

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

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: 7:37 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)

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.

DISCUSSION

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

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

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.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Middle Schools Update

- Portables
- Rental Opportunities
- Parent Feedback Sessions

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education will not close any elementary school as part of its facilities usage plan for the FY 2019 - FY 2020 school year, whether to use said elementary school building to house either Coleytown Middle School students or the 6th grade, or otherwise.

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)

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