

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION**AGENDA ***

(Agenda Subject to Modification in Accordance with Law)

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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:** April 27, 2020, *pages 1-2***DISCUSSION**

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| 1. Update from the Coleytown Middle School Building Committee,
<i>pages 3-6</i> | (Encl.) | Mr. Don O'Day |
| 2. Approval of Pathways Academy as Alternative Education Program
for 2020-2021 School Year, <i>pages 7-16</i> | (Encl.) | Mr. Stafford Thomas
Ms. Meghan Ward |
| 3. Stipends for Athletic Coaches | | Ms. Candice Savin |
| 4. Planning for the Reopening of School, <i>pages 17-26</i> | (Encl.) | Mr. John Bayers
Dr. Anthony Buono |
| 5. 2021-2022 School Year Calendar, <i>page 27</i> | (Encl.) | Dr. David Abbey |

DISCUSSION/ACTION

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| 6. Approval of Changes to 5th Grade Math Leveling | | Dr. Anthony Buono |
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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

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- 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: 7:01 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 13 and 20, 2020

Elaine Whitney moved to approve the minutes of April 13 and 20, 2020; seconded by Candice Savin and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Update from the Coleytown Middle School Building Committee

Changes to 5th Grade Math Leveling

Quarterly Financial Report: July 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020, and Potential Savings Due to School Closures

Update from the Board of Education Teaching and Learning Committee

Planning for the Reopening of School

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Second Reading of the Following Policies and Regulations:

- Policy 6146 Graduation Requirements (revised)
- Policy 5145.14, On-Campus Recruitment (revised)
- Policy 4112.6, Personnel Records (new)
- Policy 4116, Probationary/Tenure Status (revised)
- Regulation 4118.7, Study/Use of Religious Symbols, Music and Decorations, etc. (revised)
- Policy 4118.121 Freedom of Speech (new)
- Policy 4117.6, Evaluation – Coaches (revised)
- Policy 5112.4 Disenrollment/Enrollment (new)
- Policy 5141.6 Crisis Management (new)

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

- ***the amendment of Policy 6146 Graduation Requirements,***
- ***the amendment of Policy 5145.14, On-Campus Recruitment,***
- ***the creation of Policy 4112.6, Personnel Records,***
- ***the amendment of Policy 4116, Probationary/Tenure Status,***
- ***the amendment of Regulation 4118.7, Study/Use of Religious Symbols, Music and Decorations, etc.,***
- ***the creation of Policy 4118.121 Freedom of Speech,***
- ***the amendment of Policy 4117.6, Evaluation – Coaches,***
- ***the creation of Policy 5112.4 Disenrollment/Enrollment, and***
- ***the creation of Policy 5141.6 Crisis Management.***

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

ADJOURNMENT: Jeannie Smith moved to adjourn at 10:26 p.m.; seconded by Karen Kleine and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Coleytown Middle School Building Committee



Project Update

Coleytown Middle School Building Committee

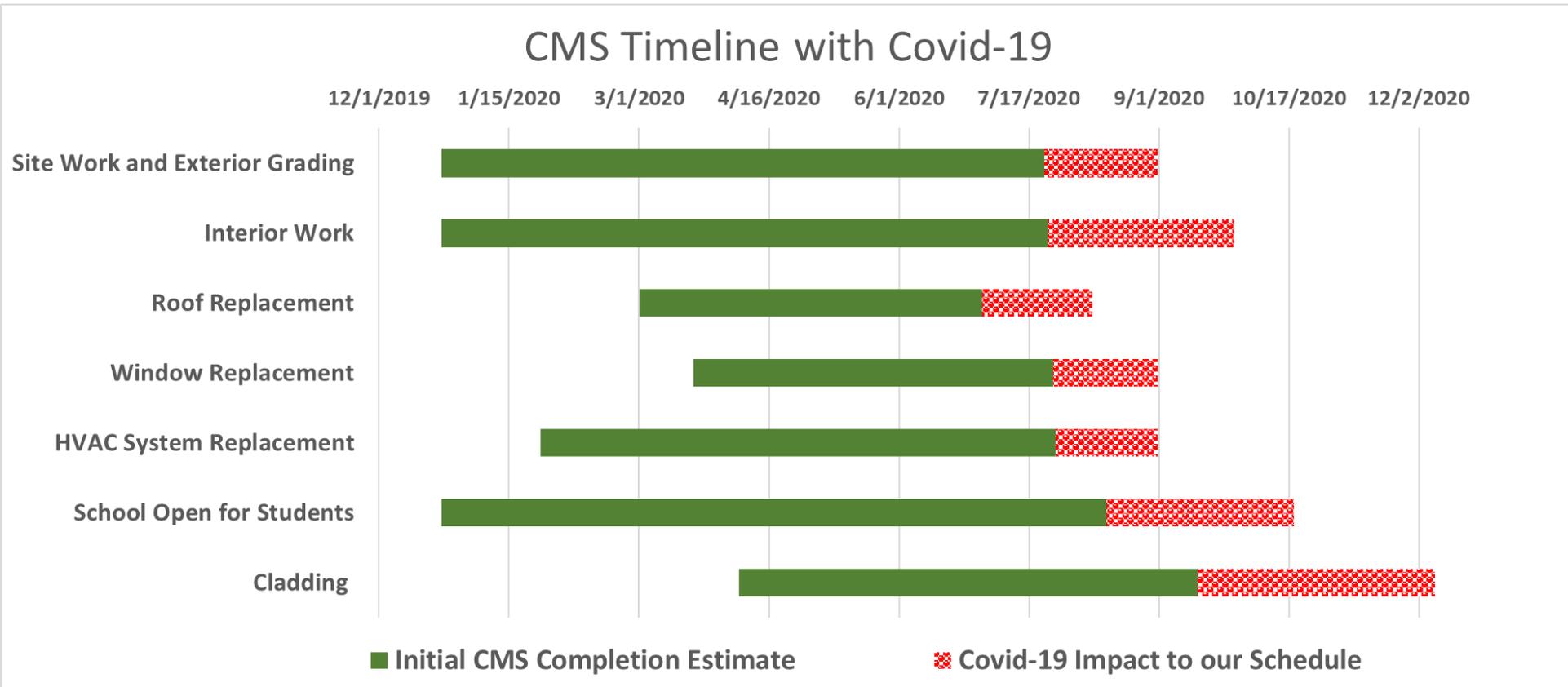
Due to staffing and productivity challenges related to Covid-19 pandemic, the reopening of CMS will be delayed.

