

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES – Approved

Board Members Present:

Don O’Day Chair
James Marpe Vice Chair
Faith Taylor Secretary
Mark Mathias
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

Board Members Absent:

Sandy DeFelice

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:30 p.m. in the Staples High School cafeteria.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Public comment was heard about the implementation of the District’s Food and Wellness Policy.

MINUTES: Minutes of October 25, 2010 and November 4, 2010 were accepted.

ACTION: **Election of Board Officers**
Dr. Landon asked for nominations for Board Chair.

MOTION: Faith Taylor nominated Don O’Day
SECOND: James Marpe
RESULT: Passed
VOTE: Unanimous

Don O’Day asked for nominations for Vice Chair.

MOTION: Michael McGovern nominated James Marpe
SECOND: Don O’Day
RESULT: Passed
VOTE: Unanimous

Don O’Day asked for nominations for Secretary

MOTION: Elaine Whitney nominated Faith Taylor
SECOND: Mark Mathias
RESULT: Passed
VOTE: Unanimous

INFORMATION: Update: King’s Highway School: Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Project

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Acceptance of Gifts: Staples High School Music Parents Association and King's Highway PTA

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with gratitude and appreciation a gift of a new Yamaha grand piano valued at more than \$35,000 being offered by the Staples High School Music Parents Association for placement in the Staples auditorium, and a second gift of a new NEC NP4100 Auditorium Projector being offered by the PTA of the King's Highway School for placement in the King's Highway School auditorium.

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

Replacement of Oil Tanks: Approval of Capital Project Specifications and Resolutions

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves as a single code update project the replacement of 10,000 gallon steel underground oil storage tanks at Coleytown Elementary School, Coleytown Middle School and Long Lots Elementary School and directs the Administration to apply for a School Construction Grant through the Connecticut State Department of Education, and

Be It Further Resolved, That the Educational Specifications and Project Budget be approved and included with the Minutes of the meeting of November 22, with all such documentation to be submitted to the Board of Finance and the Representative Town Meeting by the Administration with a request for approval, funding and the designation of the Board of Education of the Town of Westport as the School Building Committee for this code update project.

MOTION: Michael McGovern
SECOND: Mark Mathias
RESULT: Passed
VOTE: Unanimous

DISCUSSION:

Board of Education Mission Statement
Student and Faculty Calendar 2012-13 School Year
Board of Ed Meeting Calendar: July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Faith Taylor, Secretary
(Minutes written by Jennifer Robson)