

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA *

(Agenda Subject to Modification in Accordance with Law)

SPECIAL NOTICE ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR THIS ELECTRONIC MEETING:

Pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order No. 7B, there will not be a physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held electronically and live streamed on westportps.org and shown on Optimum Government Access Channel 78 and Frontier Channel 6021. Emails to BOE members can be sent to BOE@westportps.org. Comments to be read during the public comment period must be submitted to the meeting’s Googledoc during the submission period. Please see the following link for instructions and guidelines: https://www.westportps.org/uploaded/Procedures_and_Guidelines_for_Public_Participation_in_Remote_Board_Meetings.pdf. We will use our best efforts to read public comments if they are received during the public comment period and if they state your full name and address. Meeting materials will be available at westportps.org along with the meeting notice posted on the Meeting Agenda page.

PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

7:00 p.m., Held Remotely Via Zoom Pursuant to Executive Order 7B

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

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

MINUTES: May 4, 11 and 14, 2020, *pages 1-5*

DISCUSSION

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| 1. Update from the Coleytown Middle School Building Committee | Mr. Don O’Day |
| 2. Update from the School Reopening Committee | Dr. Anthony Buono
Mr. John Bayers |

DISCUSSION/ACTION

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| 1. Budget Reconciliation 2020-21 | Mr. Elio Longo |
| 2. Board of Education (BOE) Approval for the Administration to Fill the Six Teaching Positions and One Assistant Principal Position at Coleytown Middle School Identified in the BOE Final Budget for the 2020-2021 School Year. | Mr. John Bayers |
| 3. Board of Education (BOE) Approval for Declaring Friday, May 29, 2020, as A Day of Rest, Preschool-Grade 12, for Students and Staff | Dr. David Abbey |
| 4. Gifts, <i>page 6</i> | (Encl.) Dr. David Abbey |
| 5. Approval: Tuition Rates 2020-2021 School Year | Mr. Elio Longo |
| 6. Approval of Pathways Academy as Alternative Education Program for 2020-2021 School Year | Dr. Anthony Buono |

UPDATES

1. Finance and Facilities Committee

Ms. Elaine Whitney

2. Policy Committee

Ms. Karen Kleine

ADJOURNMENT

* A 2/3 vote is required to go to executive session, to add a topic to the agenda of a regular meeting, or to start a new topic after 10:30 p.m. The meeting can also be viewed on Cablevision on channel 78; Frontier channel 6021 and by video stream @www.westportps.org

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WELCOME USING THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

- Public comment will be accepted via a Google doc and the comments will be read aloud at the meeting. A link will be provided on Monday, prior to the meeting.
- There will be no in-person public comment due to public health concerns.
- A maximum of 15 minutes will be provided for public comments.
- Comments on agenda items are limited to 1 minute each.

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Members Present:

Candice Savin Chair
Jeannie Smith Vice Chair
Elaine Whitney Secretary
Karen Kleine
Vik Muktavaram
Youn Su Chao
Lee Goldstein

Administrators Present:

David Abbey Interim Superintendent
Anthony Buono Asst. Superintendent, Teaching and Learning
Elio Longo Chief Financial Officer
John Bayers Director of Human Resources and General Admin.
Ann Leffert Interim Assistant Superintendent, Pupil Services

Administrators Absent:

Tina Mannarino, Assistant Superintendent, Pupil Personnel Services

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 p.m.

Held Remotely Pursuant to Executive Order 7B,
via Zoom and Google Docs

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: April 27, 2020

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of April 27, 2020; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Update from the Coleytown Middle School Building Committee

Approval of Pathways Academy as Alternative Education Program for FY 2020 - 2021 School Year

Note: The Board of Education agreed by consensus to change this agenda item to a discussion/action item.

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Pathways Academy as an Alternative Education Program for the FY 2020 - 2021 school year, and further authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and the Chair of the Board of Education to submit an application to the State Department of Education for such program.

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

Stipends for Athletic Coaches

Note: Candice Savin moved to change this agenda item to a discussion/action item; seconded by Elaine Whitney and passed 6-1 (Karen Kleine opposed).

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education will honor the contract that was negotiated between the Board of Education and the Westport Education Association as it pertains to athletic stipends.

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

Planning for the Reopening of School

2021-2022 School Year Calendar

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Approval of Changes to 5th Grade Math Leveling

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the elimination of grade 5 math leveling, beginning with the FY 2020 - 2021 school year.

MOTION: Candice Savin
SECOND: Karen Kleine
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

ADJOURNMENT: Jeannie Smith moved to adjourn at 9:53 p.m.; seconded by Candice Savin and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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SPECIAL MEETING**

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Elaine Whitney Secretary
Karen Kleine
Vik Muktavaram
Youn Su Chao
Lee Goldstein

Administrators Present:

David Abbey Interim Superintendent
Anthony Buono Asst. Superintendent, Teaching and Learning
Elio Longo Chief Financial Officer
John Bayers Director of Human Resources and General Admin.
Ann Leffert Interim Assistant Superintendent, Pupil Services

Administrators Absent:

Tina Mannarino, Assistant Superintendent, Pupil Personnel Services

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER 5:30 p.m., Held Remotely Pursuant to Executive Order via Zoom and Google Docs

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Interview Candidate for Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services

Candice Savin moved to go into executive session to Interview Candidate for Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services; seconded by Elaine Whitney and passed unanimously. All Board members were present for the executive session. At the invitation of the Board, Thomas Scarice, Superintendent-Elect, and John Bayers participated in the executive session. The executive session adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION//PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 7:02 p.m., Held Remotely Via Zoom Pursuant to Executive Order 7B

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Possible Appointment of Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dr. David Abbey, in consultation with the incoming Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Thomas Scarice, the Westport Board of Education appoints Mr. Michael Rizzo as the Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services, effective July 1, 2020.

MOTION: Lee Goldstein
SECOND: Karen Kleine
RESULT: Passed Unanimously
VOTE: 7-0

DISCUSSION

Review of Superintendent Entry Plan

Board Goals for 2020-2021 School Year

ADJOURNMENT: Lee Goldstein moved to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.; seconded by Vik Muktavaram and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER 7:02 p.m., Held Remotely Pursuant to Executive Order via Zoom and Google Docs

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Communication, Regarding Negotiations with DATTCO

Candice Savin moved to go into executive session for Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Communication, Regarding Negotiations with DATTCO; seconded by Vik Muktavaram and passed unanimously. All Board members were present for the executive session. At the invitation of the Board, David Abbey, Elio Longo, John Bayers and Jessica Richman Smith of Shipman & Goodwin participated in the executive session. The executive session adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

May 12, 2020

Westport Board of Education
110 Myrtle Avenue
Westport, CT 06880

To The Board of Education,

On behalf of the Staples Music Parent Association, we are pleased to present a check in the amount of \$26,500.00 for the purchase of a portable sound system for the Staples Music Department.

We are thrilled to have raised the necessary funds to purchase the system which will enable the talented musicians of Staples High School to perform outside of the school at various community events and competitions.

Attached you will find a detailed and itemized list, provided by Mike Phillis of Performance Audio, inclusive of the equipment required to create the portable system. The system is planned to be available for use starting with the 2020-21 school year.

If you have any questions regarding this gift please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

Lauren Goodman, President
Sue Rubin, Treasurer