

Meeting: January 9, 2017

Staples High School

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

Board Members Present:

Michael Gordon Chair
Jeannie Smith Vice Chair
Elaine Whitney Secretary
Mark Mathias
karen Kleine
Vik Muktavaram
Candice Savin

Administrators Present:

Colleen Palmer Superintendent of Schools
Elio Longo Dir. of School Business Operations
Jennifer Allen 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 SESSION/CALL TO ORDER: 7:37 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria Room 301

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

It was announced that Karen Kleine has been appointed as a member of the board of directors of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) and a Co-Director of Area 6 for CABE

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of December 4, 2016; December 19 2016; and January 3, 2017; seconded by Michael Gordon. December 4, and December 19 passed unanimously. The minutes of January 3, passed 6-0-1 with Vik Muktavaram abstaining.

DISCUSSION:

FY 2017 and FY 2018 with Board of Education Insurance Consultant, Lockton Companies LLC

The Board of Education was joined for the discussion of this topic by the following town officials: Brian Stern, Jen Tooker, Lee Caney, Sheri Gordon, John Hartwell and Jim Westphal of the Board of Finance; Velma Heller, Chair of the RTM Education Committee; Allen Bomes, Member of the RTM Finance Committee; and Jim Marpe, First Selectman.

Discussion of Bus safety Measures

FY 2016 Proposed Budget of the Superintendent of Schools

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Update on Mold Remediation

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the expenditure of \$163,547.79 from the Board of Education Carryover

Account to cover the cost of additional mold remediation incurred at Coleytown Middle School with notice to be sent to the Board of Finance so as to meet the conditions necessitated by the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement dated August 31, 2015, between the Board of Education and the Board of Finance creating the Carryover Account. Be it further resolved, the Board of Education requests that the Board Finance approved fiscal year to date Carryover Account expenditures in the amount of \$57,370.29; the excess above \$200,000 as set forth in the Memorandum of Agreement.

MOTION: Michael Gordon
SECOND: Elaine Whitney
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION: Michael Gordon moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Strategies for Negotiations at 10:43 p.m.; seconded by Elaine Whitney and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

All BOE members were in attendance. Colleen Palmer, Elio Longo and John Bayers were in attendance at the invitation of the board. The Executive Session adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)