

Meeting: March 16, 2015

Staples High School

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

Board Members Present:

Michael Gordon Chair
Jeannie 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 CALL TO ORDER: 6:03 p.m., Staples High School, Principal's Conference Room

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Strategies for Negotiations

Brett Aronow moved to go into Executive Session to discuss strategies for negotiation; seconded by Karen Kleine; passed unanimously. Elaine Whitney arrived at 6:04 p.m. Elliott Landon, Elio Longo, and Marge Cion attended at the invitation of the Board. The Executive Session was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:33 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301). A moment of silence was held for John Izzo, former Westport Selectman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

Sheila Flinn, board member of the Connecticut PTA and Past President, Westport PTA Council, announced that Dr. Elliott Landon has been named 2015 Superintendent of the Year by the Connecticut PTA.

Wendy Morgan Hunter and Sue Rubin, Co-Presidents of the Staples PTA, announced that John Dodig, Principal of Staples High School, has been named 2015 Principal of the Year by the Connecticut PTA.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of March 9, 2015; seconded by Michael Gordon; passed unanimously.

Agenda: Michael Gordon moved to change the order of the agenda to place the informational report on school bus arrival and departure times before the approval of the school transportation contract. Seconded by Brett Aronow; passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION:

Review with Lockton Companies, LLC Health and Medical Insurance Projected Insurance-Related Revenues and Expenses for 2014-15 and 2015-16; Projected Year-End Balance in Health Reserve Account for 2014-15 and 2015-16.

PRESENTATION:

Dialectical Behavior Therapy

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Adoption: Student and Faculty Calendar: 2016-17 School Year

Michael Gordon moved to call the question; seconded by Brett Aronow and passed unanimously.

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the Student and Faculty Calendar for the 2016-17 school year, a calendar that is consistent with the guidelines of Public Act 13-247 as approved by the legislators of the State of Connecticut and the policies of the Westport Board of Education.

Motion to amend the proposed calendar to add February 21, 2017 as a vacation day.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Michael Gordon
RESULT: Passed
VOTE: 5-1 (Michael Gordon, Jeannie Smith, Elaine Whitney, Brett Aronow and Karen Kleine in favor; Paul Block opposed; Mark Mathias absent)

Vote on the 2016-2017 calendar as amended at the meeting of March 16, 2015.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Michael Gordon
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0 (Mark Mathias absent)

Capital Expenditure Request: BMS Gymnasium Floor

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to request of the Board of Finance an appropriation in the amount of \$139,847 for a comprehensive renovation of the floor of the gymnasium at Bedford Middle School, and

Be It Further Resolved, if approved by the Board of Finance, authorization of the Superintendent of Schools to request of the Representative Town Meeting finance as approved by the Board of Finance.

MOTION: Paul Block
SECOND: Elaine Whitney
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0 (Mark Mathias absent)

Approval of School Transportation Contract Provisions: 2015-2020

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the award of the school transportation contract to Dattco for the period July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2020, in accordance with the memo dated March 12, 2015 and appended to the minutes of the meeting.

MOTION: Michael Gordon
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0 (Mark Mathias absent)

INFORMATION:

Report: School Bus Arrival and Departure Times

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Gordon moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)