

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting**

Board Members Present:

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

Chair
Vice Chair
Secretary

Administrators Present:

Thomas Scarice
Anthony Buono
Michael Rizzo
Elio Longo
John Bayers

Superintendent of Schools
Asst. Superintendent, Teaching and Learning
Asst. Superintendent, Pupil Personnel Services
Chief Financial Officer
Director of Human Resources and General Admin.

PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 7:01 p.m., Held Remotely Via Zoom Pursuant to Executive Order 7B

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: August 13, 2020

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of August 13, 2020; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Update from the School Reopening Committee

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Discussion and Possible Vote on School Reopening and Recommendation From the Superintendent

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the implementation of the hybrid learning model to begin the 2020-2021 school year. The Board of Education recognizes that changes to this learning model may be necessary after the start of the school year based on changes regarding the spread and prevalence of COVID-19 in the community and related considerations, and that the Superintendent of Schools has the authority to make such changes as the circumstances may warrant.

MOTION: Candice Savin
SECOND: Karen Kleine

RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

Discussion and Possible Vote on Changes to the FY 2020-2021 School Calendar

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves revisions to the FY 2020-2021 School Calendar as presented at the August 17 Board of Education meeting.

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

At 10:13 p.m., the Board agreed by consensus to discuss the four following financial matters as a combined agenda item.

4Q & FY 2019-2020 End-of-Year Financial Report and Carryover Account

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the Chief Financial Officer's FY 2019-2020 End-of-Year Financial Report and approves the administrative recommendation contained within said report.

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

Carryover Account

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education requests authorization from the Board of Finance to deposit into the Board of Education Carryover Account the total amount of \$1,182,504.64, one-percent (1%) of the FY 2019-2020 appropriated budget, based on the estimates contained within the Chief Financial Officer's FY 2019-2020 End-of-Year financial report and in accordance with the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Education and the Board of Finance establishing the Carryover Account, dated August 31, 2015.

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

Request of the Board of Finance and Representative Town Meeting for a Special Appropriation in the amount of \$593,720.05, for COVID-related FY 2020-2021 year-to-date actual and anticipated expenditures.

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education requests of the Board of Finance and Representative Town Meeting a special appropriation in the amount of \$593,720.05, for COVID-related FY 2020-2021 year-to-date actual and anticipated expenditures.

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

Request of the Board of Finance and Representative Town Meeting a Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$100,351.80 for the Rentals and Reimbursement Budget

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to request a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$100,351.80 for the rentals and reimbursement budget from the Board of Finance and Representative Town Meeting.

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

At 11:12 p.m., Candice Savin moved to continue with the remaining agenda items; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

Policy 5131.1-C19 "Transportation"

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the creation of temporary Policy 5131.1-C19 "Transportation".

All temporary language and/or temporary policies will sunset effective July 1, 2021.

MOTION: Karen Kleine
SECOND: Jeannie Smith
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

DISCUSSION

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

- Policy 4118.112/4218.112, "Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace" (Revision),
- Policy 5145.5, "Policy Regarding Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment" (Revision),
- Policy 6114.82-C19 "Policy Concerning Health and Safety Protocols Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic" (New),
- Policy 4152.9-C19 "Families First Coronavirus Response Act Leave" (New),
- Policy 3520, "Green Cleaning Programs" (Revision),
- Policy 4110, 4210, "Employment Checks" (Revision),
- Policy 6141.321, "Electronic Resources/Internet Safety" (Revision),
- Policy 5131.81 "Use of Private Technology Devices" (New),
- Bylaw 9324, "Meeting Conduct" (Revision).

ADJOURNMENT: Jeannie Smith moved to adjourn at 11:18 p.m.; seconded by Karen Kleine and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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