

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

Board Members Present:

Don O'Day Chair
James Marpe Vice Chair
Elaine Whitney Secretary
Mark Mathias
Michael McGovern
Michael Gordon
Jennifer Tooker

Administrators Present:

Elliott Landon Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Harris Asst. Superintendent Business
Lis Comm Dir. of Secondary Ed. & Research
Cynthia Gilchrest Dir. of Pupil Svc. & Elem. Ed.
Marge Cion Director of Human Resources

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 p.m. in Room 333, Staples High School. Motion Elaine Whitney, Second Jennifer Tooker.

Pending Litigation: All board members were present; Don O'Day arrived at 7:51 p.m. At the invitation of the Board, present also were: Dr. Elliott Landon, Nancy Harris, Derek Mogck of Shipman & Goodwin, and Andrew Civitello of Civitello Project Management (CPM).

Executive Session Adjourned at: 8:07 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 8:12 p.m. in the Staples High School cafeteria.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION:

Minutes from February 6, March 5, and March 19, 2012 were accepted

INFORMATION: Update on Bullying Procedures

Ms. Gilchrest
Dr. Babich
Mr. Rizzo

DISCUSSION: Technology for Instructional Purposes: Myths v. Facts

Ms. Carrigan
Ms. Comm
Ms. Gilchrest

Don O'Day moved to continue with the agenda since it was after 10:30. Seconded by Mike McGovern. Passed unanimously.

Acceptance of Gifts:

Dr. Landon

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with gratitude and appreciation a gift of \$10,000 from the Long Lots PTA to be used to purchase a Magna Relief-Feature Climbing Wall System and Cordless Mat Locking System manufactured by Everlast Climbing Industries for installation in the Long Lots School gymnasium; and, a gift valued at \$2,150 from the Staples High school PTA for the purchase of

a washer/dryer to be installed in the art area to be used by students enrolled in art courses and those enrolled in our Life Skills Program.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Mark Mathias
RESULT: Passed
VOTE: Unanimous

Quarterly Financial Report: July 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012 discussion deferred to April 30, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)