

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Meeting Minutes**

**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:** 5:41 p.m., Staples High School, Room 1025C

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

1. Non-Union Personnel Compensation 2019-2020
2. Proposed Contract for Interim Superintendent
3. Agreement for Acting Superintendent

Mark Mathias moved to go into executive session at 5:41 p.m. for Discussion Non-Union Personnel Compensation 2019-2020, Proposed Contract for Interim Superintendent, and Agreement for Acting Superintendent; seconded by Vik Muktavaram and passed unanimously. All Board members were present; Elaine Whitney participated by phone until 6:02 p.m. and in person thereafter. Anthony Buono, Elio Longo, John Bayers and Jessica Richman Smith of Shipman & Goodwin joined in the executive session at the invitation of the Board.

The executive session adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

**RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:41 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION**

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**MINUTES:** April 8, 2019

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of April 8, 2019; seconded by Candice Savin and passed unanimously.

## DISCUSSION

Bedford Middle School Renovations Update and Timeline

Discussion of New Textbook Adoption for Mathematics K-5

## DISCUSSION/ACTION

Discussion of Transition in District Leadership, Including But Not Limited to:

Agreement for Acting Superintendent of Schools

**Be it resolved, that the Board of Education approves the Agreement for the Acting Superintendent of Schools, said agreement as discussed in executive session on May 6, 2019.**

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

Appointment of Interim Superintendent of Schools

**Be it resolved, that the Board of Education appoints Dr. David Abbey as Interim Superintendent of Schools, effective May 8, 2019, and continuing through June 30, 2020, or such other time as described in the Employment Contract for Interim Superintendent of Schools, and subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education in accordance with Section 10-157 of the Connecticut General Statutes.**

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

Employment Contract for Interim Superintendent of Schools

**Be it resolved, that the Board of Education approves the Employment Contract for the Interim Superintendent of Schools, said contract as discussed in executive session on May 6, 2019.**

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

Authorization of Interim Superintendent of Schools to Perform the Actions Set Forth in Board Policy #3293.1  
(Authorization of Signature)

**Be it resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes Dr. David Abbey, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to perform the actions set forth in Board Policy #3293.1 during his period of service as Interim Superintendent of Schools.**

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

#### Master Facilities Plan

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the Master Facilities Plan project; seconded by Candice Savin; motion deferred by consensus to a future meeting, pending further discussion at the next Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.

#### Adopt Guiding Criteria for Redistricting

Deferred by consensus to a future meeting.

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At 10:46 p.m., Mark Mathias moved to continue the meeting with the two Updates agenda items, as it was after 10:30 p.m.; seconded by Vik Muktavaram and passed 6-1 (Karen Kleine opposed).

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#### Non-Union Personnel Compensation 2019-2020

Deferred by consensus to a future meeting.

### UPDATES

Teaching and Learning Committee

BMS Modular Committee and the CMS School Building Committee

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mark Mathias moved to adjourn at 10:49 p.m.; seconded by Vik Muktavaram and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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