

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES – Approved

Board Members Present:

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

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:37 p.m. in the Staples High School cafeteria.

MINUTES: Minutes of September 27, 2010 were accepted.

INFORMATION: October 1, 2010 Enrollment Report (Dr. Landon)

DISCUSSION: Course Approval: “Global Themes” 2011-2012 School Year (Brian Fagan, John Dodig, James D’Amico) Global Themes is intended to replace Western Humanities.

PRESENTATION: Elementary and Middle School Programs for Gifted Students (Brian Fagan, Barbara Fischetti)

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Arena Scheduling (John Dodig, Jim Farnen, Elaine Schwartz present)

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Arena Scheduling will continue to be the course scheduling process for all sophomores and juniors enrolled at Staples High School during the 2010-11 school year and for all juniors during the 2011-12 school year, with Arena Scheduling to be replaced fully by computerized scheduling of all students attending Staples beginning with the 2012-13 school year.

MOTION: James Marpe

SECOND: Faith Taylor

A motion was made and seconded to amend the proposed resolution as follows:

Be It Resolved, That Arena Scheduling will be fully replaced by computerized scheduling of all students attending Staples High School beginning with the 2010-11 school year.

MOTION: Mike McGovern

SECOND: Elaine Whitney

RESULT: Passed

VOTE: 6-1 O’Day opposed

As it was after 10:30 p.m., the Board voted to continue with the agenda to discuss and vote on the Acceptance of the Gift, deferring School System goals until a future meeting.

Acceptance of Gift: Westport Parks and Recreation

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with gratitude and appreciation the gift of an electronic scoreboard for the Long Lots School gymnasium, said scoreboard to replace the existing non-functioning scoreboard.

MOTION: Mark Mathias

SECOND: Don O'Day

RESULT: Passed

VOTE: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Faith Taylor, Secretary
(Minutes written by Jennifer Robson)