

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA *

(Agenda Subject to Modification in Accordance with Law)

SPECIAL NOTICE ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR THIS ELECTRONIC MEETING:

Pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order No. 7B, there will not be a physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held electronically and live streamed on westportps.org and shown on Optimum Government Access Channel 78 and Frontier Channel 6021. Emails to BOE members can be sent to BOE@westportps.org. Comments to be read during the public comment period must be submitted to the meeting’s Googledoc during the submission period. Please see the following link for instructions and guidelines: https://www.westportps.org/uploaded/Procedures_and_Guidelines_for_Public_Participation_in_Remote_Board_Meetings.pdf. We will use our best efforts to read public comments if they are received during the public comment period and if they state your full name and address. Meeting materials will be available at westportps.org along with the meeting notice posted on the Meeting Agenda page.

PUBLIC SESSION//PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

7:00 p.m., Held Remotely Via Zoom Pursuant to Executive Order 7B

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

Please note that the Before-School Update agenda item has been moved to the April 13, 2020 Board of Education meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS-ELECT

Ms. Candice Savin

MINUTES: March 2 and 23, 2020, *pages 1-3*

DISCUSSION

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| 1. Update from the Coleytown Middle School Building Committee, <i>pages 4-8</i> | (Encl.) | Mr. Don O’Day |
| 2. Response to the Board of Finance’s Budget Decision | | Ms. Candice Savin |
| 3. Update on the Distance Learning Plan and Grading Policies | | Dr. David Abbey
Dr. Anthony Buono |

ADJOURNMENT

* A 2/3 vote is required to go to executive session, to add a topic to the agenda of a regular meeting, or to start a new topic after 10:30 p.m. The meeting can also be viewed on Cablevision on channel 78; Frontier channel 6021 and by video stream @www.westportps.org

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WELCOME USING THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

- Public comment will be accepted via a Google doc and the comments will be read aloud at the meeting. A link will be provided on Monday, prior to the meeting.
- There will be no in-person public comment due to public health concerns.
- A maximum of 15 minutes will be provided for public comments.
- Comments on agenda items are limited to 1 minute each.

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Members Present:

Candice Savin Chair
Jeannie Smith Vice Chair
Elaine Whitney Secretary
Karen Kleine
Vik Muktavaram
Youn Su Chao
Lee Goldstein

Administrators Present:

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

Administrators Absent:

Tina Mannarino, Assistant Superintendent, Pupil Personnel Services
Ann Leffert, Interim Director of Pupil Personnel Services

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:35 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: February 24, 2020

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of February 24, 2020; seconded by Karen Kleine and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Virtual Net Metering Contracts

A. Solar Contracts

Be it resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Solar Power Services Agreement between the Town of Westport and Plainfield Solar LLC, as discussed at the meeting of March 2, 2020.

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

Be it resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Solar Power Services Agreement between the Town of Westport and Dickinson Solar LLC, as discussed at the meeting of March 2, 2020.

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

B. Additional Solar Power Service Agreements

Be it resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education gives approval to the administration to proceed with Eversource on the development of an additional Solar Power Service Agreement: Town of Westport #4 VNM-078 Service and Agreement.

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

Be it resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Solar Power Services Agreement #2 between the Town of Westport and Plainfield Solar LLC, as discussed at the meeting of March 2, 2020, and subject to approval of the final terms by the Chief Financial Officer of the Board of Education.

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

DISCUSSION

Update on Policy Committee and First Reading of the Following Policies and Regulations:

- Policy 6146 Graduation Requirements (revised)
- Policy 5145.14, On-Campus Recruitment (revised)
- Policy 4112.6, Personnel Records (new)
- Policy 4116, Probationary/Tenure Status (revised)
- Regulation 4118.7, Study/Use of Religious Symbols, Music and Decorations, etc. (revised)
- Policy 4118.121 Freedom of Speech (new)
- Policy 4117.6, Evaluation – Coaches (revised)
- Policy 5112.4 Disenrollment/Enrollment (new)
- Policy 5141.6 Crisis Management (new)

ADJOURNMENT: Elaine Whitney moved to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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John Bayers Director of Human Resources and General Admin.
Ann Leffert Interim Assistant Superintendent, Pupil Services

Administrators Absent:

Tina Mannarino, Assistant Superintendent, Pupil Personnel Services

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 p.m.

Held Remotely Pursuant to Executive Order 7B,
via Zoom and Google Docs

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Potential Revisions to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 School Calendar Including the April School Break in Light of Transition to Remote Learning Due to Public Health Considerations

Note: Public comment was accepted virtually via Google Docs from 7:32 p.m. through 7:37 p.m. Public comment so received was then read into the record prior to the Board vote.

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education cancels the first four days of spring recess as originally scheduled for FY 2019 - FY 2020 and replaces them with four days of remote learning. This school calendar change is being made in light of recent public health directives issued by the Governor of the State of Connecticut and certain associated exceptions to normal educational requirements for the current school year authorized by the Governor. As a result, April 6 through April 9, 2020 will hereby become regular school days, with instruction to be delivered remotely.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Vik Muktavaram moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.; seconded by Karen Kleine and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

CMSBC Project Update



CMSBC Update as of 4/1

- As of today, construction continues at CMS.
- The mild winter has allowed some work to begin earlier than planned. The roof is one example.
- As of today, per Newfield, CMS can still open in August.
- The project is still operating within our budget.
- Yes, the Coronavirus presents daily challenges to the schedule and possibly the budget.



Coronavirus Challenges

Supply Chain

Our largest glass supplier is in Pennsylvania. This potential challenge is being examined and contingencies are being established.

The majority of the supplies have been ordered. Newfield Construction has been in regular contact with all suppliers and delivery is still in line with our schedule.

Workforce

Staff challenges have been seen for the past three weeks. Certain trades have had days where 50% of the crew was absent. Newfield has managed the process well.

In some cases, we have seen days where all members of a single trade have been absent.

Newfield has established a protocol where every crew member's temperature is taken before they can begin work.

The health and safety of everyone working on Coleytown Middle School is our top priority



Schedule Overview and Status

	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>
CMSBC Go/ No Go Decision	4/15	4/15	4/15
Exterior Grading Completed	6/24	6/24	6/24
Roof Completed	7/1	7/1	7/1
HVAC Installation Completed	7/13	7/13	7/13
Window Installation Completed	7/23	7/23	7/23
HVAC Commissioned	8/14	8/14	8/14
Interior Finishes Completed	8/14	8/14	8/21
CMS Opened for Staff	8/17	8/17	8/24
<u>CMS Opened for Students</u>	<u>9/1</u>	<u>9/1</u>	<u>9/1</u>
Cladding Completed	Nov	Nov	Nov

These are the latest dates from Newfield Construction



Discussion Items

The Go / No Go date of 4/15 will be the first of several dates where we will have discussions relative to the status of our scheduled 9/1 opening. At least two project updates per month, if not more, will be provided to the BOE and town officials.

We are on track and on budget, but we face very real challenges that could result in a delay. We are working with all parties to prevent a delay and we will be in constant communication with the BOE and the Administration

