Title

pen and ink and watercolor on paper board media details

> 5" x 20-1/4" Size

Value

Signature Pos.

Dated

1599 ID

Sugarman, Tracy Artist

Leonard Slatkin, Tanglewood Rehearsal 1991 Title

original pen and ink, but mechanical reproduction paste media detalls

> 9-7/8" x 11-5/8" Size

Value

1991 lower left Tracy Sugar Dated Signature Pos.

> 1600 ID

Sugarman, Tracy Artist

Tanglewood Title

original pen and ink, but mechanical reproduction paste media details

> 8-7/8" x 10-3/8" Size

Value

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> 1601 ID

Sugarman, Tracy Artist

Old Town Hall, Westport Title

mechanical reproduction on paper media details

7-7/8" x 9-7/8" Size

Value

Tracy Sugarman in im Signature Pos.

Dated

1602 ID

Sugarman, Tracy Artist

American Airlines airplane interior with flight att Title

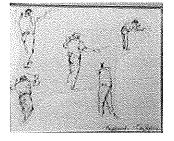
pen and ink with ink wash media details

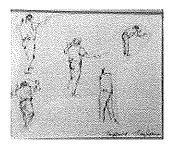
> 16-3/4" x 13-1/2" Size

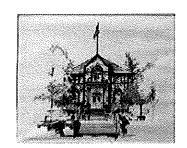
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lower right Tracy Suga Dated Signature Pos.











ID 1603

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title American Airlines check in counter

media details pen and ink with ink wash

size 12-1/4" x 16-3/4"

Value

Signature Pos. lower right Tracy Suga

Dated

ID 1604

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title American Airlines passenger in seat

media details pen and ink with ink wash

size 12-5/8" x 16-7/8"

Value

Signature Pos. lower right Tracy Suga

Dated

ID 1605

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title American Airlines flight attendant in cabin

media details pen and ink and ink wash

size 16-1/4" x 13"

Value

Ignature Pos. lower right Tracy Suga

Dated

ID 1606

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title American Airlines view from cabin to tarmac

media details pen and ink with ink wash

size 11-3/8" x13-1/4"

Value

Signature Pos. lower right Tracy Suga

Dated

ID 1607

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title pirate on ship looking at two parrots through po

media details pen and ink and watercolor

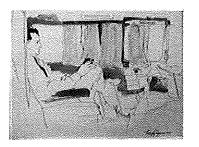
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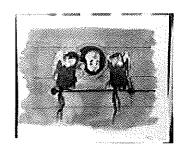
Dated











ID 1608

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title Freedom School Christmas

media details pen and ink with crayon (original) reproduction

Size 5" x 7-3/8"

Value

Signature Pos. "Freedom School Chri

Dated

ID 1609

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title Fight Club

media details pen and ink

size 10-3/4" x 8"

Value

Signature Pos.

Dated

ID 1610

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title Fulton Fish Market, New York City

media details pen and ink, ink wash and gouache

Size 17-7/8" x 23-1/2"

Value

Jignature Pos. lower right Tracy Suga

Dated

ID 1611

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title Ageism no. 54 (cobbler shop)

media details conte crayon and watercolor; central image is pasted o

size 13-5/8" x 20-3/8"

Value

Signature Pos. II: partial signature Tra Dated

ID 1612

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title Bridgeport Blue Fish "Opening Day" (view from

media details giclee print

Size 18" x 24"

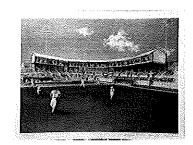
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Signature Pos. lower left Bridgeport B Dated









ID 1613

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title Bridgeport Blue Fish Opening Day (vignettes)

media details giclee print

Size 18" x 24"

Value

Signature Pos. lower center Bridgepor Dated

ID 1614

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title Mississippi 1964

media details set of offset lithographs

Size 16" x 18"

Value

Signature Pos.

Dated

ID 1614.1

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title Mississippi 1964: Lawyer

media details offset lithograph

Size 16" x 18"

Value

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Dated

ID 1614.2

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title Mississippi 1964: (landscape of a field)

media details offset lithograph

Size 16" x 18"

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Signature Pos.

