

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Administrators Present:**

|                   |  |
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| Elliott Landon    | Superintendent of Schools              |
| Elio Longo        | Director of School Business Operations |
| 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:** 5:09 p.m., Staples High School, Room 1025C, Principal's Conference Room

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Interviews of candidates for Positions of Director of Elementary Education and Director of Secondary Education

Brett Aronow moved and Paul Block seconded to proceed into Executive Session. All members of the BOE were in attendance, Mark Mathias arrived at 5:25 p.m. Elliott Landon, Marge Cion, Julie Droller and James D'Amico attended as guests of the BOE. Executive Session adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

**RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:38 p.m. Staples High School Cafeteria

Motion to add item Appointments of the Directors of Elementary and Secondary Education to the agenda

**MOTION:** Elaine Whitney  
**SECOND:** Jeannie Smith  
**RESULT:** Unanimous  
**VOTE:** 7-0

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION**

**MINUTES:** March 4, 10 and 17, 2014 approved

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

Appointments of Director of Elementary Education and Secondary Education.

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the appointment of Julie Droller to the position of Director of Elementary Education, effective July 1, 2014.**

**MOTION:** Michael Gordon  
**SECOND:** Karen Kleine  
**RESULT:** Unanimous  
**VOTE:** 7-0

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the appointment of James D'Amico the position of Director of Secondary Education, effective July 1, 2014.**

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

**PRESENTATION:**

Formative and Summative Assessment and Educational Benchmarking  
Against Other High Performing School Districts

Ms. Comm  
Ms. Gilcrest

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

Acceptance of Gifts

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with thanks and appreciation a gift from the Green's Farms PTA valued at \$2,148 for the purchase of four (4) iPads for teacher use for a pilot program involving integrating iPads into classroom instruction.**

**MOTION:** Michael Gordon  
**SECOND:** Mark Mathias  
**RESULT:** Unanimous  
**VOTE:** 7-0

Student and Faculty Calendar: 2015-16 School Year

Dr. Landon

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Board of Education adopts a school calendar of the 2015-16 school year, a copy of which may be found appended to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education of March 24, 2014.**

**MOTION:** Paul Block  
**SECOND:** Mark Mathias

Michael Gordon makes an amendment to the motion to have seven snow days with the calendar ending on June 24, and should there be additional days off, days would be taken from April break, starting with the first day.

**MOTION:** Michael Gordon  
**SECOND:** Brett Aronow  
**RESULT:** Failed  
**VOTE:** 4 against/3 in favor; Gordon, Aronow, and Kleine in favor, Whitney, Block, Mathias and Smith against

**Vote on original resolution:**

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**MOTION:** Paul Block

**SECOND:** Mark Mathias

**RESULT:** Passed

**VOTE:** 5 in favor/2 against; Gordon, Whitney, Block, Mathias and Smith in favor, Aronow and Kleine against

Board of Education Goals, 2013-14 and Related  
Administrative Presentations

Dr. Landon

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m. to Executive Session

**Executive Session Call to Order 10:09 p.m.**

School Security

Brett Aronow moved and Jeannie Smith seconded to proceed into Executive Session. All members of the BOE were in attendance. Elliott Landon, Elio Longo and Marge Cion attended as guests of the BOE. Executive Session Adjourned at: 10:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gordon, Secretary  
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)

**WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL CALENDAR 2015 - 2016**

APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION March 24, 2014

| <b>JULY 2015</b>   |    |    |    |    |     |    | <b>AUGUST 2015 (3)</b>   |     |     |     |      |    |    | <b>SEPTEMBER 2015 (19)</b>  |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 4 Independence Day   |    |    |    |    |     |    | *24, *25, *26 Staff Development Days<br>(27) Student's First Day                                   |     |     |     |      |    |    | 7 Labor Day<br>14 Rosh Hashanah<br>23 Yom Kippur                    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| <b>OCTOBER 2015 (22)</b>   |    |    |    |    |     |    | <b>NOVEMBER 2015 (18)</b>  |     |     |     |      |    |    | <b>DECEMBER 2015 (17)</b>   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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|  |    |    |    |    |     |    | 3 Election Day/*Staff Dev. Day<br>No School Students<br>25 Shortened Day<br>26-27 Thanksgiving Day |     |     |     |      |    |    | 23 Shortened Day<br>24-31 Holiday Recess                            |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| <b>JANUARY 2016 (18)</b>   |    |    |    |    |     |    | <b>FEBRUARY 2016 (15)</b>  |     |     |     |      |    |    | <b>MARCH 2016 (22)</b>  |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 31   |    |    |    |    |     |    |  |     |     |     |      |    |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 1 New Year's Day<br>*15 Staff Development Day<br>No School Students<br>18 Martin Luther King Day |    |    |    |    |     |    | 15 Presidents' Day<br>15-19 Winter Recess<br>*22 Staff Development Day<br>No School Students       |     |     |     |      |    |    | 25 Good Friday  |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| <b>APRIL 2016 (16)</b>   |    |    |    |    |     |    | <b>MAY 2016 (21)</b>   |     |     |     |      |    |    | <b>JUNE 2016 (11)</b>   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 18-22 Spring Recess  |    |    |    |    |     |    | 30 Memorial Day  |     |     |     |      |    |    | 22 Students' Last Day/Graduation<br>Shortened Day for Students Only |    |    |    |    |    |    |

Students - 182 days

\*Teachers - 188 days

Snow/Emergency Days = 5

Staff Development Days: August 24, 25, 26, November 3, January 15, February 22

Students/Teachers' Last Day will be June 22. If there are no snow/emergency days, Students/Teachers' Last Day will be June 15.

If more than five (5) snow/emergency days are used prior to April 18, make-up days for students and teachers shall begin on April 18 and continue with each day thereafter, until no longer needed.