

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Elaine Whitney	Chair
Jeannie Smith	Vice Chair
Michael Gordon	Secretary
Mark Mathias (phone)	
Brett Aronow	
Karen Kleine	

Administrators Present:

Elliott Landon	Superintendent of Schools
Elio Longo	Director of School Business Operations
Lis Comm	Director of Secondary Education
Cynthia Gilchrest	Director of Elementary Education
Marge Cion	Director of Human Resources
Michael Rizzo	Director of Pupil Services

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel Mater/Pending Litigation

At 5:40 p.m. Brett Aronow motioned and was seconded by Michael Gordon to go into executive session to discuss Personnel Matter/Pending Litigation. Elliott Landon, Elio Longo and Marge Cion joined the executive session at the invitation of the Board. The executive session ended at 6:55 p.m. All members of the Board were in attendance, Mark Mathias attended by phone.

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Staples High School, Room 1025C, Principal's Conference Room.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION: 7:14 p.m. in the Staples High School cafeteria.

ACTION: Election of Officers of the Board of Education

Election of the Chair of the Board of Education: Mark Mathias nominated Elaine Whitney. There were no other nominations.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Unanimous with Elaine Whitney abstaining
VOTE: 5-0-1

Ms. Whitney assumed the chairmanship of the Board.

Election of the Vice Chair of the Board of Education. Elaine Whitney nominated Jeannie Smith. There were no other nominations.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Michael Gordon
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 6-0

Election of the Secretary of the Board of Education. Brett Aronow nominated Michael Gordon. There were no other nominations.

MOTION: Brett Aronow
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Unanimous with Michael Gordon abstaining
VOTE: 5-0-1

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: November 11, 2013 Minutes accepted.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

New Course Proposals: Staples High School

Dr. Landon
Ms. Comm

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, for the 2014-15 school year the Board of Education authorizes at Staples High School the offering of AP Studio Art: Drawing and Differential Equations as full year courses and Animation, Financial Decision-Making in the Digital Age and Visual Literacy: The Art and Narration of Graphic Literature as semester courses, in accordance with the materials accompanying the agenda of the meeting of November 25.

MOTION: Jeannie Smith
SECOND: Brett Aronow
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 6-0

Middle School STEM/Encore Courses: Additions and Revisions
Vote deferred until December 2

Dr. Landon
Ms. Szabo
Dr. Scheetz

Motion to go past 10:30 p.m. to discuss Busing Logistics and Schedule

MOTION: Michael Gordon
SECOND: Brett Aronow
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 6-0

Motion to discuss Busing Logistics and Schedule, all other agenda items deferred until December 2.

MOTION: Michael Gordon
SECOND: Brett Aronow
RESULT: Unanimous
VOTE: 6-0

Adoption of 2014-15 Board Of Education Meeting Calendar
Deferred until December 2

Dr. Landon

Acceptance of Gifts
Deferred until December 2

Dr. Landon

Revised Class Size Breakpoints
Deferred until December 2

Dr. Landon

DISCUSSION:

Busing Logistics and Schedules

Dr. Landon
Mr. Longo
Ms. Evangelista

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 11:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gordon, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)