

Meeting: November 9, 2015

Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301)

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

Board Members Present:

Michael Gordon Chair
Jeannie Smith Vice Chair
Elaine Whitney Secretary
Mark Mathias
Brett Aronow
Karen Kleine
Paul Block

Administrators Present:

Elliott Landon Superintendent of Schools
Elio Longo Dir. of School Business Operations
James D'Amico Dir. of Secondary Ed. & Research
Julie Droller Dir. of Elementary
John Bayers Dir. of Human Resources
Michael Rizzo Director of Pupil Services

PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:34 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria (Room 301)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES Elaine Whitney moved to approve the October 19, 2015 minutes; seconded by Michael Gordon and passed unanimously.

Michael Gordon moved to add the Coleytown Elementary School air conditioning capital project request to the agenda at the end of the meeting as a discussion item; seconded by Paul Block and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

UPDATE:

1. Kindergarten, 2015-16 School Year

DISCUSSION:

1. Proposed Course Additions, Deletions, Modifications, 6-12
2. Authorization to Seek Text Amendment from Planning and Zoning

No action was taken

3. School Bus Transportation

1. School Bus Arrival and Departure Times: 2015-16 School Year
2. Use of Monitors on School Buses in Connecticut School Districts
3. Impact of School Bus Monitors on Student Discipline and Safety
4. Research Related to Safety and Effectiveness of Seatbelts on School Buses and Cost of Implementation in Westport.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

1. Staples HS Principal Search: Appointment of Evan Pitkoff, Director, Cooperative Educational Services, Trumbull

Be It Resolved, That the Board of Education appoints Dr. Evan Pitkoff, Director, Cooperative Educational Services, to conduct a search for a permanent Principal for Staples High School, the cost of such service not to exceed \$12,000.

MOTION: Michael Gordon
SECOND: Brett Aronow
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

2. Acceptance of Gift

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with great appreciation a gift from the Joyce and Bernie Zimmerman Foundation in the amount of \$20,000 to fund eight scholarships of \$2,500 each to be awarded to one boy and one girl who intend to make the area of music their life's work and who will be graduating from Staples High School in 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019.

MOTION: Jeannie Smith
SECOND: Mark Mathias
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

DISCUSSION:

Coleytown Elementary School Air Conditioning Capital Project Request

Paul Block moved to make this item an action item.

MOTION: Paul Block
SECOND: Michael Gordon
RESULT: Not Passed

VOTE: 1-6 (Paul Block in favor; Michael Gordon, Jeannie Smith, Elaine Whitney, Mark Mathias, Brett Aronow and Karen Kleine opposed)

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Gordon moved to adjourn at 10:41p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)