

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Jeannie Smith	Vice Chair
Elaine Whitney	Secretary
Karen Kleine	
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 Resources
Michael Rizzo	Director of Pupil Services

Absent:

Michael Gordon
Mark Mathias

PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:38 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 December 4, 2017; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously (4-0-1, with Elaine Whitney abstaining).

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Vote to Rededicate 136 Riverside Avenue to the Town of Westport

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and whereas the Board of Education will no longer have need for 136 Riverside Avenue for school purposes effective December 18, 2017, the Board of Education relinquishes control of said property and rededicates the property back to the Town of Westport for municipal use, effective December 18, 2017.

MOTION: Candice Savin
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 5-0

Proposed Course Additions: 2018-19 School Year,

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the offering of a Food in Literature, Writing, and Practice course at Staples High School for the 2018-2019 school year.

MOTION: Jeannie Smith
SECOND: Elaine Whitney
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 5-0

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the offering of a Children's Literature course at Staples High School for the 2018-2019 school year.

MOTION: Jeannie Smith
SECOND: Elaine Whitney
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 5-0

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the offering of a Digital Foundations early college experience course at Staples High School for the 2018-2019 school year.

MOTION: Jeannie Smith
SECOND: Elaine Whitney
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 5-0

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the offering of an Introduction to Embedded Systems Programming course at Staples High School for the 2018-2019 school year.

MOTION: Jeannie Smith
SECOND: Elaine Whitney
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 5-0

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the offering of Accelerated Science 1 and 2 courses at Staples High School for the 2018-2019 school year.

MOTION: Jeannie Smith
SECOND: Elaine Whitney
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 5-0

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the offering of an Advanced Statistics in the Social Sciences course at Staples High School for the 2018-2019 school year.

MOTION: Jeannie Smith
SECOND: Elaine Whitney
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 5-0

DISCUSSION:

Universal Screening of Academic Progress

Discussion of Strategic Goals with Associated Action Steps, Timelines, and Metrics

Proposed Administrative Structure for 2018-2019

Homework Guidelines

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee

Policy Committee

Teaching and Learning Committee

ADJOURNMENT: Jeannie Smith moved to adjourn at 10:31 p.m; seconded by Candice Savin and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)