

**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

*Arrived at 7:33 p.m.

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

Mark Mathias moved to changed the agenda to: a) move the FY 2020 Education Budget Agenda item to after the Educational Planning for 2019-20 agenda item; and b) defer the following agenda items to a future meeting: approval of minutes, Presentation of Recommendations of the CMS Building Task Force (due to unavailability of the members of the Task Force) and Proposed Graduation Requirements Commencing with the Class of 2023; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

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

MINUTES: January 22, 2019

This agenda item was deferred by vote of the Board.

DISCUSSION

Presentation of Recommendations of the CMS Building Task Force

This agenda item was deferred by vote of the Board due to unavailability of the members of the Task Force.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Educational Planning for 2019-2020:

- CMS Building Update
- Peer Review Report
- Scheduling Update
- Portable Classrooms Update
- Other Related Items

Public comment concluded at 12:09 a.m.

Be It Resolved, That the Board of Education requests and authorizes the Town of Westport to establish a CMS Building Committee, subject to building and educational specifications to be provided by the Board of Education.

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

Be It Resolved, That the Board of Education recommends that the Board of Finance recommend that the Representative Town Meeting (the “RTM”) authorize an appropriation, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000, for the purchase or rental of portable classrooms to be used at: a) Coleytown Elementary School, b) Kings Highway Elementary School, c) Long Lots Elementary School, d) Saugatuck Elementary School, and e) Greens Farms Elementary School; and that the Town finance said appropriation by issuing its bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.

Be It Further Resolved, That the Board of Education anticipates applying for a grant from the State of Connecticut Commissioner of Administrative Services 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, and e) Greens Farms Elementary School.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Jeannie Smith

Motion to amend: Vik Muktavaram moved to amend the motion to add “and/or f) Bedford Middle School” after “e) Greens Farms Elementary School” in both portions of the motion; seconded by Candice Savin and passed unanimously.

Vote on motion as amended:

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RESULT: Passed
VOTE: 6-1 (Karen Kleine opposed)

FY 2020 Education Budget

This agenda item was deferred by vote of the Board to adjourn prior to taking up this item.

Proposed Graduation Requirements Commencing with Class of 2023

This agenda item was deferred by vote of the Board.

Proposed Change of Date of Professional Development Day for 2019-2020 School Year

This agenda item was deferred by vote of the Board to adjourn prior to taking up this item.

Modification to 2018-2019 School Year Calendar

This agenda item was deferred by vote of the Board to adjourn prior to taking up this item.

UPDATES

Finance and Facilities Committee

This agenda item was deferred by vote of the Board to adjourn prior to taking up this item.

Teaching and Learning Committee

This agenda item was deferred by vote of the Board to adjourn prior to taking up this item.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Mathias moved to adjourn at 12:29 a.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

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