

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
Lis Comm	Dir. of Secondary Ed. & Research
Cynthia Gilchrest	Dir. of Pupil Services & Elem. Ed.
Marge Cion	Director of Human Resources

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:07 p.m. in the Staples High School cafeteria.

**RECOGNITION/RECEPTION:** Westport Teacher of the Year 2012

Karrie Sadler – Greens Farms Elementary School

And nominees - Cherie Balkcom – Coleytown Middle School  
 Liza Paglialunga – Greens Farms Elementary School  
 Deanne Schultz – Long Lots Elementary School  
 Mike Zito – Staples High School

**MINUTES:** Minutes of August 15, 2011 were accepted.

**INFORMATION:** Superintendent's Welcoming Address to Staff: August 25, 2011

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

Staples Field Hockey Scorer's Shed

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education requests of the Planning and Zoning Department a Special Permit approval to enable the temporary Field Hockey Scorer's Shed at Staples High School to be converted to a permanent scorer's shed in accordance with the conditions enunciated by the Zoning Board of Appeals on May 10, 2011, as modified on August 19, 2011.

**MOTION:** Don O'Day  
**SECOND:** James Marpe  
**RESULT:** Passed  
**VOTE:** Unanimous

**DISCUSSION:**

1. Follow-Up Report: Elimination of Arena Scheduling for 2011-12 School Year (John Dodig – SHS Principal; James Farnen – SHS Assistant Principal; Elaine Schwartz – SHS Director of Guidance)
2. Interim Report: Gifted Education (Ms. Comm; Ms. Gilchrest; Michael Rizzo – Assistant Director of Pupil Services)
3. Impact of Hurricane Irene on 2011-12 School Calendar
4. School System Goals: July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 11:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Faith Taylor, Secretary  
(Minutes written by Jennifer Robson)