WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Board Members Present: **Administrators Present:**

Mark Mathias	Chair	Colleen Palmer	Superintendent of Schools
Jeannie Smith	Vice Chair	Anthony Buono	Asst. Superintendent of Teaching and Learning
Elaine Whitney	Secretary	Tina Mannarino	Asst..Superintendent Pupil Personnel Services
Karen Kleine		Elio Longo	Chief Financial Officer
Vik Muktavaram		John Bayers	Director of Human Resources
Candice Savin			
Neil Phillips			

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:37 p.m., Staples High School Cafeteria B (Room 301)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: November 19, 26 and 27, 2018

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of November 19, 26 and 27, 2018 seconded by Mark Mathias and passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education elects Mark Mathias to serve as Chair of the Westport Board of Education, said election effective until the next annual Board of Education election of officers.

MOTION:	Jeannie Smith
SECOND:	Neil Phillips
RESULT:	Passed Unanimously
VOTE:	7-0

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education elects Jeannie Smith to serve as Vice Chair of the Westport Board of Education, said election effective until the next annual Board of Education election of officers.

MOTION:	Mark Mathias
SECOND:	Karen Kleine
RESULT:	Passed Unanimously
VOTE:	7-0

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education elects Elaine Whitney to serve as Secretary of the Westport Board of Education, said election effective until the next annual Board of Education election of officers.

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

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Mark Mathias moved to change the Middle Schools Update agenda item to a discussion/action item and to defer the Approval of FY 2020 Budget Preparation Calendar agenda item to a future meeting; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.
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DISCUSSION

Report from the Community Advisory Committee for 2019-20 Academic Year

Discussion of Superintendent Review of Facility Utilization Options 2019-20 Academic Year

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Mark Mathias moved to continue with the Middle Schools Update agenda item as it was after 10:30 p.m.; seconded by Vik Muktavaram and passed unanimously.
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DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Middle Schools Update
- Portables
- Rental Opportunities
- Parent Feedback Sessions

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education removes Option IX a and IX b for the FY 2019 - FY 2020 school year, said option to redistrict to four elementary schools and to use the remaining elementary school building to house either Coleytown Middle School students or the 6th grade.

MOTION:	Candice Savin
SECOND:	Jeannie Smith
RESULT:	Passed
VOTE:	4-3 (Jeannie Smith, Elaine Whitney, Candice Savin and Neil Phillips in favor; Mark Mathias, Karen Kleine and Vik Muktavaram opposed)

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Community Advisory Committee, the Board of Education removes Option VI from further consideration, said option to have all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students attend Bedford Middle School with a nine-period schedule from 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

MOTION:	Vik Muktavaram
SECOND:	Candice Savin
RESULT:	Failed
VOTE:	1-6 (Vik Muktavaram in favor)

No action was taken on portables or rental opportunities, pending additional information.

Approval of FY 2020 Budget Preparation Calendar
  Deferred to a future meeting

Master Facilities Plan RFP
  Deferred to a future meeting

Elementary Staffing Grid
  Deferred to a future meeting

UPDATES

October Health and Medical Report
  Deferred to a future meeting

Finance and Facilities Committee
  Deferred to a future meeting

Policy Committee
  Deferred to a future meeting

Teaching and Learning Committee
  Deferred to a future meeting

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Mathias moved to adjourn at 11:36 p.m.; seconded by Neil Phillips and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)