

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Members Present:

Mark Mathias Chair
Jeannie Smith Vice Chair
Elaine Whitney Secretary
Karen Kleine
Vik Muktavaram
Candice Savin
Neil Phillips

Administrators Present:

David Abbey Interim Superintendent
Anthony Buono Asst. Superintendent, Teaching and Learning
Tina Mannarino Asst. Superintendent, Pupil Personnel Services
Elio Longo Chief Financial Officer
John Bayers Director of Human Resources

Guests at the meeting: Jay Keenan, Donald O'Day, Walter Mattera, Sri Puttagunta, Joe Renzulli, Vanessa Valadares

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER: 6:10 p.m., Staples High School, Principal's Conference Room 1025C

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Draft Report Reflecting Legal Advice Regarding Coleytown Middle School

At 6:10 p.m., Mark Mathias moved to enter into executive session to discuss Attorney-Client Privileged Draft Report Reflecting Legal Advice Regarding Coleytown Middle School; seconded by Vik Muktavaram and passed unanimously. All Board members were present; Elaine Whitney participated by phone until 6:14 p.m. and in person thereafter; Karen Kleine participated until 7:10 p.m. The following individuals participated in the executive session at the invitation of the Board: Dr. David Abbey; Elio Longo; John Bayers; Andrew Davis of Shipman & Goodwin; Jessica Richman of Shipman & Goodwin; and Alfredo Fernandez of Shipman & Goodwin. The executive session adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:37 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: June 10, 2019

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes June 10, 2019; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Appointment of Staples High School Principal

Be It Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Stafford Thomas, Jr. to the position of Principal of Staples High School effective July 1, 2019.

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

2019-2020 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 2019-2020 school year, in accordance with the option for four (4) additional one-year renewals as allowed by Agreement dated July 1, 2017.

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

Carryover Funds

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education requests authorization from the Board of Finance to deposit into the Board of Education carryover account any unexpended funds up to \$200,000 from the FY 2018-19 operating budget.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Vik Muktavaram
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

WORK SESSION

Presentation of CMS Building Committee

Donald O'Day, Chair, CMS Building Committee, presented the committee's findings. Mr. O'Day and the following other members of CMSBC also participated in the meeting and answered questions during the work session: Jay Keenan; Vanessa Valderes; ___.

At the Board's invitation, the following elected town officials joined the Board of Education in the work session: First Selectman Jim Marpe; Board of Finance members Brian Stern, Chair, Lee Caney; Nancie Dupier; Sheri Gordon; Andrea Moore; and Jim Westphal; RTM Moderator Velma Heller; RTM Education Committee Chair Lauren Karpf; and RTM Finance Committee Chair Jeff Weiser.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Possible Vote on a Statement from the Board Regarding the CMS Building Committee Work

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Mathias moved to adjourn at 10:00 p.m.; seconded by Karen Kleine and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary, Board of Education
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)