

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Mark Mathias Chair
Jeannie Smith Vice Chair
Elaine Whitney Secretary
Karen Kleine
Vik Muktavaram
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

Absent:

Candice Savin

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER: 6:06 p.m., Staples High School, Conference Room 333

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Formative Evaluation of the Superintendent

Mark Mathias moved to go into executive session for formative evaluation of the superintendent; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously. All Board members were present for the executive session except Candice Savin; Elaine Whitney participated by phone from 6:46 p.m. until 7:25 p.m. and in person thereafter. Dr. Colleen Palmer and Dr. Anthony Buono joined the executive session at the invitation of the Board. The executive session adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:37 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: September 30, 2018 and October 15, 2018

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of September 30 and October 15, 2018; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Karen Kleine moved to move up the update item CMS Update in Relocated Spaces to immediately following the KG&D Architects, PC, Comprehensive Review of Coleytown Facilities; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Elaine Whitney moved to make the update item CMS Update in Relocated Spaces a discussion/action item; seconded by Karen Kleine and passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

KG&D Architects, PC, Comprehensive Review of Coleytown Facilities

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

CMS Update in Relocated Spaces

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education deauthorizes the temporary field covers at Bedford Middle School for the FY 2018 - FY 2019 school year.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Vik Muktavaram
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0 (Candice Savin absent)

Be It Resolved, That the Board of Education establishes the Townwide Advisory Committee as an ad hoc Committee of the Board of Education, said committee to be advisory, to make recommendations to the Board of Education regarding the use of school facilities, and to sunset on June 30, 2019.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0 (Candice Savin absent)

Approval of FY 2020 Budget Preparation Calendar

Deferred to a future meeting.

Mark Mathias moved to continue with the discussion/action item on policies and regulations as it was after 10:30 p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Second Reading of the Following Revised Westport Board of Education policies and regulations:

- Policy 5142.4, School Resource Officers (New Policy),
- Policy 5144, Physical Restraint and Seclusion of Students and Use of Exclusionary Time Out (New Policy),
- Regulation 5144, Administrative Regulations Concerning Physical Restraint and Seclusion of Students and Use of Exclusionary Time Out (New Regulation),
- Policy 1250, Policy Regarding Visitors and Observations in Schools and Schools and School Facilities (Revised),

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves:

- the creation of Policy 5142.4, School Resource Officers, with the deletion of citations CF 5114 through CF 5145.121;
- the creation of Policy 5144, Physical Restraint and Seclusion of Students and Use of Exclusionary Time Out;
- the creation of Regulation 5144, Administrative Regulations Concerning Physical Restraint and Seclusion of Students and Use of Exclusionary Time Out, with the deletion of the phrase “or other responsible administrator”; and
- the amendment of Policy 1250, Policy Regarding Visitors and Observations in Schools and Schools and School Facilities, with the addition of the wording “and/or school facility”.

MOTION: Karen Kleine
SECOND: Vik Muktavaram
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0 (Candice Savin absent)

UPDATES

The following items were deferred to a future meeting:

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

Finance and Facilities Committee

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Mathias moved to adjourn at 11:39 p.m.; seconded by Vik Muktavaram and passed unanimously.

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