

Meeting: May 18, 2015

Staples High School

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

Board Members Present:

Michael Gordon Chair
Jeannie Smith Vice Chair
Elaine Whitney Secretary
Mark Mathias
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

PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:33 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301). .

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Landon announced his plans to retire as Superintendent of the Westport Public Schools effective at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of May 4, 2015 and May 11, 2015; seconded by Michael Gordon; passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION:

Report: Implementation of the Revised Writing and Social Studies Curricula: Kindergarten-Grade 5

Report: Implementation of the Tri-State Consortium Recommendation for the Program for the Gifted

2015-16 Goals of the Board of Education

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Adoption of 2015-16 Budget

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts a final budget for the 2015-16 school year in the amount of

\$111,171,756 as noted on the Line Item Budget that is to be included with the Minutes of the Meeting of May 18, 2015.

MOTION: Michael Gordon
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

2015-16 Healthy Food Certification

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education votes that it will not certify that all food items sold to students separately from reimbursable meals in the schools under its jurisdiction will meet the nutrition standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education.

MOTION: Brett Aronow
SECOND: Elaine Whitney

Paul Block moved to amend the motion to add that the Board of Education will follow the standards recommended by the Health and Wellness Committee of the Westport Public Schools. There was no second.

Vote on original motion:

RESULT: Passed
VOTE: 6-1 (Paul Block opposed)

Health and Medical Insurance Revenues and Expenses: July 2014-April 30, 2015

No action was taken.

Non-Union Personnel Compensation

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves salaries for all non-Union, non-represented non-administrative and administrative employees for the 2015-2016 school year, said salaries to be found in accordance with the materials included in the Board book for the meeting dated May 18, 2015, and to be found on file in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

MOTION: Michael Gordon
SECOND: Elaine Whitney

Elaine Whitney moved to amend the motion to add specific information regarding the compensation of the Superintendent of Schools. Seconded by Brett Aronow.

Add: Be It Further Resolved, That the Board of Education sets the salary for Dr. Elliott Landon, Superintendent of Schools, at \$300,641 for the 2015-2016 school year, said salary reflecting an increase of \$7,704, or 2.63%.

Action on amendment:

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Brett Aronow
RESULT: Passed
VOTE: 4-3 (Elaine Whitney, Brett Aronow, Karen Kleine and Paul Block in favor; Michael Gordon, Jeannie Smith and Mark Mathias opposed)

Action on motion as amended:

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves salaries for all non-Union, non-represented non-administrative and administrative employees for the 2015-2016 school year, said salaries to be found in accordance with the materials included in the Board book for the meeting dated May 18, 2015, and to be found on file in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

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RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

Discussion on and Action to Create a Superintendent Search Committee

Be It Resolved, That, in light of Dr. Landon's retirement at the end of the 2015-16 school year, the Board of Education designates itself as a personnel search committee in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 1-200(7) to conduct the search for a new Superintendent.

MOTION: Michael Gordon
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Gordon moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)