

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Members Present:

Mark Mathias Chair
Jeannie Smith Vice Chair
Elaine Whitney* Secretary
Karen Kleine
Vik Muktavaram
Candice Savin
Neil Phillips

Administrators Present:

David Abbey Interim Superintendent
Anthony Buono Asst. Superintendent, Teaching and Learning
Tina Mannarino Asst. Superintendent, Pupil Personnel Services
Elio Longo Chief Financial Officer
John Bayers Director of Human Resources

*Arrived at 7:41 p.m.

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER: 6:12 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion of Possible Ratification of the Tentative Agreements with (1) Nurses and Health Assistants, (2) Westport School Maintenance Employees, and (3) Westport School Custodians

Mark Mathias moved to go into executive session at 6:12 p.m. for Discussion of Possible Ratification of the Tentative Agreements with (1) Nurses and Health Assistants, (2) Westport School Maintenance Employees, and (3) Westport School Custodians; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously. All Board members participated except Elaine Whitney. The following individuals joined in the executive session at the invitation of the Board: David Abbey, John Bayers, Eio Longo, and Jessica Richman Smith of Shipman & Goodwin.

The executive session adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 7:38 p.m.

Mark Mathias moved to remove the agenda item on Approval of Tentative Agreement with Westport School Custodians; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously (6-0).

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: July 15, 2019

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of July 15, 2019; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

Reopening of Coleytown Middle School – Educational Considerations

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 generous donation of \$40,000 by Joyce and Bernie Zimmerman to extend and expand the Joyce and Bernie Zimmerman Foundation Music Scholarship, which shall be awarded to one male member and one female member of the Staples High School Instrumental (Band and Orchestra) programs and to one male and one female member of the Staples High School Choral programs from the graduating classes of 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

MOTION: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

Approval of Tentative Agreement with Nurses and Health Assistants

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the tentative agreement dated July 22, 2019, between the Westport Board of Education and the Westport Registered Professional Nurses and Health Assistants, Local 1303, Chapter 153 of Council #4 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, a copy of which will be appended to the minutes of the Board of Education meeting of August 26, 2019.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

Approval of Tentative Agreement with Westport School Maintenance Employees

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the tentative agreement dated August 22, 2019, between the Westport Board of Education and the Westport School Maintenance Employees, Local 1303-225 of Connecticut Council #4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, a copy of which will be appended to the minutes of the Board of Education meeting of August 26, 2019.

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

2019-20 Board Committees

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education constitutes three ad hoc committees of the Board for the 2019-2020 school year, said committees consisting of: 1) Policy Committee, with member Mark

Mathias, and chaired by Karen Kleine; 2) Teaching and Learning Committee, with member Jeannie Smith, and chaired by Candice Savin; and 3) Finance and Facilities Committee, with member Vik Muktavaram, and co-chaired by Elaine Whitney and Neil Phillips.

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

Request of the Board of Finance and Representative Town Meeting for a Supplemental Appropriation to FY 2018-19 budget in the amount of \$211,789, for Account 210 - Health Insurance

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education requests of the Board of Finance and the Representative Town Meeting a supplemental appropriation of \$211,789 to the 2018-2019 BOE Budget to address an operating shortfall in Account 210 - Health Insurance.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Elaine Whitney
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

2018-19 End-of-Year Financial Report

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 Operating Budget: \$512,103 from 100s: Salaries, \$87,317 from 400s: Purchased Property Services, \$195,361 from 600s: Supplies and Materials, and \$31,704 from 700s: Equipment, said transfers from certain accounts totaling \$826,485; \$93,191 to 200s: Employee Benefits, \$173,336 to 300s: Purchased Services, \$559,958 to 500s: Other Purchased Services, said transfers to other accounts totaling \$826,485.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Candice Savin
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

At 10:31 p.m., Mark Mathias moved to continue with the remaining agenda items, as it was after 10:30 p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Waive the August 31 Deadline Contained within the Memorandum of Agreement, dated August 31, 2015 By and Between the Board of Education and Board of Finance Establishing the Board of Education Carryover Account

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education waives for FY 2018 - FY 2019 only the August 31 deadline contained within the

Memorandum of Agreement dated August 31, 2015, by and between the Board of Education and the Board of Finance establishing the Board of Education Carryover Account.

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

Request of the Board of Finance and Representative Town Meeting a Supplemental Appropriation in the Amount of \$131,502.29 for the Rentals and Reimbursement Budget

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education requests of the Board of Finance and the Representative Town Meeting an appropriation of \$131,502.29 to the FY 2018 - FY 2019 Budget, BOE Rentals & Reimbursements Expenditure Account.

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

DISCUSSION

Calendar of Board of Education Agenda Items: September 2019 – June 2020
Deferred by consensus to a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Mathias moved to adjourn at 10:36 p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary, Board of Education
(Minutes written by Lisa Marriott)