

Meeting: May 4, 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 that Dr. Weinberg, Medical Advisor to the Westport Public Schools, was named Nurse Advocate of the Year by the Westport and Norwalk School Nurse Association.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**MINUTES:** Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of April 27, 2015; seconded by Michael Gordon; passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION:**

Report: Westport/Weston/Wilton Student Health Survey Results

Update: School Climate Initiatives, 2015-16 School Year

Progress Report: Modifications to Westport Continuing Education

2015-16 Goals of the Board of Education

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

Quarterly Financial Report: July 1, 2014-March 31, 2015

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes a reduction in expenditures in the proposed education budget for the 2015-16 school year in the amount of \$300,000 from Acct. 560: Tuition -- Public and Private Institutions; and**

**Be it Further Resolved, That the Board of Education requests of the RTM on May 5, 2015 an appropriation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 in the amount of \$111,171,756, said sum representing a year-to-year budget increase of 1.80%.**

**MOTION:** Brett Aronow

**SECOND:** Elaine Whitney

**RESULT:** Passed

**VOTE:** 5-2 (Michael Gordon, Jeannie Smith, Elaine Whitney, Brett Aronow, and Paul Block in favor; Mark Mathias and Karen Kleine opposed)

**ADJOURNMENT:** Michael Gordon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary  
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)