

WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 18, 2023

Regular Board Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on September 18, 2023, at West Haven High School Cafe, McDonough Plaza, West Haven, CT. Cebi Waterfield, Chairwoman of the Board of Education called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Alliance.

BOARD MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cebi Waterfield
Robert Guthrie
Kim Kenny
Anne Heffernan
Andrea Talamelli

ABSENT:

Patricia Libero
Patrick Egolum
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: 6:36pm

C. REPORTS

C.1.a. Student Representatives

C.1.b. Administration/Status of Schools

Superintendent Cavallaro informed the board members the bus contract has been approved for the next 5 years with Winkle. He also talked about an additional kindergarten class at Forest School. Lastly, he advised the board the Ms. Mursko and Ms.

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Dugas are attending the meeting tonight to discuss the updates on the Sexual Harassment Policy and the Positive Safe School Climate Policy.

Assistant Superintendent Drenzek introduced Robin Ferreira to the board members for her iReady Math Program presentation for k-4.

Robin Ferreira provided the board members a presentation of iReady and how the students and staff will benefit from this program.

Questions from the board ensued.

C.1.c. Board

Anne- Her niece works for LEGO and the company has designed a LEGO collection that has Braille for visually impaired. She wanted to let the board and district know she was able to provide this to a student in the district.

Kim- Ask if the same rules from last year apply to this year for the football games with middle school students. She was informed yes.

Cebi- Very Happy to have the Devils on the field. Additionally, she informed the board that she reached out to a contact at work and possibly having students do volunteer work in the hospital and having the students do a walk through and meet staff.

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 September 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Move to Approve.

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

Kim Kenny made the motion

Anne Heffernan seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

Minutes **D.1.** