

**WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Board Members Present:**

Candice Savin  
Jeannie Smith  
Elaine Whitney  
Karen Kleine  
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/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:02 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301); Public Participation Held Remotely Pursuant to Executive Order 7B

**RECOGNITION:** 2021 Westport Teacher of the Year/Heart Award

The entire staff of the Westport Public Schools was recognized this year for their extraordinary efforts and dedication during the global pandemic. All of our certified teachers received the distinction **Westport’s 2021 Teachers of the Year**, and the rest of the staff received the distinction **Westport’s 2021 Heart Award - Supporting a Stronger Community**.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION**

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (15 MINUTES)**

**MINUTES:** August 31, 2020

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

**DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Suspension of Bylaw 9324 and Regulation 1120

**Be it resolved, that the Westport Board of Education continues to suspend Part 3, “Public Address,” of Board Bylaw 9324, for the duration of the period in which the Board requires that the public view or listen to each Board meeting or proceeding in a remote manner only, as permitted by Executive Order 7B, to enable implementation of appropriate procedures for welcoming public comment during Board meetings that the public may access in a remote manner only.**

**Be it further resolved, that the Westport Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools to continue to suspend Regulation 1120 for the duration of the period in which the Board requires that the public view or listen to each Board meeting or proceeding in a remote manner only, as permitted by Executive Order 7B, to enable implementation of appropriate procedures for welcoming public comment during Board meetings that the public may access in a remote manner only.**

**Be it further resolved, that the Westport Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to adopt appropriate procedures for welcoming public comment during Board meetings that the public may access in a remote manner only.**

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

## **DISCUSSION**

Superintendent's Report for the Start of the FY 2020-2021 School Year

Health Update

Coronavirus Relief Funds

Staffing Report

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*The agenda item on Permanent Building Substitute Needs was changed to a discussion/action item by consensus of the Board.*

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## **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Permanent Building Substitute Needs

**Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves raising the daily per diem rate for permanent building substitutes to \$130 for FY 2020-2021. This increase shall be applied prospectively from the date of Board approval.**

**Be it further resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves increasing the number of permanent building substitutes from 18 to 26 for FY 2020-2021.**

**MOTION:** Karen Kleine  
**SECOND:** Jeannie Smith  
**RESULT:** Passed Unanimously

**VOTE:** 7-0

**DISCUSSION**

Superintendent's Entry Plan

Communication Strategy and Personnel

Flexibility with Educator Evaluation Plans

Updated BOE Calendar of Agenda Items

Update from Policy Committee and First 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)
- Policy 6172.6, "Online Courses" (New)
- Policy 3514.1, "Computer Loan" (Revision)
- Policy 6172.4, "Title I Parental and Family Engagement Policy" (New)

Health and Medical Insurance Revenue and Expenses FY21 as of August 31, 2020

**ADJOURNMENT:** Youn Su Chao moved to adjourn at 10:16 p.m.; seconded by Elaine Whitney and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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