

**MINUTES – APPROVED**

**Board Members Present:**

Don O'Day	Chair
James Marpe	Vice Chair
Faith Taylor	Secretary
Mark Mathias	
Sandy DeFelice	
Elaine Whitney	
Michael McGovern	

**Administrators Present:**

Elliott Landon	Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Harris	Asst. Superintendent Business
Brian Fagan	Asst. Superintendent Curriculum
Marge Cion	Director of Human Resources

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

6:00 p.m., Staples High School, Room 333, Pupil Services Conference Room.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 6:00 p.m. Faith Taylor motioned and was seconded by Don O'Day to go into executive session to discuss special education legal matters. Dr. Landon, Ms. Cion, Cynthia Gilchrest and Marsha Moses joined the Executive Session at the invitation of the Board.

**RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:52 p.m in the Staples High School cafeteria.

**RECOGNITION:** Maria Castelluccio, Outgoing Principal, King's Highway School

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

Staples High School, New Course Proposals:

Building Web Applications, Introduction to Programming, Introduction to Web Programming, Software Development: further discussion and vote deferred until next meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the addition of Advanced Digital Darkroom effective with the start of the 2010-11 school year, said course addition delineated in the Minutes of the meeting of December 14, 2009.

**MOTION: Mike McGovern**  
**SECOND: Elaine Whitney**  
**RESULT: Passed**  
**VOTE: Unanimous**

BE IT RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the addition of Mural Painting effective with the start of the 2010-11 school year, said course addition delineated in the Minutes of the meeting of December 14, 2009.

**MOTION: Faith Taylor**  
**SECOND: Don O'Day**  
**RESULT: Passed**  
**VOTE: Unanimous**

BE IT RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the addition of Personal Financial Management effective with the start of the 2010-11 school year, said course addition delineated in the Minutes of the meeting of December 14, 2009.

**MOTION: Mike McGovern**  
**SECOND: Jim Marpe**  
**RESULT: Passed**  
**VOTE: Unanimous**

BE IT RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the elimination of six (6) no longer viable courses at Staples High School effective with the start of the 2010-11 school year, said course deletions delineated in the Minutes of the meeting of December 14, 2009.

**MOTION: Elaine Whitney**  
**SECOND: Jim Marpe**  
**RESULT: Passed**  
**VOTE: Unanimous**

Student/Faculty Calendar, 2011-12:

BE IT RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a school calendar for the 2011-12 school year, said calendar, as amended, to be found appended to the Minutes of the Board of Education meeting of December 14, 2009.

**MOTION: Mark Mathias**  
**SECOND: Mike McGovern**  
**RESULT: Passed**  
**VOTE: Unanimous**

Education Cost Sharing Account:

BE IT RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the creation of two "holding accounts" in the amount of \$182,843 (ARRA stabilization – Education Grants) and \$100,811 (ARRA stabilization – Government Services), with the funds in those holding accounts to be transferred to the Town of Westport as part of the closing of accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

**MOTION: Mark Mathias**  
**SECOND: Elaine Whitney**  
**RESULT: Passed**  
**VOTE: Unanimous**

Board of Education Meeting Calendar: July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011:

BE IT RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a Board of Education meeting calendar for July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011, said calendar, as amended, to be found appended to the Minutes of the Board of Education meeting of December 14, 2009.

**MOTION: Jim Marpe**  
**SECOND: Mark Mathias**  
**RESULT: Passed**  
**VOTE: Unanimous**

**DISCUSSION:**

Exploring Mandarin Chinese as a World Language Course Offering at Middle School Level was deferred to a future meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

Faith Taylor, Secretary  
(Minutes written by Jennifer Robson)

