

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Elaine Whitney	Chair
Michael McGovern	Vice Chair
Michael Gordon	Secretary
Mark Mathias	
Jennifer Tooker	
Brett Aronow	
Jeannie Smith	

Administrators Present:

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

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:36 p.m. in the Staples High School cafeteria.

Moment of silence in honor of Veterans Day. Mark Mathias arrived at 8:15 p.m.

RECOGNITION: Acknowledgement of Retiring Members of the Board of Education Members: Michael McGovern and Jen Tooker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

MINUTES: Minutes of October 21, 2013 accepted.

DISCUSSION:

New Course Proposals: Staples high School

Ms. Denton
 Ms. Eichler
 Ms. Eskell
 Ms. Heller
 Ms. White
 Mr. Wilkes

Middle School STEM/Encore Courses: Additions and Revisions

Dr. Landon
 Dr. Rossen
 Ms. Szabo
 Dr. Scheetz

Busing Logistics/Schedules: 2013-14 and 2014-15

Dr. Landon
 Mr. Longo
 Ms. Evangelista

Budgetary Impact: Revised Class Size Breakpoints: deferred

Dr. Landon

Adoption of 2014-15 Board of Education Meeting Calendar – deferred

Dr. Landon

Motion to continue with agenda and "Acceptance of Gift" since it is after 10:30 p.m.

MOTION: Brett Aronow
SECOND: Michael McGovern
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 7-0

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Acceptance of Gift

Dr. Landon

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with thanks and appreciation a gift from the Green's Farms PTA valued at \$2,418 for the purpose of establishing a pilot program in the second grade at GFS making use of four (4) Ipads.

MOTION: Michael Gordon
SECOND: Brett Aronow
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 7-0

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gordon, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)