

Meeting: December 7, 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 Education
John Bayers Dir. of Human Resources
Michael Rizzo Director of Pupil Services

Absent:

Paul Block

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER: 6:32 p.m., Staples High School, Room 333, Pupil Services Conference Room

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel Matter

Elaine Whitney motioned and Jeannie Smith seconded to go into executive session to discuss a Personnel Matter. All members of the Board except Paul Block were present. Dr. Landon and John Bayers were present at the invitation of the Board. Executive session adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:04, Staples High School, Cafeteria (Room 301)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

It was announced that the December 14, 2015 meeting of the Board was canceled.

MINUTES Elaine Whitney moved to defer approval of the minutes; seconded by Karen Kleine and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

DISCUSSION:

NESDEC Enrollment Projections

2016-17 Preliminary Budget Discussions with Board of Finance and Chairs of the RTM Education and Finance Committees

Expansion of Literacy Coaches at BMS, CMS, SHS

Senior Demonstration or “Capstone” Requirement: Extending Portfolio Assessments

Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)

Professional Development for Staff: Use of AEDs

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Five Year Capital Projects Ranked/Timeline for Implementation of Capital Projects:
2016-17

No action was taken.

Acceptance of Gifts

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with great appreciation a gift of \$5,000 from Bala Sathyanarayanan, on behalf of his employer, the Xerox Corporation, for the benefit of the Staples High School W-Prime Robotics Team.

MOTION: Brett Aronow
SECOND: Karen Kleine
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with great appreciation a gift from Adam and Renee Greenlee and the Adam Greenlee Foundation of 65 Automatic External Defibrillators with an estimated value of \$97,500 to protect students, staff and parents at all Westport Public Schools.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Karen Kleine
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0

ADJOURNMENT: Brett Aronow moved to adjourn at 10:29 p.m.; seconded by Elaine Whitney and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)