

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
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 CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 p.m., Held Remotely Via Zoom Pursuant to Executive Order 7B and 9H

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pending Litigation

Candice Savin moved at 6:02 p.m. to enter into executive session to discuss Pending Litigation; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously. All Board members participated; Liz Heyer joined the executive session at 6:03 p.m. Thomas Scarice, Michael Rizzo, John Bayers, and Marsha Moses of Bercham Moses P.C. joined the executive session at the invitation of the Board. The executive session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:05 p.m.

The election of officers of the Board of Education was moved up on the agenda by consensus of the Board.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education elects Candice Savin to serve as Chair of the Westport Board of Education, said election effective until the next annual Board of Education election of officers.

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

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education elects Karen Kleine to serve as Vice Chair of the Westport Board of Education, said election effective until the next annual Board of Education election of officers.

MOTION: Jeannie Smith
SECOND: Youn Su Chao
RESULT: Passed Unanimously

VOTE: 7-0

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education elects Elaine Whitney to serve as Secretary of the Westport Board of Education, said election effective until the next annual Board of Education election of officers.

MOTION: Lee Goldstein
SECOND: Liz Heyer
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 6-0-1 (Elaine Whitney abstaining)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: December 7 and 14, 2020

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of December 7 and 14, 2020; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Coleytown Middle School Update

Health Update

Teaching and Learning Update:

- State Required High School Course Addition: African-American, Black, Latino, and Puerto Rican Course of Studies
- Student Engagement
- Current Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Efforts

Special Education Programming

At 10:37 p.m., Candice Savin moved to continue with the remaining agenda items, as it was after 10:30 p.m.; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

FY 2021-2022 Budget Overview

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Second Reading of the Following Policies:

- 1331, "Smoke Free Environment" (Revision),
- 5141.4, "Child Sex Abuse and Assault Response Policy and Reporting" (New)

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the revision of Policy 1331, "Smoke Free Environment" and the creation of Policy 5141.4, "Child Sex Abuse and Assault Response Policy and Reporting".

MOTION: Karen Kleine

SECOND: Lee Goldstein
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

ADJOURNMENT: Jeannie Smith moved to adjourn at 10:54 p.m.; seconded by Liz Heyer and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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