

WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 21, 2023

Regular Board Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on August 21, 2023, at Molloy School, 255 Meloy Rd., West Haven, CT. Cebi Waterfield, Chairwoman of the Board of Education called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Alliance.

BOARD MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cebi Waterfield
Robert Guthrie
Kim Kenny
Patrick Egolum
Anne Heffernan
Andrea Talamelli
Patricia Libero

ABSENT:

Morgan Watts

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Neil Cavallaro, Superintendent of Schools
Judith Drenzek, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Matthew Cavallaro, Director of Finance

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

B. Public Portion of Meeting: Closed: 6:04pm

C. REPORTS

C.1.a. Student Representatives

C.1.b. Administration/Status of Schools

Superintendent Cavallaro started off by introducing the Sergeant from the West Haven Police Department to address the security and traffic concerns with the start of the new school year. Superintendent Cavallaro expressed how well the hiring process is going this year except for a few positions that are currently being worked on. Lastly, he briefly

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notified the board members about the tentative agreement with the teacher's union for a contract.

Assistant Superintendent Drenzek provided the board with information on the upcoming teacher orientation, workshops and staff development.

Questions from the board ensued.

C.1.c. Board

Patricia Libero- Mackenzie Gardner is being honored at city council on the 28th at 6:30 as she concludes her reign of miss American Teen

Cebi- Thanked Superintendent Cavallaro for passing along the grant recommendations to the staff. Congratulated board member Patricia Libero on the official ground break of the Pam Gardner lecture hall.

D.1 Approval of Minutes

D.1. The West Haven Board of Education Regular Board Meeting was held at West Haven High School Cafe, 1 McDonough Plaza West Haven, CT 06516 on July 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Move to Approve.

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve the minutes D.1.

Patrick Egolum made the motion

Kim Kenny seconded the motion

Abstain: Patricia Libero

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

Minutes **D.1.** Approved

D.2. Resignations: (Certified)

23-66 Marie Chutjian

Teacher (Forest)

Resignation

Effective: 07/24/2023

23-67 Morgan Guadagnoli

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4th Grade Teacher
Resignation
Effective: 07/25/2023

23-68 Michaela Smith
4th Grade Teacher (Washington)
Resignation
Effective: 07/28/2023

23-69 Ashley Dalton
5th Grade Teacher (Carrigan)
Resignation
Effective: 07/28/2023

23-70 Kelly Marchitto
Teacher (Carrigan)
Resignation
Effective: 07/28/2023

23-71 Olivia Panetti
Music Teacher (Washington)
Resignation
Effective: 08/01/2023

23-72 Carlos Julia
Speech & Language Pathologist (Mackrille)
Resignation
Effective: 08/03/2023

23-73 Lars Edeen
Teacher (Bailey)
Resignation
Effective: 08/03/2023

23-74 Melissa Catarino
Teacher (Mackrille)
Retirement
Effective: 08/04/2023

23-75 Tim Gast
Social Studies Teacher (WHHS)
Resignation
Effective: 08/24/2023

23-76 Taylor Brockett

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Teacher (Bailey)
Resignation
Effective: 08/07/2023

23-77 Jennifer Crandall
Teacher (Carrigan)
Resignation
Effective: 08/07/2023

23-78 Suzanne Twigg RN
Nurse (Bailey)
Resignation
Effective: 08/21/2023

23-79 Caitlin Murphy
Humanities Teacher (Carrigan)
Resignation
Effective: 08/09/2023

23-80 Anya Farber
Teacher (WHHS)
Resignation
Effective: 08/11/2023

Move to Approve.

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Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve **D.2 (23-66 – 23-80)**

Andrea Talamelli made the motion

Patrick Egolum seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

New Hire **D.2.** Approved

D.3. New Hire: (Certified)

23-81 Grace Romano, 138 Sugar Hill Rd., North Haven, CT 06473
Teacher (Carrigan)
Salary: \$85,538.00
Step: 10 BS + 30
Effective: 08/24/2023

23-82 Dorothea Moore, 378 Main St., East Haven, CT 06512

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Health Teacher (Bailey)

Salary: \$59,970.00

Step: 5 + 30

Effective: 08/24/2023

23-83 Rachel Dunn Cerruti, 26 Belden Ave., Apt 1419 Norwalk, CT 06580

Intermediate Teacher (Carrigan)

