



**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL START TIMES COMMITTEE MINUTES**

April 26, 2018

Staples High School Library

**In Attendance:** Christopher Breyan, Carolyn Caney, Sandra Evangelista, Ritu Johorey, Melissa Kane, Suzanne Levasseur, Netta Levy, Marty Lisevick, Elio Longo, Christine Meiers Schatz, Jacquelyn Mellin, Vik Muktavaram, Colleen Palmer, Lauren Pitocco, Mike Rizzo, Anne Spencer, Eugenie ten Cate, Christine Wanner

**Agenda Items**

1. Approval of meeting minutes from April 5, 2018
  - Minutes were reviewed. No suggestions were made.
  
2. Updates/revised transportation study
  - Committee reviewed updated report and each possible scenario
  - Committee narrowed the list of scenarios and provided revised scenarios for Mike Archer to develop
  - Scenarios that the committee considered as worthy of further exploration were
    - 2A, 3A, 4A (with a variation of a 7:50 MS start time), No change
    - Scenario to be developed: Elem school on Tier 1 with a start time after 7:40
  - Criteria for determining different scenarios as feasible included:
    - BMS/CMS should have the same start time
    - SHS should no later than 3 PM to accommodate athletic team games and practices
    - No more than a single tier between elementary school start times
    - 35 minutes space between tiers
    - Overall cost
    - Elementary start time no earlier than 7:40
  - Committee discussed other items to consider:
    - Change in times might have unknown impact on traffic - students who get rides may need to take the bus
    - Weather implications of starting elementary on the first tier
    - Process to pick up and drop off elementary is more detailed and longer and may delay buses if on first tier
    - BMS and SHS can't start at same time because of traffic
  
3. Interscholastic athletic
  - Marty Lisevick reviewed current team information and possible problems and solutions to a change in start time to Staples (see chart)
  
4. Survey Update
  - Mike Rizzo shared the survey that Ridgefield Public Schools used when looking at school start times
  - Committee discussed benefits of using a third party to conduct survey
  - Mike Rizzo will get a contract for survey
  
5. Next steps
  - Consider revised scenarios
  - Subcommittees need to meet to look at possible options and impact