

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 |

EXECUTIVE SESSION CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 p.m. in the Staples High School, Room 333, Pupil Services Conference Room

School Security

At 7:03 p.m. Jeannie Smith motioned and was seconded by Mark Mathias to go into executive session to discuss School Security. Elliott Landon, Elio Longo and Marge Cion joined the executive session at the invitation of the Board. The executive session ended at 7:36 p.m.: All BOE members were present,

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:48 p.m. in the Staples High School cafeteria.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: May 12, 2014 minutes approved.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

“Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD): Staples

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, effective with the start of the 2015-16 school year the Board of Education authorizes the implementation of a “Bring Your Own Device” program for Staples High School, with the understanding that any student at Staples eligible for free and reduced price school lunches or whose family is receiving assistance through the Town of Westport’s “Warm Up Fund,” will be eligible for a personal digital device for instructional purposes paid for by the Board of Education of the Town of Westport at a total cost estimated at \$30,000.

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

Financial Performance Objectives: No vote was taken

Proposed Policy P3431: Health and Medical Insurance: Vote deferred

Solar Panels: Saugatuck Elementary School

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Director of School Business Operations and the Green Task Force to apply for funding to enable the installation of a solar PV system on the roof of the Saugatuck Elementary School in accordance with the information contained in the memorandum from Elliott Landon to the Board of Education dated May 27, 2014.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 7-0

Security Capital Projects

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to make a request of the Board of Finance and RTM for an appropriation of up to \$500,000 for a security project at all of the Westport Public Schools for improving access security.

Be It Further Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education directs the Superintendent to pursue requests for proposals for up to \$1 million in additional projected costs for the 2014-15 school year for additional security projects to improve access and communications.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Michael Gordon
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 7-0

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: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Brett Aronow
RESULT: Passed
VOTE: 6-1; Paul Block voting against.

DISCUSSION:

Board of Education Goals: 2014-15 School Year

Presentation Skills

Motion to continue with agenda since it was after 10:30p.m. Moved by Paul Block, seconded by Mark Mathias. Passed 5-2 with Brett Aronow and Michael Gordon voting against.

Collaborative Research Project: Hwa Chong Institution

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 10:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gordon, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)