Salary: \$53,071.00

Step: 3 BS + 30

Effective: 08/24/2023

23-84 Stephanie Verna, 31 Overlook Dr., Wallingford, CT 06492

Intermediate Teacher (Carrigan)

Salary: \$53,071.00

Step: 3 BS + 30

Effective: 08/24/2023

23-85 Nancy Papa, 88 Bishop St., North Haven, CT 06473

Intermediate Teacher (Carrigan)

Salary: \$55,194.00

Step: 3 BS + 60

Effective: 08/24/2023

23-86 Rachel Landock, 75 S. Main St., Apt. E., Branford, CT 06405

Teacher Grade 3 (Washington)

Salary: \$53,071.00.00

Step: 2 BS + 60

Effective: 08/24/2023

23-87 Nora Raccio 47 Snug Harbor Rd., Milford, CT 06460

Teacher Grade 2 (Washington)

Salary: \$47,764.00

Step: 3 BS

Effective: 08/24/2023

23-88 Stephanie Felag, 62 Lookout Hill Rd., Milford, CT 06461

Intermediate Teacher (Carrigan)

Salary: \$42,477.00

Step: 1 BS

Effective: 08/24/2023

23-89 Victoria Soltis, 41 Patton Ave., Seymour, CT 06483

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Intermediate Teacher (Carrigan)

Salary: \$74,987.00

Step: 8 BS + 30

Effective: 08/24/2023

23-90 Christina Morales, 56 Lucey Ave., West Haven, CT 06516

Health Teacher (Bailey)

Salary: \$74,987.00

Step: 8 BS + 30

Effective: 08/24/2023

23-91 Michael Ames, 204 New Haven Ave Unit 7G, Derby, CT 06418

Intermediate Teacher (Carrigan)

Salary: \$65,482.00

Step: 6 BS + 30

Effective: 08/24/2023

23-92 Michael Tremblay, 1216 Cheshire St., Cheshire, CT 06410

Social Studies Teacher (Bailey)

Salary: \$42,477.00

Step: 1

Effective: 08/24/2023

23-93 Matthew Bean, 937 Constitution Blvd North, Shelton, CT 06484

Social Studies Teacher (Bailey)

Salary: \$42,477.00

Step: 1

Effective: 08/24/2023

23-94 Briana Vizcaino, 141 Russell Ave., Orange CT 06477

Teacher Grade 4 (Washington)

Salary: \$65,482.00

Step: 6 BS + 30

Effective: 08/24/2023

23-95 Benjamin Pellant, 100 Brightwood Ave., Stratford, CT 06614

Intermediate Teacher (Carrigan)

Salary: \$53,071.00

Step: 5 + BS

Effective: 08/24/2023

23-96 Rachael Raucci, 281 Kelsey Ave., West Haven, CT 06516

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Intermediate Teacher (Carrigan)

Salary: \$71,819.00

Step: 6 BS + 60

Effective: 08/24/2023

23-97 Diandra Swaller, 360 Country Ln., Orange, CT 06477

Intermediate Teacher (Carrigan)

Salary: \$85,538.00

Step: 10 BS + 30

Effective: 08/24/2023

23-98 Tia DiBlase, 304 West Main St., Milford, CT 06460

Grade 1 Teacher (Savin Rock)

Salary: \$42,477.00

Step: 1 BS

Effective: 08/24/2023

Move to Approve.

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve **D.3 (23-81 – 23-98)**

Patricia Libero made the motion

Kim Kenny seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

New Hire **D.3.** Approved

D.4. New Business:

23-99 The West Haven Board of Education accepts the Harry M. Bailey Roof Replacement Project – State Project 150-0141 RR as complete.

Move to Deny.

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve **D.4 (23-99)**

Anne Heffernan made the motion

Andrea Talamelli seconded the motion

Discussion: Board member asked if there were any unfinished parts. Response no.

All board members present were in favor

D.4. 23-99 Approved

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23-100 Approval of the Board of Education FY 2024 Operating Budget

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve **D.4 (23-100)**

Robert Guthrie made the motion

Andrea Talamelli seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

Move to Approve.

Informational

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to adjourn

Anne Heffernan made the motion

Kim Kenny seconded the motion

All board members were in favor

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Foster