

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/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:34 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria (Room 301)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of October 24, 2016; seconded by Michael Gordon and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

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 from \$5,000 from Bala Sathyanarayanan, on behalf of his employer, the Xerox Corporation for the benefit of Staples High School W-Prime Robotics team.

MOTION: Vik Muktavaram
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

PRESENTATIONS:

Michael Rea and Sheri Gordon, Members of the Board of Finance, and Velma Heller, Chair of the RTM Education Committee, joined the Board of Education at the table for the discussions of enrollment projections and budget cost drivers.

NESDEC Ten-Year Enrollment Projections

Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Cost Drivers (Preliminary) and Budget Assumptions

Discussion of the Following Areas of Focus for 2017-18:

- Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)
- Integration of Guiding Principles
- Leadership Development

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Gordon moved to adjourn at 9:48 p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)