

**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	Director of School Business Operations
James D'Amico	Dir. of Secondary Ed. & Research
Julie Droller	Dir. of Elementary Ed.
Marge Cion	Director of Human Resources
Michael Rizzo	Director of Pupil Services

**CALL TO ORDER:** 5:14 p.m., Staples High School, Room 1028.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

School Security, Performance Evaluation of individual members of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools

Brett Aronow moved to go into Executive Session, Seconded by Karen Kleine to discuss School Security, Performance Evaluation of the board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools. Elliott Landon, Elio Longo, Marge Cion, Dale Call, Chief of Police, Foti Koskinas, Deputy Chief of Police, and Robert Kepchar, Deputy Chief of Fire Department were in attendance at the invitation of the Board. Board members Elaine Whitney arrived at 5:40 p.m. and Mark Mathias arrived at 6:10 p.m. Members of the police and fire departments departed at 6:20 p.m. at the conclusion of the School Security discussion. Executive Session adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

**RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:40 p.m. in the Staples High School cafeteria.

Election of Officers of the Board of Education

Mark Mathias nominated Michael Gordon for Chair, seconded by Jeannie Smith, Passed 6-0 with Michael Gordon abstaining.

Michael Gordon nominated Jeannie Smith for Vice Chair, seconded by Karen Kleine, Passed 7-0.

Brett Aronow nominated Elaine Whitney for Secretary, seconded by Jeannie Smith, Passed 6-0 with Elaine Whitney abstaining.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION**

**MINUTES:** Michael Gordon moved to approve the minutes of November 10, 2014 seconded by Elaine Whitney and passed unanimously.

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

**REPORT:**

Parent Education and Information for K-5 Standards-Based Progress Reports

Collaborative Efforts with Town of Westport July 1, 2014-October 31, 2014

**DISCUSSION:**

K-12 Start Times: Analysis of Research

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

Approval: New Course Proposals for Staples High School

AP Computer Science Principles

**MOTION:** Paul Block  
**SECOND:** Brett Aronow  
**RESULT:** Passed  
**VOTE:** 6-1 with Mark Mathias voting against

Animal Behavior

**MOTION:** Elaine Whitney  
**SECOND:** Brett Aronow  
**RESULT:** Passed  
**VOTE:** 6-1 with Karen Kleine voting against

Zoology

**MOTION:** Brett Aronow  
**SECOND:** Paul Block  
**RESULT:** Passed  
**VOTE:** 5-2 with Mark Mathias and Karen Kleine voting against

Lifeguarding

**MOTION:** Jeanne Smith  
**SECOND:** Karen Kleine  
**RESULT:** Passed  
**VOTE:** 6-1 with Mark Mathias voting against

Approval: Health and Medical Insurance Report

**MOTION:** Elaine Whitney  
**SECOND:** Karen Kleine  
**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 7-0

RFP for School Security Communications Systems

Michael Gordon moved to defer consideration of the security RFP, was seconded by Brett Aronow and passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Michael Gordon moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m. seconded by Brett Aronow and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary  
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)