- Coleytown Middle School is now scheduled to open for students and staff by mid-October.
- Work will continue on the exterior of the building until December.

Every step is being taken to ensure the new schedule is maintained.

Risks to the new schedule will be communicated to the Town and the BOE every week.

Coleytown Middle School Building Committee



- EnviroMed will report on the satisfactory condition of the building prior to the opening.
- The new projection for the opening of CMS by mid-October.
- As with all projects, this date is subject to field and manpower conditions

Coleytown Middle School Building Committee

Project Update

Site Work and Grading

- Work underway. Beyond the required grading to address moisture, the entrance area will also be improved.

Interior Work

- Significant progress to date. Beyond the new HVAC, Library/Media Center and Science rooms, there will be new and greatly improved lighting throughout the building and other enhancements.

Roof

- Installation of the new roof underway with faster than expected progress to date.

Windows

- Supply Chain challenge addressed.
- All old windows removed in preparation for new curtain wall windows.

HVAC

- Supply Chain challenge addressed and Units have been delivered.
- Temporary dehumidification units installed and operational.

Cladding

- Shop drawings completed and no supply chain issues are expected.



Staples High School Pathways Academy



Pathways Academy is an engaging, fun, safe, and supportive community of learners where teachers and students endeavor to be accepting, helpful to one another, flexible and invested in the process of learning, in order to achieve our individual and academic goals.

The Goal

To provide options for students who, for a variety of reasons, could benefit from a different approach to the traditional school structure.

- Personalized culture
- Relationships
- Community
- Academic Flexibility
- Schedule Flexibility



Progress

- Began with 8 students (Fall 2018), currently 25 enrolled, with 2 applications pending.
- Restorative Practices implementation and continued professional development
- Awarding of VOYA grant which made connection between Pathways and the Senior Center possible.



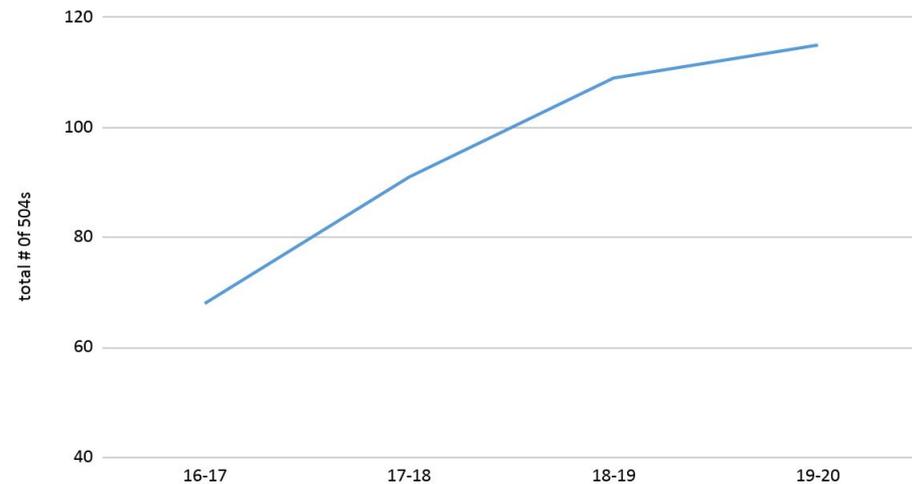
Obstacles

- Number of teachers
- Number of courses offered
- Social & emotional learning
- Student behaviors
- Outside supports
- Health concerns
- Transition support
- Time



Increase in the number of students needing supports for anxiety-depression-ADHD

504s Over Time



Schedule

- Teachers are doing it all in a half day program.
- There is true potential here to continue to serve more students who would benefit from an education beyond the traditional norm.

