

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
MEETING**

Board Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

Colleen Palmer Superintendent of Schools
Anthony Buono Asst. Superintendent of Teaching and Learning
Tina Mannarino Asst..Superintendent Pupil Personnel Services
Elio Longo Chief Financial Officer
John Bayers Director of Human Resources

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:32 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (15 MINUTES)

MINUTES: December 3 and 10, 2018

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of December 3 and December 10, 2018; seconded by Karen Kleine. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of December 10, 2018. The Board also deferred by consensus approval of the minutes of December 3, 2018 in order to incorporate a requested edit.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Update on Board Requests for Additional Information Concerning the Plan for District Facility Utilization PreK-12 Commencing with the 2019-20 Academic Year

Mark Mathias moved to continue with the next agenda item as it was after 10:30 p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Possible Vote on the Plan for District Facilities Utilization PreK-12 Commencing with the FY 2019 - FY 2020 Academic Year

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts a short-term plan for K-6 elementary school programming whereby 6th grade students will be housed in the elementary schools, with a team model, beginning with the FY 2019 - FY 2020 school year, subject to the development of an academic schedule with an emphasis on maintaining the current academic program to the extent practicable, and consistent with academic best practices.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney

SECOND: Neil Phillips

Motion to amend the motion to approve the 6-8 at BMS option:

Vik Muktavram moved to replace the words “K-6 elementary school programming whereby 6th grade students will be housed in the elementary schools, with a team model, beginning with” with “middle school programming to have grades 6 through 8 at Bedford Middle School for”, and to remove the phrase “upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools” and all language after “the FY 2019 - FY 2020 school year”, resulting in the following proposed amended motion:

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education adopts a short-term plan for middle school programming to have grades 6 through 8 at Bedford Middle School for the FY 2019 - FY 2020 school year.

MOTION: Vik Muktavaram

SECOND: Karen Kleine

RESULT: Failed

VOTE: 2-5 (Karen Kleine and Vik Muktavaram in favor; Mark Mathias, Jeannie Smith, Elaine Whitney, Candice Savin and Neil Phillips opposed)

Return to vote on original motion to approve the K-6 option with conditions:

RESULT: Passed

VOTE: 5-2 (Mark Mathias, Jeannie Smith, Elaine Whitney, Candice Savin and Neil Phillips in favor; Karen Kleine and Vik Muktavaram opposed)

At 12:01 a.m., Mark Mathias moved to move up and continue with the Proposed Course Additions, Deletions, Modifications discussion agenda item before concluding the Possible Vote on the Plan for District Facilities Utilization PreK-12 Commencing with the FY 2019 - FY 2020 Academic Year discussion/action item, as it was after 10:30 p.m., and to accommodate a staff member scheduled to present to the Board; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Proposed Course Additions, Deletions, Modifications

- Algorithmic Design
- Mobile App Development

Continuation of the Possible Vote on the Plan for District Facilities Utilization PreK-12 Commencing with the FY 2019 - FY 2020 Academic Year discussion/action item

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Continuation: Possible Vote on the Plan for District Facilities Utilization PreK-12 Commencing with the FY 2019 - FY 2020 Academic Year

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education will develop a long-term vision and plan for future educational programming and facilities in the Westport Public Schools, said plan to be completed by September 2019.

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

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education establishes the CMS Building Task Force, an ad hoc committee of the Board of Education for the FY 2018 - FY 2019 school year, to explore options for bringing the Coleytown Middle School building back on line for use for educational programming, and to make recommendations to the Board of Education about such options.

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

At 12:27 a.m., Mark Mathias moved to continue with the discussion/action agenda items Master Facilities Plan RFP and Approval of FY 2020 Budget Preparation Calendar, as it was after 10:30 p.m.; seconded by Karen Kleine and passed unanimously.

Master Facilities Plan RFP

Be it Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent or her designee to publish RFP 19-006: Master Facilities Plan Consultant, as presented to the Board of Education and as modified at its meeting of December 17, 2018.

MOTION: Candice Savin
SECOND: Karen Kleine
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

Approval of FY 2020 Budget Preparation Calendar

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2019-2020 Budget Preparation Calendar presented at the meeting of December 17, 2018.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

Possible Vote on Portables

Deferred to a future meeting

DISCUSSION

Westport NextGenEd Vision

Deferred to a future meeting

UPDATES

November Health and Medical Report

Deferred to a future meeting

Finance and Facilities Committee

Deferred to a future meeting

Teaching and Learning Committee

Deferred to a future meeting

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Mathias moved to adjourn at 12:44 a..m. on December 18, 2018; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

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