Dated

ID 1614.3

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title Mississippi 1964: "Look at them niggers with th

media details offset lithograph

size 16" x 18"

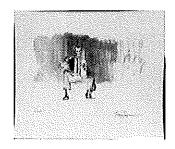
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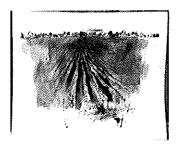
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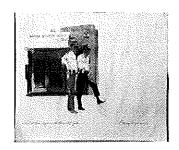
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ID 1614.4

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title Mississippi 1964: "Mr. Williams - Sharecropper,

media details offset lithograph

Size 16" x 18"

Value

Signature Pos. lower left "Mr. William Dated

ID 1614.5

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title Mississippi 1964: "Goodman, Schwerin, and C

media details offset lithograph

size 16" x 18"

Value

Signature Pos. lower left "Look at the Dated

ID 1614.6

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title Mississippi 1964: "Noon Shade"

media details offset lithograph

size 16" x 18"

Value

ilgnature Pos. lower left "Look at the Dated

ID 1614.7

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title Mississippi 1964: Account

media details offset lithograph

Size 16" x 18"

Value

Signature Pos. lower left "Look at the Dated

ID 1615

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title Shoeshine Boy at Public Library

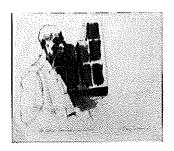
media details oil on canvas

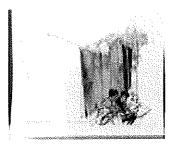
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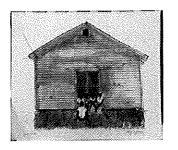
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Signature Pos. lower right Tracy Sug

Dated











ID 1616

Artist Sugarman, Tracy

Title Untitled

media details oil on canvas

size 40-1/2" x 42-1/2" frame Value

Signature Pos. lower right Tracy Suga Dated



WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MARJORIE CION **Pirector of Human Resources**

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To:

Elliott Landon

From:

Marge Cion

Subject:

Approval of IAA Contract

Date:

March 10, 2014

Collective bargaining with Westport's Intermediate Administrators' Association (IAA) has been completed successfully. The IAA voted to approve the changes to the terms and conditions of employment covered in the final agreement and approved in executive session previously. It will be necessary for the Board of Education to approve the final agreement so that it may be fully implemented.

The major modifications to the existing agreement are summarized below:

1. Length of Contract:

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2017

2. Salary Schedule:

2014 - 2015: 2% GWI plus Step (2.49% Total) 2015 - 2016: 2.2% GWI plus Step (2.45% Total) 2016 - 2017: 2.375% GWI (No Step Cost)

3. Health and Medical Insurance:

Change from PPO to HD HSA with same plan design as teachers. Premium share of 17% for 2014 -2015, 18 % for 2015 - 2016, and 19 % for 2016 - 2017.

4. Long Term Disability Insurance:

Maximum benefit increased to \$7,500 per month

from \$5,000 after a waiting period of 180 days.

5. Additional Sick Days:

Elimination of 15 additional sick days for administrators in years one through three of their

employment.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Be it Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the collective bargaining agreement between the Westport Board of Education and the Westport Intermediate Administrators' Association, for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017.

WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Subject:

Approval of Change to the Teacher Evaluation Plan

Date:

March 10, 2014

In February, the State Board of Education, acting upon recommendations of the Performance Evaluation Advisory Council, approved certain "flexibility components" relating to several sections of the State's Teacher Evaluation Guidelines. District's, in mutual agreement with their Professional Development and Evaluation Committee (PD Committee) can choose to adopt some or all of these flexibility components for both the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years.

Westport's PD Committee will meet next week to discuss changes to our current Professional Development and Evaluation Plan and would like input from the Board of Education prior to discussing these changes with our teachers and administrators.

Flexibility is available in the following areas:

1. The first area of flexibility relates to the number of goals/objectives that teachers are required to set for student growth and achievement (SLO's). Westport's Professional Development and Evaluation Plan (PDEP) required teachers to create two SLO's.

