

**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 8:15 p.m.

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:35 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

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

MINUTES: January 2, 2019

Deferred by consensus to later in the meeting.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Presentation of Portable Classroom Acquisition Process and Associated State Funding Pathway for the Five Elementary Schools by Project Manager Paul Drummey and Anticipated Board Vote to Authorize Administration to Proceed with Acquisition Process

No action was taken.

Update by and Confirmation of CMS Task Force Members

Be It Resolved, That the Board of Education appoints Jay Keenan, Vanessa Valadares, Joseph Renzulli, Russell Blair, and Lois Roberts from the Selectman’s Maintenance Study Committee and Ward French and Sri Puttagunta as at-large members to the CMS Building Task Force.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Jeannie Smith

RESULT: Passed Unanimously

VOTE: 7-0

Be It Resolved, That the Board of Education commissions the CMS Building Task Force to evaluate and describe the costs and efficacy of safely reopening Coleytown Middle School as an educational facility in whole or in part by the start of the 2019 - 2020 school year, and to report back to the Board of Education no later than the end of January 2019.

MOTION: Mark Mathias

SECOND: Candice Savin

RESULT: Passed Unanimously

VOTE: 7-0

DISCUSSION

Insurance Presentation

FY 2020 Preliminary Budget Discussions with Board of Finance, RTM Education, and Finance Committee Chairs

The following elected officials joined the Board of Education at the table for this discussion: Jim Marpe, First Selectman; Board of Finance members Brian Stern, Michael Rea, Lee Caney, Sheri Gordon, Andrea Moore, and Nancy Dupier; and Lauren Karpf, Chair of the Education Committee of the Representative Town Meeting.

Discussion of Educational Strategy and Associated Work Through April 2019 (NextGenEd)

At 10:48 p.m., Elaine Whitney moved to continue with the minutes agenda item, as it was after 10:30 p.m.; seconded by Candice Savin and passed unanimously.

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of January 2, 2019; seconded by Mark Mathias and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Mathias moved to adjourn at 10:49 p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

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