

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

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
John Bayers

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

Administrators Absent:

Elio Longo, Chief Financial Officer

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:02 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301); Public Participation Held Remotely Pursuant to Executive Order 7B

Candice Savin moved to defer the agenda items on Coronavirus Relief Funds and Update on Facilities Projects to a future meeting due to the absence of the Chief Financial Officer; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: September 21, 2020

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of September 21, 2020; seconded by Karen Kleine and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Health Update

Update on School Reopening Model and Process to Determine Full On-Site Schooling

Coronavirus Relief Funds

Deferred to a future meeting.

Update from the Coleytown Middle School Building Committee

Updated BOE Calendar of Agenda Items

Proposed 2021-2022 Board of Education Meeting Dates

Update on Facilities Projects

Deferred to a future meeting.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Finance and Facilities Committee

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Flexibility with Educator Evaluation Plans

Be it Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts “Flexibilities within the Connecticut Guidelines for Educator Evaluation 2017 for the 2020-2021 School Year,” as offered by the Connecticut State Department of Education.

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

Communication Strategy and Personnel

Be it Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the creation of the position of Communications Specialist for the Westport Public Schools.

Be it Further Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves filling the position of Communications Specialist during Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

MOTION: Karen Kleine
SECOND: Jeannie Smith

Liz Heyer moved to amend the motion to replace the phrase “creation of the position of” with the phrase “hiring of a contract position for” and to replace the phrase “position of” with the phrase “contractor”, resulting in the amended motion of:

Be it Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the hiring of a contract position for Communications Specialist for the Westport Public Schools.

Be it Further Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves filling the contractor Communications Specialist during Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

MOTION: Liz Heyer
SECOND: Youn Su Chao

RESULT: Failed
VOTE: 2-5 (Liz Heyer and Youn Su Chao in favor; Candice Savin, Jeannie Smith, Elaine Whitney, Karen Kleine and Lee Goldstein opposed)

Vote on original motion:

RESULT: Passed
VOTE: 5-1-1 (Candice Savin, Jeannie Smith, Elaine Whitney, Karen Kleine and Lee Goldstein in favor; Youn Su Chao opposed; Liz Heyer abstaining)

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

Policy 4118.22, "Code of Ethics" (New),

- Policy 6171.2, "Preschool Students with Disabilities" (New),
- Policy 4118.5, "Acceptable Computer Network Use" (Revision),
- Policy 5132, "Dress and Grooming" (New),
- Policy 4118.231/4218.231, "Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco" (Revision),
- 6172.6, "Online Courses" (New),
- 3514.1, "Computer Loan" (Revision),
- 6172.4, "Title I Parental and Family Engagement Policy (New).

Be it Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves:

- **the creation of Policy 4118.22, "Code of Ethics,"**
- **the creation of Policy 6171.2, "Preschool Students with Disabilities,"**
- **the amendment of Policy 4118.5, "Acceptable Computer Network Use," and temporary renumbering of said policy to 4118.5-C19 4218.5-C19,**
- **the creation of Policy 5132, "Dress and Grooming,"**
- **the amendment of Policy 4118.231/4218.231, "Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco," as amended at the meeting of October 5, 2020,**
- **the creation of 6172.6, "Online Courses,"**
- **the amendment of 3514.1, "Computer Loan," and**
- **the creation of 6172.4, "Title I Parental and Family Engagement Policy."**

MOTION: Karen Kleine
SECOND: Youn Su Chao
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

ADJOURNMENT: Jeannie Smith moved to adjourn at 10:30 p.m.; seconded by Karen Kleine and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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