

**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.

*Ms. Heyer joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m., after being appointed and sworn in as a member of the Board.

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: July 23, 26, 28, and 31, 2020

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of July 23, 26, 28 and 31, 2020; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Anticipated Appointment of a New Board of Education Member

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Elizabeth (Liz) Heyer as a Member of the Board of Education, to serve the remainder of the term vacated on June 29, 2020 by Vik Muktavaram, said term to expire in November 2023.

MOTION: Candice Savin
SECOND: Karen Kleine
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0

After the appointment, Ms. Heyer was sworn in as a Member of the Board by Patty Strauss, Town Clerk. Ms. Strauss was present in person with Ms. Heyer for the swearing in; together they connected to the Board of Education meeting via Zoom.

Approval of Technology Purchases

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to purchase technology equipment to outfit classrooms at Coleytown Middle School for distance learning, in an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00.

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to fund the aforementioned purchase by temporarily suspending the purchase of budget items that the Superintendent of Schools deems not required for the first three months of the FY 2020-2021 school year.

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

Grant to Chief Financial Officer of Emergency Purchasing Power and Waiver of Competitive Bidding Requirements for Personal Protective Equipment

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education grants the Superintendent of Schools and the Chief Financial Officer emergency purchasing power and waiver of competitive bidding requirements for personal protective equipment and other equipment directly related to the response of the District to the current pandemic, in quantities to be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, for the period from August 3, 2020 through September 30, 2020, said purchases not to exceed \$250,000.00.

Be it further resolved, that said expenditures are to be reported to the Board of Education at a public Board of Education meeting as soon as practicable thereafter.

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

DISCUSSION

Update from the School Reopening Committee

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

- Temporary Policies and Regulations (new),
- Policy 1250, Policy Regarding Visitors and Observations in Schools (revise existing Westport policy)
- School Volunteers, Student Interns, and Other Non-Employees (new)
- Policy 1330, Use of School Facilities (revise existing Westport policy)
- Policy 5114, Student Discipline (revise existing Westport policy) Transportation (new)

- Policy 5113.2, Student Attendance, Truancy, and Chronic Absenteeism (revise existing Westport policy)

ADJOURNMENT: Jeannie Smith moved to adjourn at 10:00 p.m.; seconded by Karen Kleine and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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