

Meeting: December 16, 2013

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

Elliott Landon Superintendent of Schools
Elio Longo Director of School Business Operations
Lis Comm Director of Secondary Education
Cynthia Gilchrest Director of Elementary Education
Marge Cion Director of Human Resources
Michael Rizzo Director of Pupil Services

CALL TO ORDER: 6:19 p.m. at Staples High School, Principals Conference Room 1025C

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pending Litigation

At 6:19 p.m. Mark Mathias motioned and was seconded by Jeannie Smith to go into executive session to discuss Pending Litigation. Elliott Landon, Michael Rizzo and Attorney Marsha Moses of Berchem, Moses & Devlin joined the executive session at the invitation of the Board. The executive session ended at 7:21 p.m. All members of the BOE were present at the executive session with the exception of Michael Gordon and Paul Block who had not been sworn in yet.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:35 p.m. in the Staples High School Cafeteria.

Vote to appoint new Board of Education member: Elaine Whitney moved to nominate Paul Block to fill Jennifer Tooker's vacant seat. Jeannie Smith Seconded. Passed Unanimously 5-0. Michael Gordon was not present.

Swearing in of new Board of Education Member.

PRESENTATION: Staples High School Orphenians

RECOGNITION: Beth Messler – 2014 Elementary School Assistant Principal of the Year

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

INFORMATION: Update on Security

MINUTES: December 2, 9 (two meetings), 11 and 12, 2013 were accepted.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Michael Gordon arrived at 8:19 p.m.

DISCUSSION:

Interim Report: Implementation of Five Day/Full Day Kindergarten and K-Grade 5 Instructional Minutes

Ms. Gilchrest
Dr. DaSilva
Ms. Ambrosio

School Food Service

Mr. Longo
Mr. Rupp
Ms. Marotto
Ms. Levasseur
Mr. Gusitsch

Motion to continue with agenda item as it was after 10:30 pm. Brett Aronow Moved, Michael Gordon seconded, passed unanimously 7-0.

Teacher Recommendations for Private Schools, Summer Camps, Special Education School Placements

Dr. Landon

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Approval of Custodial Contract: July 1, 2013-June 30, 2016 Deferred

Ms. Cion
Mr. Longo

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gordon, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)