

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

*Participated in the executive session by phone beginning at 6:46 p.m.; arrived in person at 7:47 p.m.

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER: 6:34 p.m., Staples High School

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Matters Pertaining to Security and Discussion Concerning Confidential Attorney-Client Communications

Mark Mathias moved to go into executive session for Matters Pertaining to Security and Discussion Concerning Confidential Attorney-Client Communications; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously. All Board members were present for the executive session; Elaine Whitney participated by phone beginning at 6:46 p.m. At the invitation of the Board, Dr. Colleen Palmer, Dr. Anthony Buono, Ms. Tina Mannarino, Mr. John Bayers and Mr. Elio Longo were also present. Attorney’s Thomas Mooney and Alfredo Fernandez of Shipman and Goodwin arrived at 6:39 The executive session adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:41 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

Mark Mathias moved to move forward the Teaching and Learning Committee update and the CMS update to immediately after the NESDEC presentation, and to add a third item under discussion/action to add additional members to the Community Advisory Committee; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: November 5 and 15, 2018

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of November 5 and 15, 2018 seconded by Mark Mathias and passed unanimously (Candice Savin abstaining on the minutes of November 15, 2018).

PRESENTATION

NESDEC Ten-Year Enrollment Projections

DISCUSSION

Teaching and Learning Committee

CMS Update

Options for Facility Utilization for 2019-20 to Support PreK-12 Educational Program

Mark Mathias moved to continue with the Community Advisory Committee agenda item as it was after 10:30 p.m.; seconded by Karen Kleine and passed unanimously.

Mark Mathias moved to continue with the Quarterly Financial Report agenda item as it was after 10:30 p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Discussion and Possible Approval of the District Wide Facilities Assessment

Deferred to a future meeting

Approval of FY 2020 Budget Preparation Calendar

Deferred to a future meeting

Appointment of Additional Members to the Community Advisory Committee

Be It Resolved, That the Board of Education appoints the following additional members of the ad hoc Community Advisory Committee for the 2018 - 2019 school year: Sue Calger, At-Large Community Member with Children in the Westport Public Schools; Sue Rubin, At-Large Community Member with Children in the Westport Public Schools; Rosie Curtis, Special Education Community Representative; Kerryn Griffin, Pre-School Community Representative; and Kevin Cazzetta, Administrator.

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

UPDATES

Quarterly Financial Report: July 1, 2018 – September 30, 2018

Finance and Facilities Committee

Deferred to a future meeting

Policy Committee

Deferred to a future meeting

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Mathias moved to adjourn at 11:31 p.m.; seconded by Vik Muktavaram and passed unanimously.

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