

Meeting: October 5, 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

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 Ed.
John Bayers Dir. of Human Resources
Michael Rizzo Director of Pupil Services

Absent:

Paul Block

PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:36 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria (Room 301)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: Brett Aronow moved to defer discussion and action on the September 21, 2015 minutes and on School Bus Arrival and Departure Times; seconded by Elaine Whitney; passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

Presentation of Leadership Profile: Hazard, Young & Attea

REPORTS:

- 1) Results of Standardized Testing: 2014-15 School Year
- 2) Enhancements to New K-5 Standards-Based Progress Reports
- 3) 2015-16 Professional Development Program
- 4) School Bus Arrival and Departure Times (deferred)

DISCUSSION:

1. Similarities and Differences: Codes of Conduct for 9-12 School Activities Within the Westport Public Schools.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Formation of Study Committee: Structure of Organizational Relationship Between WSPAC and Board of Education

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education establishes a tri-partite committee comprised of representatives of the Board of Education, the WSPAC Committee and the Administration to engage in redefining the organizational structure/relationship between the board and the WSPAC Committee

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Brett Aronow
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0 (Paul Block absent)

After the vote, Michael Gordon appointed Brett Aronow and Karen Kleine to serve as the Board of Education representatives on the Study Committee.

2016-17 Meeting Calendar of Board of Education

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves adopts a calendar of scheduled public meetings for the period July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017, as included with the memorandum on this subject dated October 5, 2015.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0 (Paul Block absent)

Proposed RTM Purchasing Ordinance
Jeannie Smith moved to remove the Proposed RTM Purchasing Ordinance from the agenda; seconded by Brett Aronow; passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Gordon moved to adjourn the public meeting and enter into executive session on Strategies for Negotiation at 10:21 p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board entered into executive session on Strategies for Negotiation in Room 333. All members of the Board except Paul Block were present; Elliott Landon and John Bayers were present at the invitation of the Board. The executive session adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)