

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATIONp

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 SESSION: 6:36 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301)

DISCUSSION

Grievance Hearing Concerning Individual Grievance of Non-Certified Staff Member

ADJOURNMENT TO NON-MEETING FOR PURPOSES OF DELIBERATION REGARDING GRIEVANCE

7:16 Vik Muktavaram moved to recess into a non-meeting for the purposes of deliberation regarding grievance; seconded by Karen Kleine and passed unanimously.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:59 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301)

Motion Pertaining to Grievance Decision

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education denies the grievance filed by Ms. Karen Romano and the Association on or around April 25, 2019. The Board of Education directs Mark Mathias to confirm the Board’s decision to Ms. Romano and to the Association, in writing and consistent with the Board’s deliberations concerning this matter, on or before Saturday, October 12, 2019.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: September 16 and 23, 2019 and October 2, 2019

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of September 16 and 23 (evening special meeting), 2019 and seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously. The minutes of September 23 (daytime special meeting) and October 2, 2019 were deferred by consensus.

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 grant of \$2,000 awarded to Ann Neary by the Voya Financial Unsung Heroes program for her proposal “Being Heard: Intergenerational Writing” that partners Pathways Academy with the Westport Center for Senior Activities.

Be it further resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with gratitude and appreciation the donation of funds by the KHS PTA for the purchase of a slide for the Kings Highway Elementary School playground, said funds not to exceed \$12,000.

Be it further resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts with gratitude and appreciation the donation of \$8,000 by the GFS PTA for the purchase of a covered slide for the Greens Farms Elementary School playground.

MOTION: Jeannie Smith
SECOND: Neil Phillips
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0 (Candice Savin not present during the vote)

Facilities Report: Antinozzi Associates
No action was taken.

Further Discussion of School Rebalancing
No action was taken.

At 10:53 p.m., Mark Mathias moved to continue with the following agenda items: 1. Second Reading of Westport Board of Education Bylaws; and 2. Update on Policy Committee and Discussion of Certain Policies and Regulations, as it was after 10:30 p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Second Reading of Westport Board of Education Bylaws

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

- **the amendment of Bylaw 9010 Duties of the Board,**
- **the amendment of Bylaw 9012 Role of Board and Board Members,**

- the amendment of Bylaw 9121, 9122, 9123 Duties of Officers and renumbering of said bylaw to 9121,
- the amendment of Bylaw 9130 Committees,
- the amendment of Bylaw 9210 Terms of the Office and renumbering of said bylaw to 9110,
- the creation of Bylaw 9214 Oath of Office,
- the amendment of Bylaw 9221 Filling Vacancies,
- the creation of Bylaw 9222 Removal of Officers,
- the creation of Bylaw 9250 Reimbursement of Board Member Expenses,
- the amendment of Bylaw 9270 Conflict of Interest,
- the deletion of Bylaw 9300 Transaction of Business/Methods of Operation,
- the amendment of Bylaw 9311 Formulation, Adoption, Amendment, or Deletion of Policies,
- the creation of Bylaw 9312 Formulation, Adoption, Amendment, or Deletion of Bylaws,
- the creation of Bylaw 9313 Formulation, Adoption, Amendment, or Deletion of Regulations,
- the creation of Bylaw 9314 Suspension of Policies, Bylaws, or Administrative Regulations,
- the amendment of Bylaw 9320 Organizational Meetings,
- the amendment of Bylaw 9321 Time, Place, and Notification of Meetings,
- the creation of Bylaw 9322 Public and Executive Sessions,
- the amendment of Bylaw 9324 Agenda Preparation and Dissemination, and renumbering of said bylaw to 9323,
- the creation of Bylaw 9324 Meeting Conduct,
- the amendment of Bylaw 9325.1 Quorum and Voting Procedures,
- the deletion of Bylaw 9325.2 Order of Business,
- the deletion of Bylaw 9325.3 Meeting Conduct/Parliamentary Procedures,
- the creation of Bylaw 9326 Minutes,
- the amendment of Bylaw 9326.1 Taping/Recording Board Meetings,
- the amendment of Bylaw 9327 Electronic Mail Communications, and
- the creation of Bylaw 9400 Monitoring Products and Processes: Self Evaluation.

MOTION: Karen Kleine
SECOND: Elaine Whitney
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

DISCUSSION

Discussion of Proposed Board of Education Meeting Dates
 Deferred by consensus

Update on Policy Committee and Discussion of the Following Policies and Regulations:

- P 7551 Naming Facilities
- R 3515/1330 Regulations Governing Use of School Facilities,

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Mathias moved to adjourn at 11:11 p.m.; seconded by Neil Phillips and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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