

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

David Abbey Interim Superintendent
Anthony Buono Asst. Superintendent, 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: 6:36 p.m., Staples High School, Room 1025C

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Memorandum Regarding Review of Staff Concerns During Leadership Transition
2. Non-Union Personnel Compensation 2019-2020

Mark Mathias moved to go into executive session at 6:36 p.m. for Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Memorandum Regarding Review of Staff Concerns During Leadership Transition and Non-Union Personnel Compensation 2019-2020; seconded by Karen Kleine and passed unanimously. All Board members participated; Elaine Whitney participated by phone until 7:04 p.m. and in person thereafter; Vik Muktavaram arrived at 6:55 p.m. The following individuals joined in the executive session at the invitation of the Board: David Abbey; Jessica Richman Smith of Shipman & Goodwin (until 7:14 p.m.); Elio Longo (7:15 p.m. - 7:29 p.m.); and John Bayers (7:15 p.m. - 7:29 p.m.).

The executive session adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:45 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: April 22 and May 6, 2019

Deferred by consensus to a future meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Bedford Middle School Update

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Acceptance of Gifts

Be it resolved, that the Westport Board of Education accepts with gratitude and appreciation the donation of \$7,000 by the Coleytown Elementary School PTA for the purchase of a gaga ball pit and balls for Coleytown Elementary School.

Be it further resolved, that the Westport Board of Education accepts with gratitude and appreciation the donation of \$3,000 by an anonymous donor to support the Staples High School We the People team's attendance at the National Finals in Washington, D.C. this past April.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Vik Muktavaram
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

Elementary Math Textbook Approval

Be it resolved, that the Westport Board of Education approves the use of the new elementary math textbook, *Think Mathematics!*, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

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

Educational Specifications for Portables

Be it resolved, that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Westport Board of Education approves the educational specifications for the Bedford Middle School modular classrooms, as discussed at the meeting of May 20, 2019.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Karen Kleine
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

Budget Reconciliation 2019-20

Be it resolved, that the Westport Board of Education adopts a final operating budget for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$118,250,464, said amount representing a 1.79% increase from the 2018-2019 operating budget, allocated as discussed at the meeting of May 20, 2019, and as appropriated by the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Westport on May 7, 2019.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Elaine Whitney
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

Bedford Renovation Proposal

Be it resolved, that the Westport Board of Education awards RFP #19-022-BOE Bedford Middle School – Interior Alterations and Additions to respondent A.V. Tuchy, Inc., for the RFP scope of services in the combined base bid and Alternate #1 amount of \$326,950, subject to the respective approvals of both the Board of Finance and Representative Town Meeting for the award of said RFP to A.V. Tuchy, Inc., and subject to full funding of the total award amount by the the Town of Westport.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Neil Phillips
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

Master Facilities Plan

Be it resolved, that the Westport Board of Education withdraws its request of the Board of Finance to authorize the expenditure of \$79,500 from the Board of Education Carryover Account for the purpose of supplementing the cost of awarding RFP #19-006 Master Plan Facilities Consultant to Antinozzi Associates to meet the full contact price. Notice sent to the Board of Finance of the Board of Education's intent to utilize \$200,000 of Carryover Account funds for the aforementioned award is *not* withdrawn. Be it further resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes the expenditure of \$35,200 from the Board of Education Cafeteria Account for purpose of the aforementioned project award, with the total revised amount of \$235,200, as discussed at the meeting of May 20, 2019.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Neil Phillips
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

Adopt Guiding Criteria for Redistricting

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education adopts the guiding criteria for redistricting as discussed and modified at the meeting of May 20, 2019.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Candice Savin
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

Non-Union Personnel Compensation 2019-2020

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education approves the salaries for its non-represented employees in accordance with the schedule on file in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, said salaries collectively comprising an increase of \$106,389, which represents a 2.22% increase over the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Vik Muktavaram
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

UPDATES:

Finance and Facilities Committee

Teaching and Learning Committee

BMS Modular Committee and the CMS School Building Committee

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Mathias moved to adjourn at 10:13 p.m.; seconded by Neil Phillips and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary, Board of Education
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)