

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

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 Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning
Tina Mannarino Assistant Superintendent Pupil Personnel Services
Elio Longo Chief Financial Officer
John Bayers Director of Human Resources

PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:04 p.m., Staples High School Cafeteria, Cafeteria B

RECOGNITION/RECEPTION: 2019 Westport Teacher of the Year

The Board of Education recognized Staples High School Foreign Language Teacher Enia Noonan as Westport Teacher of the Year for 2019. The Board also recognized the following nominees for 2019 Teacher of the Year: Kelly Baker (Coleytown Middle School), Mike Latorre (Bedford Middle School), Kelly Barker (Bedford Middle School), Caitlin Massey (Kings Highway Elementary School), Madeline DeManche (Coleytown Middle School), Ann Neary (Staples High School), Camille Eskell (Staples High School), Cathy Schager (Staples High School), Lori Grindrod (Long Lots Elementary School), Jacqueline Sugrue (Long Lots Elementary School), Rebecca Hendrickson (Coleytown Middle School), Christine Theiss (Greens Farms Elementary School), Amy Howland (Saugatuck Elementary School), P.J. Washenko (Staples High School), Suzanne Kammerman (Staples High School) and Heather Wirkus (Staples High School).

BREAK FOR RECEPTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: August 27, 2018

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of August 27, 2018; seconded by Karen Kleine and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Memorandum of Understanding For School Resource Officer(s) Between the Westport Board of Education and the Westport Police Department

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the Memorandum of Understanding for School Resource Officer(s) between the Westport Board of Education and the Westport Police Department as presented and amended at the meeting of September 4, 2018, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and the Chair of the Board of Education to execute said document on behalf of the Board.

MOTION: Candice Savin
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

Coleytown Middle School Insurance Claim Proceeds

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education requests the Board of Finance to approve the deposit of the insurance claim proceeds in the amount of \$562,367.29 for mold remediation and reconstruction services at Coleytown Middle School into the Board of Education Carryover Account, the originating source for payments relating to the insurance claim.

Be It Further Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education requests the Board of Finance to approve the expenditure from the Board of Education Carryover Account of up to \$400,000 for mold remediation at Coleytown Middle School, subject to a list to be provided by the Chief Financial Officer of the Board of Education for verification of said expenditures.

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

Funding for School Resource Officers

No action was taken.

DISCUSSION

Update on Coleytown Middle School Facilities

Calendar of Board of Education Agenda Items: September 2018 – June 2019

Mark Mathias moved to make 2018-2019 Board Committees a discussion/action item; seconded by Karen Kleine and passed unanimously.

2018-19 Board Committees

Be It Resolved, That the Board of Education constitutes three ad hoc committees of the Board for the 2018-2019 school year, said committees consisting of: 1) Policy Committee, with members Karen Kleine and Mark Mathias, and chaired by Karen Kleine; 2) Teaching and Learning Committee, with members Candice Savin and Jeannie Smith, and chaired by Candice Savin; and 3) Finance and Facilities Committee, with members Elaine Whitney, Neil Phillips and Vik Muktavaram, and co-chaired by Elaine Whitney (Finance) and Neil Phillips (Facilities).

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

Superintendent's Report for the Start of the 2018-19 School Year

Health and Medical Insurance Revenue and Expenses FY17 End of Year Report

Mark Mathias moved to continue with the remaining two agenda items, as it was after 10:30 p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

First Reading of Westport Board of Education Policy 5145.42 (5145),
Policy Regarding Students and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Policy 5141.21, Administration of Medications

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Mathias moved to adjourn at 10:37 p.m.; seconded by Vik Muktavaram and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)