

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting**

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

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER: 7:32 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B

MINUTES: June 20, 2019 and July 5, 2019

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of June 20, 2019 and July 5, 2019; seconded by Karen Kleine and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Possible Vote Regarding the Use of Coleytown Middle School

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education intends to implement a 6 to 8 educational model at CMS for the FY 2020 - FY 2021 school year.

MOTION: Neil Phillips
SECOND: Jeannie Smith

Candice Savin moved to amend the motion to add an additional sentence, with additional edits agreed to by consensus, resulting in the following language:

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education intends to implement a 6 to 8 educational model at CMS for the FY 2020 - FY 2021 school year. The Board of Education further seeks to meet the Board of Education guiding criteria previously adopted on May 20, 2019, with appropriate adjustment to address possible imbalances across the district in the best educational way possible.

MOTION: Candice Savin
SECOND: Elaine Whitney

Vik Muktavaram moved to amend the amendment back to the original motion as proposed by Neil Phillips.

MOTION: Vik Muktavaram

SECOND: Neil Phillips
RESULT: Failed
VOTE: 1-5-1 (Vik Muktavaram in favor; Mark Mathias, Jeannie Smith, Elaine Whitney, Candice Savin, and Neil Phillips opposed; Karen Kleine abstaining)

Vote on original amendment as proposed by Candice Savin:

RESULT: Passed
VOTE: 5-1-1 (Mark Mathias opposed; Vik Muktavaram abstaining)

Neil Phillips moved to amend the original motion as amended to replace the phrase “for the FY 2020 - FY 2021 school year” with the phrase “upon the reopening of the school”.

MOTION: Neil Phillips
SECOND: Elaine Whitney
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

Vote on final motion as twice amended:

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education intends to implement a 6 to 8 educational model at CMS upon the reopening of the school. The Board of Education further seeks to meet the Board of Education guiding criteria previously adopted on May 20, 2019, with appropriate adjustment to address possible imbalances across the district in the best educational way possible.

RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0-1 (Vik Muktavaram abstaining)

PRESENTATION:

District Demographers: Milone & MacBroom

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Mathias moved to adjourn at 10:26 p.m.; seconded by Vik Muktavaram and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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