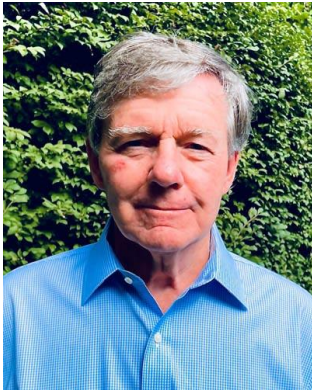


# BOARD OF EDUCATION



## Steve Ezzes

Democratic Party

### Biographical Statement

- 18 year resident of Weston
- Current Chairman of Weston Board of Education
- 10-year member and Chairman of Weston Board of Finance
- 10-year member of Westport's Board of Finance and Chairman
- Westport/Weston Y Board of Trustees
- Appointed by Governor to Executive Committee of Connecticut Lottery Corp
- Financial career at Goldman Sachs and Bass Investment Ltd Partnership among others
- Former board member of Texas Rangers Baseball Club, Friendly Ice Cream Stores among others
- BA/MBA

### **In your opinion, what is the most significant issue facing Weston today?**

Weston is at a crossroads: advancing excellent education and town services while being fiscally prudent. Those interested in contributing to our community as members of boards/ commissions need to recognize the importance of their decisions. Boards should have members with diverse skills and interests. Members should understand educating children, providing public safety and town services are not political but rather pragmatic.

We will be making important decisions for our schools and town. These will come at a cost for which there will be a reward. I look forward to being an integral part of keeping Weston a vibrant community.

### **Why are running for this specific office and what do you bring to it?**

I was privileged to be a member of the Board of Finance. As Chairman, I interacted with the Board of Education on budgets and capital expenditures. My decision for consideration for a vacancy on the BOE was borne from interest in offering my expertise to plan for the future of education in Weston.

We will be making improvements to school facilities: physical plant and within the classroom. I was the vice chairman of the Facilities Optimization Committee. That knowledge and my financial expertise will be an asset as I continue on the Board of Education where I am currently Chairman.

### **What is the most important issue this board/commission faces and how would you potentially address it?**

Education is dynamic, never static. Our representatives must understand we are making decisions in the near term and importantly longer term. What is the correct number of school buildings. And how we deliver education within the buildings. All these decisions will come at a fiscal cost everyone in our community needs to understand and approve.

We must facilitate an environment which attracts the best and most qualified educators. We also need to foster a safe and nurturing environment. A Board of Education requires members who are committed to contributing their skills and time to advance the excellent education in Weston.