

Meeting: April 23, 2018

Staples High School

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Board Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

Colleen Palmer Superintendent of Schools
Elio Longo Dir. of School Business Operations
Julie Droller Dir. of Elementary Education
John Bayers Dir. of Human Resource
Michael Rizzo Director of Pupil Services

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 p.m., Staples High School, Principal's Conference Room (Room 1025C)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Interview Candidate for Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Elaine Whitney moved to go into executive session to Interview Candidate for Assistant Superintendent of Schools; seconded by Karen Kleine and passed unanimously (5-0). All Board members were present except Michael Gordon; Jeannie Smith arrived at 6:48 p.m. Dr. Colleen Palmer participated in the executive session at the invitation of the Board. The executive session adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 7:40 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria (Room 301)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: April 17, 2018

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of April 17, 2018; seconded by Michael Gordon and passed unanimously.

Michael Gordon moved to defer the first discussion/action item, Possible Appointment of Assistant Superintendent of Schools, to be the last discussion/action item; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Budget Update and Possible Vote to Seek Restoration from Board of Finance

Be It Resolved, That the Board of Education elects to seek a restoration of \$1,500,000 to its proposed 2018-2019 education budget of the total reduction of \$2,050,000 that was approved by the Board of Finance at its meeting of April 18, 2018.

MOTION: Karen Kleine
SECOND: Candice Savin
RESULT: Passed
VOTE: 5-2 (Elaine Whitney and Vik Muktavaram opposed)

Mathematics Pathways

During the discussion of the first discussion/action item (budget). Michael Gordon moved to defer the consideration of Mathematics Pathways until a future meeting; seconded by Vik Muktavaram and passed unanimously.

After the vote on the budget, Michael Gordon moved to continue with the following agenda items, as it was after 10:30 p.m.: Non-Renewal of Certified Staff Members, Possible Appointment of Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and Quarterly Financial Report; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Non-Renewal of Certified Staff Members

Michael Gordon moved to defer the vote on Non-Renewal of Certified Staff Members until a future meeting; seconded by Vik Muktavaram and passed unanimously.

Possible Appointment of Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Dr. Anthony G. Buono, Ph.D. as Assistant Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2018.

MOTION: Karen Kleine
SECOND: Elaine Whitney
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0-1 (Michael Gordon abstaining)

UPDATES:

Quarterly Financial Report: July 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee

Deferred by consensus to a future meeting.

Teaching and Learning Committee

Deferred by consensus to a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Gordon moved to adjourn at 11:18 p.m; seconded by Candice Savin and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)