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Adjustments

- Beginning in Fall of 2020 available to 11th & 12th graders only
 - Maturity
 - Commitment
 - Number of classes being taught
- Reduce the number of classes taught
 - Currently teaching beyond contract agreement
- No longer social emotional component other than relationships and community meetings



Interdisciplinary

- Teachers work together to plan units/lessons
- Workshops with senior center
- Field trips related to science and social studies classes
- Playwriting unit
- Activities for community building

Student Feedback

What are you most proud of?

- I am most proud of my play
- I am most proud of my grades
- That I've been making myself come to school every day.
- I am proud of myself for staying motivated and working

Responses to Senior Center writing work:

- I learned that I can make a connection with someone regardless of what age they are
- I learned that many have different points of view and stories to tell no matter if everyone has the same topic, each piece of writing will come out differently
- I learned about things people appreciate in life and got a glimpse into people's thoughts
- I learned that no matter what age you are, you can bond with anyone. Bella and I found ourselves becoming friends with the Susans who were probably 50+ years older than us.
- The best part of the experience was reading my work out loud
- I learned about myself that I absolutely love elders. What I mean by that is I might want to do something with them in the future as a career.
- Instead of 1 Writing prompt we should do two so we can further open our minds once we get them jogging.
- I wish it could be a longer trip, so we could take more from it, do more of an activity. I feel as if we didn't really connect with the elders as we could have.



Reopening Schools Framework

2020-2021 School Year

May 4, 2020



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Mission



The mission of the School Reopening Committee is to prepare and present plans for the 2020-2021 school year that ensure safe and effective learning experiences for students and staff.



Steering Committee

- Co-chairs - Anthony Buono, John Bayers - 2
- Board of Education Representative - 1
- Westport Weston Health District - 1
- Parent Representative - 1
- Westport Education Association Representative - 1
- Westport Intermediate Administrators Association - 1
- Workgroup Chairs - 4
 - Health & Safety
 - Facilities & Operations
 - Teaching & Learning
 - Co-curricular



Goals

- Develop plans that are in line with community needs relative to the reopening of schools and communicate these plans to all district stakeholders.
- Develop a plan that ensures an effective distance learning program in the event school closures extend beyond the 2019-20 school year.
- Define and assign roles and responsibilities, including work groups charged with articulating essential functions, needs, and actions.
- Assess where additional capacity and support may be needed from external partners to support the Reopening of School Committee's work.
- Develop strategies, including financial and procurement considerations, for securing assistance.



Scenarios

- Summer school programs, including Extended School Year (ESY), taking place in June, July, and August 2020
- Schools reopen on time in September 2020 and remain open
- Schools reopen on time in September 2020, but close due to prevalence and spread of COVID-19
- School reopening is delayed in September 2020 due to the prevalence and spread of COVID-19

Working Group - Health and Safety



Primary Responsibility:

Identify health and safety concerns and establish procedures and protocols necessary to reopen schools, including protocols for closing schools in the event there is an increase in the prevalence or spread of COVID-19.

Working Group - Facilities and Operations



Primary Responsibility:

Identify health and safety concerns that impact daily operations and develop protocols and plans for potential modifications to facilities and transportation services.

Working Group - Teaching and Learning



Primary Responsibility:

Create plans for curriculum, instruction, and assessment for the 2020-2021 school year that include, but are not limited to, reopening schools in September 2020, an extension of school closures, and/or additional school closures during the school year.

Working Group - Co-curricular



Primary Responsibility:

Create plans for co-curricular activities for the 2020-2021 school year that include, but are not limited to, reopening schools in September 2020, an extension of school closures and/or additional closures during the school year.

Timeline

Phase I

During the months of May and June the Steering Committee, with support of its working groups, will develop initial recommendations for the Board of Education's consideration. An update will be provided to the Board of Education at its June 8, 2020 meeting.

Phase II

During the months of June, July and August the Steering Committee, with the support of its working groups, will further develop initial plans into guidance for students, parents and staff.

Phase III

Steering Committee oversees implementation of Reopening Plan throughout 2020-2021.



WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

DRAFT

- School in Session
- Teacher Professional Development
- Snow Dates

KEY DATES

- Aug 25-27, 30** Professional Development
- Aug 31** First Day of School
- Sept 6** Labor Day
- Sept 7** Rosh Hashanah
- Sept 16** Yom Kippur
- Nov 2** Election Day – Professional Development
- Nov 24** Early Dismissal
- Nov 25-26** Thanksgiving Recess
- Dec 24-Jan 1** Winter Recess
- Jan 17** Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Feb 21** Presidents’ Day
- Feb 18** Professional Development
- Feb 21-25** February Recess
- Apr 15** Good Friday
- April 15-22** Spring Recess
- May 30** Memorial Day
- June 17** Last Day of School/Graduation (Early Release)

Students: 182 days

Teachers: 188 days

There are 5 snow days built into the calendar. If there are no snow days students’ last day will be June 17. In the event that additional make-up days are needed, District schools will use, in the following order: Monday, April 18; Tuesday, April 19; Wednesday, April 20; Thursday, April 21; Friday, April 22.

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