

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

Board Members Present:

Michael Gordon Chair
Jeannie Smith Vice Chair
Elaine Whitney Secretary
Mark Mathias
Brett Aronow
Karen Kleine
Vik Muktavaram

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 & General Admin.
Michael Rizzo Director of Pupil Services

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER: 6:04 p.m., Staples High School, Conference Room 1028

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pending Litigation; Interview Candidate for Principal, Kings Highway School

Jeannie Smith moved and Brett Aronow seconded to go into executive session to discuss Pending Litigation and to Interview Candidate for Principal, Kings Highway School; approved unanimously. All Board members were present; Michael Gordon arrived at 6:18 p.m. Elliott Landon, Michael Rizzo and Marsha Moses were present at the invitation of the Board for the discussion of Pending Litigation, which ended at 6:50 p.m. The executive session continued with Interview of Candidate for Principal, Kings Highway School. Elliott Landon, John Bayers, Michael Rizzo and Julie Droller were present at the invitation of the Board. The executive session adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 8:06 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria (Room 301)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

Vik Muktavaram was welcomed as the new Member of the Board of Education. Mr. Muktavaram was appointed and sworn in during a special meeting held during the day on February 12, 2016. His appointment had originally been scheduled for the February 8, 2016 regular meeting, but that meeting was canceled due to inclement weather. The February 12th special meeting was then called in order to meet the requirements of the Town Charter regarding the timing of the appointment of a new Board Member. This February 29, 2016 meeting was Mr. Muktavaram's first regular Board of Education meeting.

MINUTES: Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of the meetings of December 14, 2015, January 20 & 31, 2016, and February 1, 2 & 12, 2016; seconded by Michael Gordon and passed 6-0-1 (Vik Muktavaram abstained).

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Appointment of Principal, Kings Highway School

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Dr. Mary Lou DiBella to the position of Principal of Kings Highway School effective July 1, 2016.

MOTION: Jeannie Smith
SECOND: Karen Kleine
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

Acceptance of Gift from CMS PTA

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with thanks and appreciation a gift from the Coleytown Middle School PTA in the amount of \$2,750 for the purchase of two Art Display Cases for the display of student art at CMS.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Brett Aronow
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

DISCUSSION:

Student and Faculty Calendar, 2017-18 School Year

UPDATE:

Health and Medical Insurance Revenues and Expenses; Projected Year-End Balance in Health Reserve Account

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Gordon moved to adjourn at 9:07 p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)