

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA *

(Agenda Subject to Modification in Accordance with Law)

PUBLIC SESSION//PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

7:30 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

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

MINUTES: February 3, 2020, *pages 1-2*

DISCUSSION/ACTION

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| 1. School Start Time Recommendation | | Ms. Candice Savin |
| 2. FY 2021 Education Budget | | Dr. David Abbey
Mr. Elio Longo |
| 3. Gifts, <i>pages 3-4</i> | (Encl.) | Dr. David Abbe |
| 4. Approval of Paraprofessional Contract 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2022 | | Dr. David Abbey
Mr. John Bayers |

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:

- Comment on non-agenda topics will occur during the first 15 minutes *except* when staff or guest presentations are scheduled.
- Board will not engage in dialogue on non-agenda items.
- Public may speak as agenda topics come up for discussion or information.
- Speakers on non-agenda items are limited to 2 minutes each, except by prior arrangement with chair.
- Speakers on agenda items are limited to 3 minutes each, except by prior arrangement with chair.
- Speakers must give name and use microphone.
- Responses to questions may be deferred if answers not immediately available.
- Public comment is normally not invited for topics listed for action after having been publicly discussed at one or more meetings.

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 Director, Pupil Personnel Services

Administrators Absent:

Tina Mannarino, Assistant Superintendent, Pupil Personnel Services

PUBLIC CALL TO ORDER/PUBLIC SESSION: 6:33 p.m., Staples High School, Room 1025c

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Matters Pertaining to Security and Confidential Attorney-Client Communication

Candice Savin motioned to enter into executive session at 6:33 p.m. to discuss Matters Pertaining to Security and Confidential Attorney-Client Communication; seconded by Vik Muktavaram and passed unanimously. All Board members were present. At the invitation of the Board, the following individuals participated in the executive session: David Abbey, Elio Longo, Stafford Thomas, Ted Hunyadi, and Jessica Richman Smith of Shipman & Goodwin; Stafford Thomas and Ted Hunyadi participated from 6:33 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.; Jessica Richman Smith participated from 6:45 p.m. to 7:28 p.m. The executive session ended at 7:28 p.m.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:36 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MINUTES: January 27 and 28, 2020

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of January 27 and 28, 2020; seconded by Jeannie Smith and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION:

At 7:40 p.m., Candice Savin moved to defer the Gifts Discussion/Action item to a future meeting; seconded by Vik Muktavaram and passed unanimously. In addition, the Board agreed by consensus to move the School Start Time Discussion item up to before the FY 2020 - FY 2021 Operating Budget Discussion/Action Item.

Gifts

Deferred to a future meeting

FY 2020 - FY 2021 Education Budget:

- Facilities Budget
- Operating Budget

DISCUSSION

School Start Time Discussion

ADJOURNMENT: Jeannie Smith moved to adjourn at 10:48 p.m.; seconded by Vik Muktavaram and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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



SAUGATUCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Westport Board of Education
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February 6, 2020

Dear Members of the Board of Education,

Upon the enthusiasm from our parent community, Saugatuck Elementary School launched our first theatre club, Saugatuck Theatre Club (STC) in school year 2018-19 with the production of Willy Wonka Kids. The production was made up of 120 students cast and crew from Grades 3-5, 50 parent volunteers, and one staff member as the Director. The inaugural show received rave reviews from the SES community and beyond. STC is returning with 100 students cast and crew, 100 parent volunteers, and 4 staff members in the production of Little Mermaid Junior this spring.

Since SES was renovated and converted into an elementary school in 2002, no refurbishments have been done in the auditorium. Currently, there is limited lighting on the stage making it dark in many areas even when all the lights are lit. An auditorium lighting upgrade is overdue.

To fund a long lasting and energy efficient LED lighting system in the auditorium, the STC applied for a PTA Seal Grant to cover 50% of the total cost. In general, Seal Grants are used for pilot, start-up projects, or special events that are not currently part of the curriculum. The Seal Grant committee met, discussed and unanimously approved the application. The remaining 50% of the cost of the lighting will be funded by the STC.

It is the pleasure of the SES PTA and STC to gift \$6,850.10 to the Board of Education for the purchase and installation of theatrical lighting in the SES auditorium.

The STC is committed to providing an excellent hands-on theater workshop for students who work behind the scenes as well as those onstage. This lighting upgrade will allow our tech crew a chance to create and design lighting cues, mix colors, and have opportunities for creative expression in their role. In addition, SES band, chorus, orchestra, and the PTA Cultural Arts performances will reap the benefits. Furthermore, the Town of Westport would benefit

financially from a new state of the art lighting system due to the many townwide concerts, camps, recitals, and other events frequently held in our auditorium.

We look forward to seeing you this spring at our Little Mermaid Junior production on March 13th and 14th.

Most sincerely,
Sarin Cheung and Michelle Barman
SES PTA Co-Presidents

Katie Bloom
Director - SES STC Director