

**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

**PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER:** 7:03 p.m., Staples High School, Conference Room 333

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Discussion of Possible Ratification of the Tentative Agreement with the Westport Education Association

Mark Mathias to go into executive session for Discussion of Possible Ratification of the Tentative Agreement with the Westport Education Association; seconded by Candice Savin and passed unanimously. All Board members were present for the executive session; Elaine Whitney arrived at 7:05 p.m. At the invitation of the Board, Dr. Colleen Palmer, Mr. John Bayers, Dr. Anthony Buono, and Mr. Elio Longo were also present. The executive session adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

**RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:45 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION**

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

**MINUTES:** October 1, 2018

Mark Mathias moved to approve the minutes of October 1, 2018; seconded by Elaine Whitney and passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

Acceptance of Gifts

**Be it Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with gratitude and appreciation a donation of \$7,664 by the SES PTA for the purchase of a basketball hoop and gaga pit to be added to the Saugatuck Elementary School playground.**

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

Approval of Tentative Agreement between the Westport Board of Education and the Westport Education Association

**Be it Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the tentative agreement dated October 3, 2018 between the Westport Board of Education and the Westport Education Association, a copy of which will be appended to the minutes of the Board of Education meeting of October 15, 2018.**

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

2019-2020 Board of Education Meeting Calendar

**Be it Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a calendar of scheduled public meetings for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, as amended at the meeting of October 15, 2018.**

**MOTION:** Karen Kleine  
**SECOND:** Vik Muktavaram  
**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 6-0 (Candice Savin was not present in the room at the time of the vote)

Update on CMS Facilities and Continuation of CMS Students and Staff at BMS and SHS Throughout the End of the 2018-19 School Year

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the continuation of CMS operations at BMS and SHS for the remainder of the 2018 - 2019 school year, whereby 6th and 7th grade CMS students will continue to receive instruction at BMS, and 8th grade CMS students will continue to receive instruction at SHS, as initiated on September 24, 2018.**

**MOTION:** Elaine Whitney  
**SECOND:** Vik Muktavaram  
**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 7-0

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education requests approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals for six (6) portable classrooms on the grounds of Bedford Middle School for the purpose of accommodating the educational programming needs of the increased student population at BMS due to the relocation of CMS 6th and 7th grade operations to BMS.**

**MOTION:** Elaine Whitney  
**SECOND:** Neil Phillips

**Karen Kleine moved to amend the motion to add the words “the Planning and Zoning Commission and” after the words “approval from” and before the words “the Zoning Board of Appeals”; seconded by Neil Phillips and passed unanimously.**

Vote on motion as amended:

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education requests approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals for six (6) portable classrooms on the grounds of Bedford Middle School for the purpose of accommodating the educational programming needs of the increased student population at BMS due to the relocation of CMS 6th and 7th grade operations to BMS.**

**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 7-0

**Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education requests approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals for the installation of a temporary flexible cover for the purpose of accommodating**

**the educational programming needs of the increased student population at BMS due to the relocation of CMS 6th and 7th grade operations to BMS.**

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

Coleytown Middle School - Special Appropriation Request Board of Finance

**Be it Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education requests that the Board of Finance approve a special appropriation to the Board of Education in the amount of \$284,568 for mold remediation, reconstruction and other related professional services 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:** Mark Mathias  
**SECOND:** Vik Muktavaram  
**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously  
**VOTE:** 7-0

## **DISCUSSION**

First 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)

## **UPDATES**

September Health and Medical Report

Policy Committee

Finance and Facilities Committee

**ADJOURNMENT:** Candice Savin moved to adjourn at 10:22 p.m.; seconded by Vik Muktavaram and passed unanimously.

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