

Meeting: May 21, 2012

Staples High School

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Don O'Day Chair
James Marpe Vice Chair
Elaine Whitney Secretary
Mark Mathias
Michael McGovern
Michael Gordon
Jennifer Tooker

Administrators Present:

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

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:35 in the Staples High School cafeteria.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION:

Elaine Whitney and Mark Mathias gave a status report on the work to date of the BOE Bus Parking Subcommittee, which is summarized in a report which is appended to the Minutes of the Meeting of May 21, 2012. They announced that next steps will include further exploration of the possibility of parking the buses used by the Board of Education at Baron's South, Longshore, Compo Beach, or a newly purchased parcel of land.

Cyndi Gilchrest announced that *Kool to be Kind*, a kindness program delivered by Staples students in third grade classrooms in two elementary schools this year, will be expanded to all Westport elementary schools next year.

MINUTES: Approval of April 30, 2012 Minutes: Moved to June 4, 2012

PRESENTATIONS:

Program for the Gifted: 2012-13 School Year

Cynthia Gilchrest
Michael Rizzo
Valerie Babich
John Bayers
Linda Johnson
Jen Ackerman
Jon Feagin
Martel Rynderman

Five-Year Plan for Curriculum and Instruction: Moved to June 4, 2012

Five-Year Strategic Technology Plan: Moved to June 4, 2012

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

2012-13 Healthy Food Certification: Moved to June 4, 2012

Acceptance of Gifts: Moved to June 4, 2012

Adoption of the 2012-13 Board of Education Budget:

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts a final budget for the 2012-13 school year in the amount of \$100,226,554, as noted on the Line Item Budget that is appended to the Minutes of the Meeting of May 21, 2012.

MOTION: James Marpe
SECOND: Don O'Day

Michael Gordon amended the motion to return to the 2008-09 class size breakpoint protocol at the elementary school level, which would have increased the 100 section of the budget.

MOTION: Michael Gordon
SECOND: James Marpe
RESULT: Failed
VOTE: 1-6 (Gordon in favor)

RESULT: Passed
VOTE: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)