

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

**Board Members Present:**

Donald O'Day	Chair
James Marpe	Vice Chair
Elaine Whitney	Secretary
Mark Mathias	
Michael McGovern	
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

Absent:

Michael Gordon

**EXECUTIVE SESSION CALL TO ORDER:** 6:06 p.m. in the Principals Conference Room 1025C, Staples High School.

Strategies for negotiations: All board members with the exception of Michael Gordon were present. At the invitation of the board, Dr. Landon was present.

**Executive Session Adjourned:** 7:28 p.m.

**RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:36 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION:** Donald O'Day announced his resignation from the Board effective at the conclusion of the meeting of August 13<sup>th</sup>. Members of the Board, Dr. Landon, and members of the public all spoke highly of Mr. O'Day and his service to the Board of Education. Dr. Landon also presented him with a plaque in recognition of his service.

**INFORMATION:**

Update: King's Highway School: Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Project	Ms. Harris
Update: Long Lots and Coleytown Elementary School Cafeteria Renovation	

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

Approval to Pursue Baron's South for School Bus Parking

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Bus Parking Subcommittee and the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the submission of a pre-application and, if favorable, an application to the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Westport for the placement of school buses, bus driver and supervisor parking, and construction of a maintenance and driver facility on the site of the Baron's South property abutting the Post Road.**

**Be It Further Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Bus Parking Subcommittee and the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves any continuing efforts of the Bus Parking Subcommittee to secure alternative sites for the functions listed above as may be deemed by the Subcommittee to be feasible and advantageous to the interests of the Board, including, but not limited to, engaging in**

**direct discussion(s) with appropriate government officials of the Town of Westport and/or the State of Connecticut to further explore the potential feasibility and merits of the conveyance, leasing, and/or purchase of a portion of state-owned property(ies), including but not limited to: 1) the DOT operations and maintenance site near the intersection of the Post Road and the Sherwood Island Connector; and/or 2) the Sherwood Island State Park facility, which is overseen by the DEEP.**

**Be It Further Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Bus Parking Subcommittee and the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education requests periodic updates from the Bus Parking Subcommittee on the status of any of the above activities which are undertaken.**

**MOTION:** Don O'Day  
**SECOND:** Jennifer Tooker  
**RESULT:** Passed  
**VOTE:** Unanimous

Acceptance of Gifts

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Schools, the Board of Education accepts with gratitude and appreciation a gift in the amount of \$3,500 from the Bedford Middle School PTA for the purchase and installation of a Smart Board in Room 286 at Bedford and a gift of \$2,000 from Chartwells Dining Services for a college tuition scholarship to be awarded to a member of the Staples High School Class of 2012 through the Staples High School Tuition Grants Program.**

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

**DISCUSSION:**

School System Goals: July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013 Dr. Landon

P4118.55 and R4218.55: Social Networking Dr. Landon

**Public Session adjourned** at 10:14 p.m.

**Resume Executive Session:** Call to order: 10:17 p.m., Room 333 Staples High School

Strategies for negotiations. All board members present with the exception of Michael Gordon. At the invitation of the board, Dr. Landon was present.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 11:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary  
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)