Recommendation: The number of SLO's required for each teacher will be reduced from two to one for the 2013 – 2014 school year. Teachers will work with their administrators to determine which SLO will be eliminated.

Rationale: Entering evidence into Protraxx, our data management system, is extremely time-consuming. Eliminating one SLO will allow teachers to spend more time refining their craft rather than uploading evidence to support their rating. Administrators have a great deal of discretion when assigning teachers a final rating and the elimination of one SLO will not diminish this discretion.

2. The second area of flexibility allows district's to "decouple" standardized test scores (CMT and CAPT) from a teacher's final rating and select alternative Indicators of Academic Growth and Development.

Recommendation: Westport will continue to link a teacher's summative rating to the state standardized test scores in the grades and subjects tested for the 2013-2014 school year.

Rationale: The use of CMT and CAPT scores this year will allow the administration to compare student performance from year to year, giving us invaluable insight into instructional practices and the effectiveness of our curriculum.

3. The final area of flexibility addresses the specific requirements for the number of observations based on a teacher's experience and performance ratings. Specifically, teachers who have completed two years of teaching and who have received a rating of Proficient or Exemplary may receive a minimum of one formal observation every three years. In every other year teachers must receive at least three informal, in class observations. One Review of Practice is required each year.

Recommendation: Westport will continue to observe all teachers in accordance with the requirements of our current PDEP.

Rationale: Westport will continue to hold our teachers to the highest possible standard and we continue to believe that the best way to evaluate teachers is through direct observation in and out of the classroom. Our administrators have been working throughout the year to comply with the current requirements and there is no reason to change those requirements at this point in the school year.

The adoption of the flexibility standards set forth above applies only to the current school year. The PD Committee will soon begin working on revisions to our PDEP going forward in light of these and other flexibility components adopted by the State Board of Education. Changes for the 2014 - 2015 school year will be discussed at the April 28, 2014 meeting of the Board of Education.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Be it Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent or his designee to present the recommended changes to Westport's Professional Development and Evaluation Plan set forth above to the Professional Development Committee and to submit these changes to the Connecticut Department of Education in the "Connecticut Educator Evaluation and Support System: 2013 – 2014 Flexibility Request Submission Form" attached to this Memorandum.

Connecticut's Educator Evaluation and Support System 2013-14 Flexibility Request Submission Form



Due Date for this Academic Year (2013-14): March 30, 2014 (New Deadlines Will be Provided for the 2014-15 Academic Year)

Distri	trict: Westport Public Schools	
Super	perintendent Name: Dr. Elliott Landon Em:	ոil: elandon@westport.k12.ct.ֈֈ
We rec	request flexibility in our 2013-14* district educator evaluation and icated below.	support plan for the components
	Student Growth Goals/Objectiv	res
	☐ Each teacher, through mutual agreement with his/her evaluated student growth. For each goal/objective, each teacher, through evaluator, will select multiple Indicators of Academic Growth 2.9(a) for complete language.	h mutual agreement with his/her
	OR	
	☐ Please state the variation on the above number of goals/object Professional Development and Evaluation Committee have se attachment if more space is required):	
	Observations	
	□ Teachers who receive and maintain an annual summative perturbation of proficient or exemplary (or the equivalent annual summative evaluation plan) during the 2012-13 or any subsequent school year teachers shall be evaluated with a minimum of one formatic frequently than once every three years, and three informal inaccordance with Section 2.3(2)(b)(1) and 2.3(2)(b)(2) in all or review of practice every year. See 2.9(c) for complete language	rating in a pre-existing district year and who are not first or second al in-class observation no less class observations conducted in ther years, and shall complete one
	OR	
	☐ Please state the variation on the above approach to observation eligibility) that your district and Professional Development are selected (feel free to include an attachment if more space is re-	d Evaluation Committee have
Pleas	ase see attached.	

If your district is pursuing flexibility regarding teacher observations and you wish to utilize summative ratings from the previous year (2012-13) for this purpose, please explain how the previous ratings will be translated into the new rating system. In other words, please explain what ratings from 2012-13 will be considered to be the equivalent of what current ratings (exemplary, proficient, developing, below standard) (feel free to include an attachment if more space is required):

Use of State Test Data

Please note: Districts have already made their decisions regarding the decoupling of state test data for their 2013-14 educator evaluation and support plan. No further action is required for this academic year.

