

Meeting: April 27, 2015

Staples High School

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

Michael Gordon      Chair  
Jeannie Smith      Vice Chair  
Elaine Whitney      Secretary  
Mark Mathias  
Brett Aronow  
Karen Kleine  
Paul Block

**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  
Marge Cion      Director of Human Resources  
Michael Rizzo      Director of Pupil Services

**PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER:** 7:05 p.m., Staples High School, Room 333, Pupil Services Conference Room

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Certified Staff Non-Renewals and Strategies for Negotiations

Mark Mathias moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Certified Staff Non-Renewals and Strategies for Negotiations; seconded by Karen Kleine; passed unanimously (5-0). Brett Aronow arrived at 7:09 p.m.; Michael Gordon was absent. Elliott Landon and Marge Cion attended at the invitation of the Board. The Executive Session was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

**RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:37 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301). .

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION**

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**MINUTES:** Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of March 16, 2015; seconded by Michael Gordon; passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION:**

Graduation Requirements for Class of 2020 as Mandated by Connecticut General Statutes

Progress Report: 2015-16 Implementation of "Bring Your Own Device" (BYOD) Initiative

Report: Parent/Teacher/Administrator Feedback Concerning K-5 Standards-Based Progress Reports

Update: Future of Standards-Based Grading (SBG) at Middle Schools and Staples Based Upon SBG Pilot

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

Non-Renewal of Certified Teaching Staff

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 10-151, the Westport Board of Education non-renews for the 2015-2016 school year the teaching contract(s)/agreements with non-tenured teachers, long-term substitutes and permanent building substitutes employed during the 2014-2015 school year, all of whom were identified in executive session on April 27, 2015, said action to be applicable on or before the end of the 2014-2015 school year; and,**

**Be It Further Resolved, That the Superintendent of Schools be directed to communicate this action of the Board in writing to the non-tenured teachers, long-term substitutes and permanent building substitutes identified in executive session on April 27, 2015 and be authorized to respond on behalf of the Board of Education for data which may be forthcoming from them and/or their representatives pursuant to applicable provisions of Connecticut General Statutes 10-151.**

**MOTION:** Mark Mathias  
**SECOND:** Brett Aronow  
**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 7-0

Health and Medical Insurance Revenues and Expenses

No action was taken.

Transfer of Funds in Operating Budget: Bedford Middle School Gymnasium Floor

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to transfer the sum of \$139,847 from Account 102 (Regular Education - Teachers) to Account 435 (Building Projects) in the 2014-2015 school budget for the purpose of repairing the gymnasium floor at Bedford Middle School, and directs the Superintendent to prepare reports on the project consistent with P3400 and R3400.**

**MOTION:** Elaine Whitney  
**SECOND:** Brett Aronow  
**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 7-0

**ADJOURNMENT:** Michael Gordon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m.; seconded by Brett Aronow and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary  
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)