

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Members Present:

Candice Savin
Karen Kleine
Elaine Whitney
Jeannie Smith
Youn Su Chao
Lee Goldstein
Liz Heyer

Administrators Present:

Thomas Scarice Superintendent of Schools
Anthony Buono Asst. Superintendent, Teaching and Learning
Michael Rizzo Asst. Superintendent, Pupil Personnel Services
Elio Longo Chief Financial Officer
John Bayers Director of Human Resources and General Admin.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 7:01 p.m., Held Remotely Via Zoom Pursuant to Executive Orders 7B and 9H

Candice Savin moved to change the Consideration of Modification to FY 2022 BOE Adopted Budget agenda item to a discussion/action item; seconded by Elaine Whitney and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: March 22 and April 2, 2021

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of March 22 and April 1, 2021; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Health Update and School Reopening Model Update

Update on Facilities Projects

Teaching and Learning Committee Update

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Consideration of Modification to FY 2022 BOE Adopted Budget

Be it resolved that, the Board of Education requests restoration in the amount of \$235,363 of the Board of Finance's reduction to the Board of Education's Proposed FY 2022 Budget.

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

Board Consideration of Legal Counsel

Be it resolved that, in accordance with Westport Board of Education Policy #3320, and upon completion of the process set forth in the document entitled, "Request for Proposals #21-002-RFP," the Board of Education hereby selects the law firm Shipman & Goodwin to represent the District in basic legal matters and litigation, generally excluding matters of special education services and that which is handled by attorneys selected by school district insurance carriers, having determined that Shipman & Goodwin is the most responsible respondent whose proposal is determined to be in the best interest of the Westport Public Schools.

Be it further resolved that the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent or designee to enter into a contract with Shipman & Goodwin on the Board's behalf consistent with the terms of the RFP, and to take any such further actions regarding such contract, including, but not limited to, renewing and/or extending the term of such contract at the conclusion of the contract term, as the Superintendent or designee may determine to be necessary and appropriate.

MOTION:	Candice Savin
SECOND:	Karen Kleine
RESULT:	Passed Unanimously
VOTE:	7-0

ADJOURNMENT: Karen Kleine moved to adjourn at 9:16 p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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