

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 moved 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 (6-0). 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)

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)

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