

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Board Members Present:**

Lee Goldstein      Chair  
Liz Heyer          Vice Chair  
Kevin Christie  
Christina Torres  
Dorrie Hordon  
Robert Harrington

**Administrators Present:**

Thomas Scarice      Superintendent of Schools  
Anthony Buono      Asst. Superintendent, Teaching and Learning  
Michael Rizzo      Asst. Superintendent, Pupil Personnel Services  
Elio Longo          Chief Financial Officer  
John Bayers      Asst. Superintendent, Human Resources and  
General Admin.

**PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 6:30 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Interview of Candidate for Anticipated Appointment to the Board of Education

Lee Goldstein moved at 6:30 p.m. to enter into executive session to interview a candidate for anticipated appointment to the Board of Education; seconded by Liz Heyer and passed unanimously. The executive session adjourned at 7:05 p.m. All Board members participated.

**HOLIDAY SEASON PERFORMANCE:**

The Staples High School Orphenians: Choral Director Luke Rosenberg

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION**

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**MINUTES:** Christina Torres moved to approve the minutes of December 2 and 6, 2021; seconded by Dorie Hordon and passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Appointment of New Board Member

**Be it resolved, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Neil Phillips as a member of the Board of Education, to serve the remainder of the term vacated on December 6 by the resignation of Youn Su Chao, said term to expire after the next municipal election in November 2023.**

**MOTION:** Lee Goldstein

**SECOND:** Liz Heyer

**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously

**VOTE:** 6-0

Election of Officers: Board of Education Secretary

**Be it resolved, that having been duly appointed to fill a vacancy of the Board in accordance with Connecticut General Statute Section 10-219, and upon taking the Oath of Office in accordance with Connecticut General Statute Section 10-218a, Neil Phillips shall serve as Secretary of the Board.**

**MOTION: Lee Goldstein**

**SECOND: Christina Torres**

**RESULT: Passed Unanimously**

**VOTE: 6-0**

Appointment of Board of Education Committees

**Be it resolved that the Board of Education establishes membership as follows to its ad hoc committees:**

- **Policy Committee membership shall be comprised of Lee Goldstein, Liz Heyer, and Kevin Christie, with Lee Goldstein as Committee Chair;**
- **Teaching and Learning Committee membership shall be comprised of Dorie Hordon, Christina Torres, and Neil Phillips, with Dorie Hordon as Committee Chair; and**
- **Finance and Facilities Committee membership shall be comprised of Liz Heyer, Kevin Christie, and Robert Harrington, with Liz Heyer as Committee Chair.**

**Be it further resolved that the Board of Education appoints Lee Goldstein as the CABA Liaison.**

**MOTION: Lee Goldstein**

**SECOND: Dorie Hordon**

**RESULT: Passed Unanimously**

**VOTE: 6-0**

## **DISCUSSION**

Health Report

FY 2022 Preliminary Budget Discussions with Board of Finance, RTM Education Chair, and Finance Committee Chair

Strategic Planning Update

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Proposed Course Additions:

- AP Computer Science
- Popular Music and Diversity in American Society (UConn)

**Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, beginning the 2022-2023 school year, the Board of Education authorizes the offering of “AP Computer Science A” and “Popular Music and Diversity in American Society” as full-year courses at Staples High School, in accordance with the materials accompanying the agenda of the meeting of December 20, 2021.**

**MOTION:Christina Torres**  
**SECOND: Kevin Christie**  
**RESULT: Passed Unanimously**  
**VOTE: 6-0**

Proposed Board of Education Meeting Dates 2022-2023

**Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Draft A calendar of scheduled public meetings for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.**

**MOTION: Christina Torres**  
**SECOND:Dorie Hordon**  
**RESULT: Passed Unanimously**  
**VOTE: 6-0**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Liz Heyer moved to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.; seconded by Christina Torres and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Goldstein Acting Secretary, Board of Education  
(minutes written by Lisa Marriott and Jennifer Caputo)