

Meeting: January 13, 2015

Staples High School

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

Michael Gordon      Chair  
Jeanie Smith        Vice Chair  
Elaine Whitney      Secretary  
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

**Absent:**

Mark Mathias

**PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:10 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION**

**MINUTES:** Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of January 5, 2015 and January 7, 2015; seconded by Michael Gordon; passed unanimously.

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

**WORK SESSION: BOARD OF FINANCE, RTM EDUCATION/FINANCE COMMITTEES**

The following public officials joined the Board of Education and Administration at the table for the work session: Board of Finance members John Pincavage, Lee Caney, Janis Collins, Tom Lasersohn, Michael Rea and Jennifer Tooker; RTM Education Committee Chair Velma Heller; RTM Finance Committee Chair Jeff Weiser; and First Selectman James Marpe. Lockton Companies LLC consultants Tim Hazelman and Deborah Testa participated in the discussions of the two health insurance items. No action was taken.

- Review Health and Medical Insurance Projected Revenues and Expenses for 2014-15 and 2015-16 Fiscal Years with Lockton Companies, LLC Consultant
- Projected Year-End Health Insurance Reserve Accounts: 2014-15
- Five year Capital Forecast: July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2020

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

Modification to Continuing Education Program

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the transfer of the State-mandated programs currently offered by the Continuing Education Program of the Westport Public Schools to the Continuing Education Program of the Norwalk Public Schools.**

**MOTION:** Jeannie Smith  
**SECOND:** Brett Aronow  
**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 6-0

**DISCUSSION:**

2015-16 Proposed Budget of the Superintendent of Schools

**EMERGENCY MEETING:** Prior to the adjournment of the regular meeting, Michael Gordon moved that the Board conduct an emergency meeting immediately following the regular meeting to discuss a personnel matter in executive session. This motion, seconded by Elaine Whitney, passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The regular meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

**EMERGENCY MEETING:** Called to order at 10:25 p.m. in Staples High School Conference Room 333 to discuss a Personnel Matter on an emergency basis. All Board members except Mark Mathias were present. Dr. Elliott Landon and Marge Cion were present at the invitation of the Board. The nature of the emergency was the need to notify the Board of the impending arrest of a teacher at Staples High School. Dr. Landon notified the Board of this impending arrest and explained that he and his staff are cooperating with the Westport Police Department in this matter. The executive session and the emergency meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary  
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)