

Meeting: August 27, 2018

Staples High School Cafeteria

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 of Pupil Personnel Services
Elio Longo Chief Financial Officer
John Bayers Director of Human Resources

PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:33 p.m., Staples High School Cafeteria

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. Colleen Palmer presided until the election of the Chair, who presided for the remainder of the meeting.

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education elects Mark Mathias to serve as Chair of the Westport Board of Education, said election effective until the next annual Board of Education election of officers.

MOTION: Jeannie Smith
SECOND: Elaine Whitney
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0-1 (Mark Mathias abstaining)

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education elects Jeannie Smith to serve as Vice Chair of the Westport Board of Education, said election effective until the next annual Board of Education election of officers.

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

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education elects Elaine Whitney to serve as Secretary of the Westport Board of Education, said election effective until the next annual Board of Education election of officers.

MOTION: Candice Savin
SECOND: Vik Muktavaram
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0-1 (Elaine Whitney abstaining)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

Neil P. Phillips was welcomed as a new Member of the Board of Education.

Dr. Anthony Buono, Assistant Superintendent, and Dr. Tina Mannarino, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services, were welcomed as new members of the Central Office team.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

MINUTES: June 11 and 18, 2018; July 9 and 23, 2018; and August 6 and 7, 2018

Mark Mathias moved to approve the minutes of June 11 and 18, 2018; July 9 and 23, 2018; and August 6 and 7, 2018; seconded by Elaine Whitney and approved unanimously (6-0-1, with Neil Phillips abstaining).

PRESENTATION

Sandy Hook Promise

UPDATES

Coleytown Middle School Facility Update

Summer Maintenance Projects Completed

Coleytown Middle School Insurance Proceeds/Mold Remediation

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 the donation of \$4,967 by the KHS PTA for the purchase, delivery, and installation of a 10' wooden gazebo on the playground at Kings Highway Elementary School.

Motion: Jeannie Smith
Second: Karen Kleine
Result: Passed Unanimously
Vote: 7-0

Teacher Evaluation Plan Approval

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the amended language in Westport's Professional Development and Evaluation Plan for teachers for the 2018-2019 school year, contingent upon review and approval by the Connecticut State Department of Education.

Motion: Elaine Whitney
Second: Karen Kleine
Result: Passed Unanimously
Vote: 6-0-1 (Neil Phillips abstaining)

2017-18 End-of-Year Financial Report

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2017-2018 End-of-Year Financial Report as presented.

Be It Further Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following transfers within the 2017-2018 Operating Budget: \$622,107 from 100s: Salaries, \$378,849 from 400s: Purchased Property Services; and \$132,935 from 600s: Supplies and Materials, totaling \$1,133,891; \$622,107 to 200s: Employee Benefits, \$24,412 to 300s: Purchased Services, \$354,437 to 500s: Other Purchased Services, and \$132,935 to 700s: Equipment, totaling \$1,133,891.

Motion: Mark Mathias
Second: Jeannie Smith
Result: Passed Unanimously
Vote: 6-0-1 (Neil Phillips abstaining)

DISCUSSION/ POSSIBLE ACTION

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

No action was taken.

School Resource Officer Pilot Funding Through the Board of Education Operating Budget

Be It Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education requests that the First Selectman or his designee submits a request to the Board of Finance for a special appropriation of \$185,000 to the Police Department overtime account to fund two (2) School Resource Officers, to be placed on the agenda of the next Board of Finance meeting.

Motion: Candice Savin
Second: Karen Kleine
Result: Passed
Vote: 6-1 (Vik Muktavaram opposed)

DISCUSSION

All Discussion items below were deferred to a future meeting, as no action was taken to continue with the agenda after 10:30 p.m.

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

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

2018-19 Board Committees

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

Committee Reports

Committee Reports were deferred to a future meeting, as no action was taken to continue with the agenda after 10:30 p.m.

Policy Committee

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Mathias moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:16 a.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary
(Minutes written by Jennifer Caputo)