

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

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

Absent:

Paul Block

CALL TO ORDER: Staples High School, Room 333, Pupil Services Conference Room

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Interview of Candidate for Principal of Saugatuck Elementary School

Karen Kleine moved and Brett Aronow seconded to proceed into Executive Session at 6:14 p.m.. All members of the BOE were in attendance, with the exception of Paul Block. Elliott Landon, Marge Cion and Beth Messler attended as guests of the BOE. Executive Session adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:34 p.m. in the Staples High School cafeteria.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: April 28, 2014 approved.

APPOINTMENT: Principal, Saugatuck Elementary School

Mark Mathias moved to recommend Elizabeth Messler as Principal of Saugatuck Elementary School. Jeannie Smith seconded. Passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

Elementary School Progress Reports

Ms. Gilchrest
Dr. DaSilva
Kim Ambrosio
Becky Laus
Carolyn Santella

Quarterly Financial Report: July 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014

Mr. Longo

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Adoption of 2014-15 School Budget

Dr. Landon
Mr. Longo

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts a final budget for the 2014-15 school year in the amount of \$109,202,984 as noted on the Line Item Budget that is to be included with the Minutes of the Meeting of May 12, 2014.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 6-0

Proposed Board Policy P3431: Health and Medical Insurance
Board did not vote

Dr. Landon
Mr. Longo

Health Insurance Reserves
Board did not vote

Mr. Longo

School Security: Projected Capital Requests and Approval of Community
Members/School Security and Safety Committees

Dr. Landon

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints the following community members to the School Security and Safety Committees of the Westport Public Schools:

Staples High School: David Bernstein, Jon Moskowitz
Bedford Middle School: Jim Adelman, Chip Stevens
Coleytown Middle School: Jen Tooker, Julie Whamond
Coleytown Elementary School: Gery Grove, Steve Perkins
Greens Farms Elementary School: Adam Siegel, Jon Zames
King's Highway Elementary School: David Dreyfuss, Neil Phillips
Long Lots School: Michael Flemming, Karen Kaminsky
Saugatuck elementary School: Betsy Clachko, Kathy Denke
District School Security and Safety Committee: Melissa Kane

MOTION: Michael Gordon
SECOND: Mark Mathias
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 6-0

Acceptance of Gifts: Paul Block/Merisant US, Inc. and LLS PTA

Dr. Landon

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the board of Education accepts with thanks and appreciation a gift from Paul Block valued at \$5,000 to be used as prize money for students participating in the 2014-15 Staples Challenge and another form the Long Lots PTA in the amount of \$4,870 to be used for the purchase of four Custom Entrance Mats for the Long Lots School.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Brett Aronow
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 6-0

Jeannie Smith motioned to continue with agenda since it was after 10:30 p .m. Seconded by Karen Kleine. Passed 4-1-1, Michael Gordon against with Brett Aronow abstaining.

DISCUSSION:

“Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD) Policy

Ms. Carrignan
Mr. Crosby
Mr. Gryak

Agenda Schedule: 2013-14

Dr. Landon

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 11:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gordon, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)