

**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, Teaching & 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:** 7:35 p.m., Town Hall Auditorium

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION**

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

**MINUTES:** January 22, 25, and 28, 2019

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of January 22, 25 and 28, 2019; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION**

Presentation of Recommendations of the CMS Building Task Force

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

1. Plan for District Facilities Utilization PreK-12 Commencing with the FY 2019 - FY 2020 School Year:
  - Update on Planning for Implementation of K-6 Model
  - Consideration of CMS Building Task Force Recommendations and Other Recent Information
  - Possible Affirmation of or Modification to Facilities Utilization Plan
  - Possible Modification to Portable Classrooms Appropriation and Grant Request
  - Other Related Items

**Be It Resolved, That the Board of Education revises its interim facilities utilization plan for Pre-K-12 educational programming for the FY 2019 to FY 2020 school year in light of the closure of Coleytown Middle School, and as approved at the December 17, 2019 meeting, to an interim plan to house students in grades 6 through 8 at Bedford Middle School, with portables and a 9-period schedule, as discussed at the meeting of February 4, 2019.**

**MOTION:** Elaine Whitney  
**SECOND:** Vik Muktavaram  
**RESULT:** Failed  
**VOTE:** 2-4-1 (Elaine Whitney and Vik Muktavaram in favor; Mark Mathias, Jeannie Smith, Candice Savin and Neil Phillips opposed; Karen Kleine abstained)

**Karen Kleine moved to keep the interim facilities utilization plan for the FY 2019 to FY 2020 school year the same as currently in place for the FY 2018 to FY 2019 school year; seconded by Vik Muktavaram. Vik Muktavaram moved to amend the motion to add portables; seconded by Karen Kleine.**

Each of these motions was withdrawn prior to a vote.

**Be It Resolved, That the Board of Education revises its interim facilities utilization plan for Pre-K-12 educational programming for the FY 2019 to FY 2020 school year in light of the closure of Coleytown Middle School, and as approved at the December 17, 2019 meeting, to an interim plan to house students in grades 6 through 8 at Bedford Middle School, with portables and a 9-period schedule, and with use of space at Staples High School, as discussed at the meeting of February 4, 2019.**

**MOTION:** Vik Muktavaram  
**SECOND:** Karen Kleine  
**RESULT:** Failed  
**VOTE:** 3-4 (Elaine Whitney, Karen Kleine and Vik Muktavaram in favor; Mark Mathias, Jeannie Smith, Candice Savin and Neil Phillips opposed)

**Be It Resolved, That the Board of Education requests that the Representative Town Meeting authorize the Board of Education to apply to the State of Connecticut Commissioner of Administrative Services for one or more school construction grants under Connecticut General Statutes section 10-283, to defray the cost of purchasing or renting portable classrooms to be used at (a) Coleytown Elementary School, (b) Kings Highway Elementary School, (c) Long Lots Elementary School, (d) Saugatuck Elementary School, (e) Greens Farms Elementary School, and/or (f) Bedford Middle School (the "School Construction Grants"); and**

**Be It Further Resolved, That the Board of Education requests that the Representative Town Meeting adopt all resolutions necessary and appropriate for the Board of Education to apply for the School Construction Grants, including without limitation a resolution establishing a building committee.**

**MOTION:** Mark Mathias  
**SECOND:** Jeannie Smith  
**RESULT:** Passed  
**VOTE:** 6-1 (Karen Kleine opposed)

2. FY 2020 Proposed Budget of the Superintendent of Schools  
No action was taken.
3. Approval of Education Specifications for Modular Classrooms  
Deferred by consensus to a future meeting.

## **PRESENTATION**

School Construction Grant Application Process  
Deferred by consensus to a future meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Elaine Whitney moved to adjourn at 11:29 p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

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