

**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:**

Anthony Buono       Acting Superintendent  
Tina Mannarino      Asst. Superintendent, Pupil Personnel Services  
Elio Longo           Chief Financial Officer  
John Bayers          Director of Human Resources

\*Participated by phone

**PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER:** 6:38 p.m., Staples High School, Room 1025C

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Memorandum Regarding Transition in District Leadership

Mark Mathias moved to go into executive session at 6:38 p.m. for Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Memorandum Regarding Transition in District Leadership; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously. All Board members participated; Karen Kleine participated by phone, and Elaine Whitney participated by phone until 6:59 p.m. and in person thereafter. Jessica Richman Smith of Shipman & Goodwin joined in the executive session at the invitation of the Board.

The executive session adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

**RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:43 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**MINUTES:** March 18; March 25; March 28; April 1; and April 3, 2019

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of March 18, March 25, March 28, April 1, and April 3, 2019; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

Architectural Work at Bedford Middle School

**Be it resolved, that the Board of Education approves an expenditure from the Cafeteria Fund in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for architectural work at Bedford Middle School, with said services to be provided by Cerrone Architects.**

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

Discussion of Transition in District Leadership, Including But Not Limited to:

- a. Separation Agreement Regarding Superintendent of Schools
- b. Appointment of Acting Superintendent of Schools

**Be it resolved, that the Board of Education approves the Separation Agreement by and between the Westport Board of Education and Dr. Colleen Palmer, as discussed in executive session on April 8, 2019.**

**MOTION:** Mark Mathias  
**SECOND:** Neil Phillips  
**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 7-0

**Be it resolved that the Board of Education approves the Separation Agreement regarding the Superintendent of Schools.**

**Be it resolved that the Board of Education appoints Dr. Anthony Buono as Acting Superintendent of Schools.**

**Be it resolved that the Board of Education authorizes the Acting Superintendent of Schools to perform the actions set forth in Board Policy #3293.1.**

**MOTION:** Mark Mathias  
**SECOND:** Candice Savin  
**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 7-0

**Be it resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes the Acting Superintendent of Schools to perform the actions set forth in Board Policy #3293.1.**

**MOTION:** Mark Mathias  
**SECOND:** Vik Muktavaram

**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 7-0

Student and Faculty Calendar 2020-21 School Year  
No action was taken.

Coleytown Middle School: Special Appropriation Request of Board of Finance and RTM

**Be it resolved, that the Board of Education requests the Board of Finance and Representative Town Meeting to approve a special appropriation to the Board of Education in the amount of \$267,658 for mold remediation, reconstruction and other related professional services at Coleytown Middle School, in accordance with the list of said expenditures provided by the Chief Financial Officer of the Board of Education on April 8, 2019.**

**MOTION:** Elaine Whitney  
**SECOND:** Jeannie Smith  
**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 7-0

Alternate Location of Solar Canopies at Staples High School

**Be it resolved, that the Board of Education accepts the proposed alternate location for a section of the Staples High School solar canopy. Be it further resolved, that the Board of Education approves the alternate location to be made part of an application for the installation of solar canopies at Staples High School to be filed with the Westport Planning and Zoning Department.**

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

**UPDATES:**

February Health Insurance Report

Finance and Facilities Committee

Teaching and Learning Committee

Policy Committee

BMS Modular Committee and the CMS School Building Committee

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mark Mathias moved to adjourn at 9:03 p.m.; seconded by Vik Muktavaram and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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