

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Members Present:

Candice Savin
Jeannie Smith
Elaine Whitney
Karen Kleine
Vik Muktavaram
Youn Su Chao
Lee Goldstein

Chair
Vice Chair
Secretary

Administrators Present:

David Abbey
Anthony Buono
Elio Longo
John Bayers

Interim Superintendent
Asst. Superintendent, Teaching and Learning
Chief Financial Officer
Director of Human Resources

Administrators Absent:
Tina Mannarino

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:34 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

It was announced that Karen Kleine was re-elected as Area 6 Co-Director of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) by the CABE membership.

The agenda item on Public Questions/Comments on Non-Agenda Items was moved by consensus to follow the election of officers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education elects Candice Savin to serve as Chair of the Westport Board of Education, said election effective until the next annual Board of Education election of officers.

MOTION: Lee Goldstein
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0-1 (Vik Muktavaram 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: Elaine Whitney
SECOND: Karen Kleine
RESULT: Passed
VOTE: 6-1 (Vik Muktavaram opposed)

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: Karen Kleine
SECOND: Youn Su Chao
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0-1 (Elaine Whitney abstaining)

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

DISCUSSION/ACTION

2019-20 Board Committees

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education revises the membership of its three ad hoc committees for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year as follows: 1) Policy Committee, with member Youn Su Chao, and chaired by Karen Kleine; 2) Teaching and Learning Committee, co-chaired by Jeannie Smith and Youn Su Chao; and 3) Finance and Facilities Committee, with members Vik Muktavaram and Lee Goldstein, and chaired by Elaine Whitney.

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

MINUTES: November 11, 2019

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of November 11, 2019; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously (4-0-3, with Candice Savin, Youn Su Chao, and Lee Goldstein abstaining).

PRESENTATION

Rebalancing/Split Feeder: Milone and MacBroom

DISCUSSION

Preliminary Strategies for Addressing the Master Plan Facilities Study for the Westport Public Schools

Master Plan Facilities Study for the Westport Public Schools Release to the Public

Redistricting Questions

Update on Policy Committee and First Reading of the Following Policies:

- 5141.4, Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse, Neglect, or Sexual Assault (revised, renumbered)
- 5113.2, Attendance, Truancy, and Chronic Absenteeism (revised, renumbered)
- 3542.43, Food Service Charging Policy (new)

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Authorization of the Superintendent to Seek Approval from the RTM to Apply for Reimbursement for the Coleytown Middle School Building Project.

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent and/or the Chair of the Board of Education to seek approval from the Representative Town Meeting (RTM) to apply for reimbursement for the Coleytown Middle School building project.

MOTION: Youn Su Chao
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

Virtual Net Metering – Solar Power Services Agreement

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education elects to proceed with Virtual Net Metering at a fixed credit price.

Be it further resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent or his designee, which may include the Town of Westport, to execute a one megawatt (1MW) and a two megawatt (2MW) Virtual Net Metering Service Agreement with Eversource.

Be it further resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent or his designee, which may include the Town of Westport, to enter into negotiations to finalize contracts for a one megawatt (1MW) and a two megawatt (2MW) Solar Power Services Agreement for Virtual Net Metering with Allco Renewable Energy, Limited, or an affiliated entity, subject to final contract approval by the Board of Education.

MOTION: Candice Savin
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0-1 (Karen Kleine abstaining)

At 10:47 p.m., Candice Savin moved to continue the meeting with the remaining agenda item as it was past 10:30 p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Second Reading of the Following Policies and Regulations:

- 0200, Statement of Educational Goals and Student Objectives (new)
- 3541.5, Reporting of Transportation Safety Complaints (new)
- 6115, School Ceremonies and Observances (new)
- 3515, Use of School Facilities (revised)
- 5141.3, Health Assessments and Immunizations (revised)

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves:

- the creation of Policy 0200, Statement of Educational Goals and Student Objectives,
- the creation of Policy 3541.5, Reporting of Transportation Safety Complaints,
- the creation of Policy 6115, School Ceremonies and Observances,
- the amendment of Policy and Regulation 3515, Use of School Facilities, and
- the amendment of Policy 5141.3, Health Assessments and Immunizations, with the deletion of 5141.3 and 5141 from the citations.

MOTION: Karen Kleine

SECOND: Candice Savin
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

ADJOURNMENT: Candice Savin moved to adjourn at 10:49 p.m.; seconded by Vik Muktavaram and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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