

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

Board Members Present:

Michael Gordon Chair
Jeannie Smith Vice Chair
Elaine Whitney Secretary
Mark Mathias
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

Absent:

Brett Aronow

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER: 6:33 p.m., Staples High School, Room 333, Pupil Services Conference Room

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:03 p.m. Vik Muktavaram motioned and was seconded by Mark Mathias to go into executive session to interview finalist for appointment as principal, Staples High School and to discuss strategies for negotiations; passed unanimously (6-0). All BOE members except Brett Aronow were present at the executive session. Elliott Landon and John Bayers joined the executive session in its entirety at the invitation of the Board; Elio Longo joined at 7:13 p.m. The executive session ended at 7:39 p.m.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:47 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES: Elaine Whitney motioned and Michael Gordon seconded to approve the BOE Minutes of February 29, 2016; passed unanimously.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Appointment of Principal, Staples High School

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints James D'Amico to the position of Principal of Staples High School effective July 1, 2016.

MOTION: Michael Gordon
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0

PRESENTATION:

A Comparative study of Staples High School and a High Performing High School in Singapore

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Proposed Reductions to 2016-17 Proposed Budget of the Board of Education

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves reductions to the 2016-2017 Proposed Budget of the Board of Education totaling \$847,161, said reductions resulting in a revised request to the Board of Finance and RTM for a total appropriation of \$112,607,887 for the 2016-2017 Proposed Budget of the Board of Education, reflecting an increase of \$1,436,131, or 1.29%, from the 2015-2016 Adopted Budget of the Board of Education, as detailed in a memorandum discussed at the meeting of March 14, 2016 and attached to the Minutes of said meeting.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed
VOTE: 5-1 (Mark Mathias opposed)

Student and Faculty Calendar: 2017-18 School Year

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC SESSION: At 9:27 p.m., Michael Gordon moved to adjourn; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)