Meeting: June 12, 2017 **Staples High School**

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Board Members Present:		**Administrators Present:**	
Michael Gordon*	Chair	Colleen Palmer	Superintendent of Schools
Jeannie Smith	Vice Chair	Elio Longo	Dir. of School Business Operations
Elaine Whitney	Secretary	Jennifer Allen	Dir. of Secondary Ed. & Research
Mark Mathias		Julie Droller	Dir. of Elementary Education
Candice Savin		John Bayers	Dir. of Human Resources & General Admin.
Karen Kleine		Michael Rizzo	Director of Pupil Services
Vik Muktavaram			

*Michael Gordon joined the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m., Staples High School, Pupil Service Conference Room (Room 333)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Interview Candidate for Administrative Placement

Jeannie Smith moved to go into Executive Session to Interview Candidate for Administrative Placement and to recess the meeting until 6:00 p.m.; seconded by Elaine Whitney and passed unanimously. All Board members were present except Michael Gordon. At the invitation of the Board, Dr. Colleen Palmer and John Bayers participated in the executive session. For the public call to order, Elio Longo was present at the designated meeting location and Board members participated by conference call; upon resumption of the executive session at 6:00 p.m., all participants were present in person. The executive session adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:39 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria (Room 301)

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES: Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of the meetings of June 5, 2017; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously (5-0-1, with Candice Savin abstaining and Michael Gordon absent).

RECOGNITION OF RETIREES:

Robert Andrew, Susan Bloomberg, Robert Bradley, Nancy Dauz, I. Maxine Duva, Frances Evan, Mary Sue Fucci, Christina Garrity, Gwen Goldman, Paulette Grondin-Cardillo, Carol Haberlin, Anne Hadden, Linda Hudson, Mary Lou Huisking, Christine Juhasz, Melissa Ketley, Barbara Kochiss, Sharon Magera-Gunter, Mary Martinik, Barbara Pace, Janice Price, Patrick Rodgers, Shelley Ross, Joanne Rupar, Luciano Saravia, Philip Sausto, Elaine Schwartz, Jane Silvestro, Trema Voytek

RECOGNITION OF PTA CO-PRESIDENTS:
Anne Spencer, Candace Banks, Sue Calger, Carrie Howard, Maureen Asiel, Elise Gabriele, Elena Caggiano, Jill Dillon, Karen Speller, Carolyn Caney, Lisa Hill, Caroline Evans, Jodi Harris, Regina Miniutti, Michele Carey Moody, Ruth Mannes, Netta Levy, Anne Marie Fox, Eugenie ten Cate

Break for Reception (8:36 p.m. - 9:02 p.m.)

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Appointment of Long Lots Elementary School Principal

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Dr. Debra Dunn as Principal of Long Lots Elementary School, effective July 1, 2017, or a mutually agreed upon date as soon thereafter as practicable.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Vik Muktavaram
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0-1 (Michael Gordon abstaining)

Approval of Paraprofessional Contract 7/1/2016 – 6/30/2019

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the collective bargaining agreement between the Westport Board of Education and the Westport Education Association of Paraprofessionals, representing all paraprofessionals employed by the Westport Public Schools, for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

MOTION: Karen Kleine
SECOND: Candice Savin

Michael Gordon moved to call the question:

MOTION: Michael Gordon
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

Vote on main motion:

RESULT: Passed
VOTE: 6-1 (Mark Mathias opposed)

2016-17 School Lunch Program

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Compass Group, Inc., by and through Chartwells, to serve as the Food Service Management Company for the Westport Public Schools for the 2017-2018 school year in accordance with the option for four (4) additional one-year renewals as allowed by Agreement dated August 12, 2016.

Be It Further Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education elects to remove all five elementary and two middle schools from the National School Lunch Program effective July 1, 2017, and appoints the Superintendent of Schools or her designee to negotiate with Chartwells the terms of the 2017-2018 school year contract amendment.

MOTION: Jeannie Smith
SECOND: Candice Savin
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

Approval: Tuition Rates 2017-2018 School Year

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the establishment of the tuition rates for the 2017-2018 school year, as set forth in a memo dated June 12, 2017, with item number 4 of said memorandum stricken, and as appended to the minutes of that meeting.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Michael Gordon
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

PRESENTATION:

Enrollment Projections and Facilities Analysis Presentation by Milone and MacBroom

Michael Gordon moved to begin a new topic of discussion after 10:30 p.m. and to discuss the remaining four items on the agenda prior to adjourning; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Strategic Planning Areas of Focus

UPDATES:

Report on Summer Projects

Health and Medical Insurance Projected Revenues and Expenses and Projected Year End Balance in Health Reserve: 2016-2017 Fiscal Year

DISCUSSION:

Possible Staples High School Orphenians Performance in Sydney Opera House

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Gordon moved to adjourn at 11:17 p.m; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)