

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

Elaine Whitney        Chair  
Michael McGovern    Vice Chair  
Michael Gordon       Secretary  
Mark Mathias  
Jennifer Tooker  
Brett Aronow  
Jeannie Smith

**Administrators Present:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:06 p.m. in the Staples High School, Room 1025C, Principal’s Conference Room.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

School Security

Moved to go into session by Michael McGovern, Seconded by Jeannie Smith. All Board members in attendance. Elliott Landon and Timothy V. Horner, Managing Director of Kroll Advisory Solutions were there at the invitation of the Board. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

**RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:19 p.m. in the Staples High School Cafeteria

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION**

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

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

Staples Course Proposal: Contemporary World Studies

**Be It Resolved, That upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the introduction of Contemporary World Studies as a one-half credit area studies option for the 2013-14 school year.**

**MOTION:** Michael McGovern  
**SECOND:** Jennifer Tooker  
**RESULT:** Unanimous  
**VOTE:** 7-0

Middle School Course Proposal: S.T.E.M.

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**Be It Resolved, That upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the introduction of a S.T.E.M. elective, Grade 8 Design and Engineering, effective with the start of the 2013-14 school year, as described in the materials accompanying this memorandum.**

**MOTION:** Brett Aronow  
**SECOND:** Mark Mathias  
**RESULT:** Unanimous  
**VOTE:** 7-0

#### **WORK SESSION WITH BOARD OF FINANCE, RTM CHAIRS**

1. Review of Health and Medical Insurance
2. Five Year Capital Forecast, 2013-2018

The Board agreed to reorder the agenda to take up the discussion of Instructional and Administrative Technology.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

2013-14 Proposed Budget of the Superintendent of Schools

- a) Instructional and Administrative Technology
- b) Follow-Up to Work Session with the Board of Finance

Motion to continue with next agenda item since it was after 10:30 p.m.:

**MOTION:** Michael McGovern  
**SECOND:** Jennifer Tooker  
**RESULT:** Unanimous  
**VOTE:** 7-0

#### **DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

Approval of School Building Security Contract

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the employment of Kroll Advisory Solutions to perform a security assessment of the Westport Public Schools at a cost of \$100,000, with the solutions and recommendations for enhancing security in those schools and associated buildings to be provided to the board on or about April 15, 2013, subject to approval by the Board of Finance and RTM.**

**MOTION:** Elaine Whitney  
**SECOND:** Michael McGovern  
**RESULT:** Unanimous  
**VOTE:** 7-0

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 11:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gordon, Secretary  
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)