

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Members Present:

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

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

Absent:

Neil Phillips

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Draft Report Reflecting Legal Advice Regarding Coleytown Middle School

Mark Mathias moved to go into executive session at 6:35 p.m. for Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Draft Report Reflecting Legal Advice Regarding Coleytown Middle School; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously. All Board members participated except Neil Phillips; Elaine Whitney participated by phone until 6:48 p.m. and in person thereafter. The following individuals joined in the executive session at the invitation of the Board: David Abbey, Elio Longo, John Bayers and Jessica Richman Smith of Shipman & Goodwin.

The executive session adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 7:07 p.m.

RECOGNITION/RECEPTION: 2020 Westport Teacher of the Year: Stacy Fowle

Nominees: Victoria Capozzi SHS, Lindsay Forth SES, Megan Gallant BMS, Roshawn Lawrence SES, Rebecca Marsick SHS, Brennan Morgan CMS, Ann Neary SHS, Barbara Robbins SHS, Luke Rosenberg SHS, Emily Sawyer CMS, Elizabeth Smith BMS, Holly Sulzycki SHS

Be it resolved, that the Westport Board of Education recognizes Stacy Fowle as the Westport Public Schools' 2020 Teacher of the Year, and recognizes Victoria Capozzi, Lindsay Forth, Megan Gallant, Roshawn Lawrence, Rebecca Marsick, Brennan Morgan, Ann Neary, Barbara Robbins, Luke Rosenberg, Emily Sawyer, Elizabeth Smith, and Holly Sulzycki as nominees.

MOTION: Mark Mathias
SECOND: Vik Muktavaram
RESULT: Passed Unanimously

VOTE: 6-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: August 26, 2019

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of August 26, 2019; seconded by Karen Kleine and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Superintendent's Report for the Start of the FY 2019 - FY 2020 School Year

Calendar of Board of Education Agenda Items: September 2019 – June 2020

Discussion of a Timeline for Decisions Concerning Coleytown Middle School Reopening, Including Possible Redistricting

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Mathias moved to adjourn at 9:09 p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Whitney, Secretary, Board of Education
(Minutes written by Jennifer Caputo)