

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES – Approved

Board Members Present:

Don O'Day	Chair
James Marpe	Vice Chair
Faith Taylor	Secretary
Mark Mathias	
Sandy DeFelice	
Elaine Whitney	
Michael McGovern	

Administrators Present:

Elliott Landon	Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Harris	Asst. Superintendent Business
Brian Fagan	Asst. Superintendent Curriculum
Marge Cion	Director of Human Resources
Cynthia Gilchrest	Director of Pupil Services

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

MINUTES: Minutes of the meetings of April 5 and April 12, 2010, were accepted.

DISCUSSION/ACTION: Appointment of Principal: Bedford Middle School

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Melissa Paolini-Kay to the position of Principal of Bedford Middle School, effective July 1, 2010.

MOTION: Michael McGovern
SECOND: James Marpe
RESULT: Passed
VOTE: Unanimous

PRESENTATION:

Status of Implementation of the Recommendations of the Tri-State Guidance Consultancy Report of June 2009.

Dr. Landon
 Mr. Fagan
 Mr. John Dodig – SHS Principal
 Ms. Elaine Schwartz – SHS Director of Guidance
 Ms. Gilchrest
 SHS Guidance Department Staff

DISCUSSION:

Expansion of Three Day Full Day Kindergarten

Mr. John Bayers, GFS
 Mr. Bob Buckley, SES
 Mr. Rex Jones, LLS
 Ms. Melissa Paolini-Kay, CES

At this point, motion was made to continue with the agenda since it was after 10:30 p.m.

MOTION: James Marpe
SECOND: Elaine Whitney
RESULT: Passed
VOTE: Unanimous

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Acceptance of gift of Two-Story Concession Stand (Staples):

Be It Resolved, That the Board of Education accepts with gratitude and appreciation a gift offered jointly by the Staples High School Diamond Club and the Staples High School Gridiron Club for a new two-story concession stand/coaches' office to be built on the site of the existing concession stand, said gift valued at \$250,000, and

Be It Further Resolved, That construction cannot be initiated until such time as the Staples High School Diamond Club and the Staples High School Gridiron Club have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Board of Education that an escrow account created legally by an attorney has been established in the amount of \$250,000 to cover the estimated full cost of this construction project.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Elaine Whitney
RESULT: Passed
VOTE: Unanimous

Approval of ING: Section 457 Employee Contributions:

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts Resolutions pursuant to the terms of the Section 457 Plan, adding ING Life Insurance and Annuity Company ("ING") as an additional investment vendor for the Section 457 Plan for employees of the Westport Public Schools who are eligible under the Section 457 plan, and who wish to remit contributions to their 457 Plan accounts for investment through ING, said Resolutions to be appended to the Minutes of the Meeting of May 3, 2010.

MOTION: Faith Taylor
SECOND: Mark Mathias
RESULT: Passed
VOTE: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Faith Taylor, Secretary
(Minutes written by Jennifer Robson)