

Meeting: December 15, 2014

Staples High School

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

Michael Gordon      Chair  
Jeanie 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 SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:02 p.m. in the Staples High School Cafeteria B Room 301

**HOLIDAY SEASON PERFORMANCE:**

The Staples High School Orphenians: Choral Director Luke Rosenberg

**RECOGNITION:**

Karyn Morgan, 2015 Connecticut High School Assistant Principal of the Year

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION**

**MINUTES:** Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of December 1, 2014; seconded by Michael Gordon; passed unanimously.

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

**REPORTS:**

Advanced Placement Courses: Benefits and Efficacy

Statutory Graduation Requirements for Class of 2020

Multi-Year Strategic Vision for Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Capital Projects Update

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

Modifications to Kindergarten Program

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the offering of music to all Kindergarten classes two times per week for 30 minutes each, effective with the beginning of the 2015-16 school year.**

**MOTION: Paul Block  
SECOND: Brett Aronow  
RESULT: Passed Unanimously  
VOTE: 7-0**

Approval of Monthly Health and Medical Insurance Report

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the monthly Health and Medical Insurance Report, as attached to a memorandum to the Board of Education dated December 15, 2014.**

**MOTION: Elaine Whitney  
SECOND: Mark Mathias  
RESULT: Passed Unanimously  
VOTE: 7-0**

Acceptance of Gifts:

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with great appreciation gifts from Coleytown Middle School PTA valued at \$4,905 and the Westport Schools Permanent Art Collection valued at \$10,800, as described in a memorandum to the Board of Education dated December 15, 2014.**

**MOTION: Jeannie Smith  
SECOND: Mark Mathias  
RESULT: Passed Unanimously  
VOTE: 7-0**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Michael Gordon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m.; seconded by Brett Aronow and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary  
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)