Professional Development and Evaluation Committee

Pursuant to 10-151b(b) and 10-220a(b), the district Professional Development and Evaluation Committee must convene to consider a district's flexibility options. Please indicate whether the local or regional board of education and the Professional Development and Evaluation Committee reached mutual agreement on the flexibility components you have requested above.

☐ Mutual agreement reached	☐ Mutual agreement not reached; local or regional BOE Decision
Signatures- indicating approval of the request	ted flexibility:
	Date
(Superintendent)	
	Date
(Decord of Education Cluster)	
(Board of Education Chair)	
(Board of Eddication Chair)	
□ Request for flexibility has been reviewe	ed and approved by the CSDE

Submit this completed form to SDE.SEED@ct.gov no later than March 30, 2014.

Please reference "{DistrictName}: Flexibility Amendments for 2013-14" in the subject line.

Questions? Call the CSDE Educator Evaluation and Support Hotline: 860-713-6868

*Please Note: This is not a substitute for submission of a 2014-15 district plan.

OBSERVATIONS

Westport's current plan requires that teachers in years three and four with a rating of Proficient or Exemplary receive two formal observations and one informal observation/review of practice. Tenured teachers with a rating of Proficient or Exemplary receive one formal observation and two informal observations/reviews of practice. These requirements will continue for the current year.

Any teacher who receives a rating of Developing or Below Standard will receive a minimum of three formal observations. Those teachers will be placed on an assistance plan, which may require additional observations and/or reviews of practice.

WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To:

Members of the Board of Education

From:

Elliott Landon

Subject:

Approval of Calendar: 2015-16 School Year

Date:

March 10, 2014

It has been the practice of the Board of Education to have on file school calendars governing two years beyond the current school year. Previously, the Board has approved a calendar for the 2014-15 school year, requiring Board approval of a 2015-16 school calendar.

In January of 2013, the Board adopted permanent guidelines to govern the adoption of the school calendar. Those guidelines are as follows:

- 1. The first day of school for students shall be prior to Labor Day.
- 2. Where possible, Columbus Day is to be a regular school day for teachers and students.
- 3. Both a February and April recess for students and teachers shall be retained.
- 4. Five (5) snow days shall be included.
- 5. Where weather-related or emergency conditions make a 182 day school year for students impossible to achieve, make-up days shall begin with the first day of the April recess and continue to progress to each day thereafter, until no longer needed.

Having discussed the nature of the proposed calendar with representatives of the Westport Education Association and the Westport Intermediate Administrators Association, the calendar being presented to the Board for approval at this time is consistent with all contractual provisions pertaining to length of work year for teachers, including the provision that has single day holidays and extended vacations for teachers the same as for students, with the exception of professional development days when students are not in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts a school calendar for the 2015-16 school year, a copy of which may be found appended to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education that was held on March 10, 2014.

WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL CALENDAR 2015 - 2016

APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION_

JULY 2015							AUGUST 2015 (3)								SEPTEMBER 2015 (19)							
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4 Independence Day					*24, *25, *26 Staff Development Days (27) Student's First Day							7 Labor Day 14 Rosh Hashanah 23 Yom Kippur										
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1 New Year's Day *15 Staff Development Day No School Students 18 Martin Luther King Day						15 Presidents' Day 15-19 Winter Recess *22 Staff Development Day No School Students							25 Good Friday									
APRIL 2016 (16)							MAY 2016 (21)							JUNE 2016 (11)								
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18-22 Spring Recess						30 Memorial Day						22 Students' Last Day/Graduation Shortened Day for Students Only										

Students - 182 days

*Teachers - 188 days

Snow/Emergency Days = 5

Staff Development Days: August 24, 25, 26, November 3, January 15, February 22

Students/Teachers' Last Day will be June 22. If there are no snow/emergency days, Students'/Teachers' Last Day will be June 15.

If more than five (5) snow/emergency days are used prior to April 18, make-up days for students and teachers shall begin on April 18 and continue with each day thereafter, until no longer needed.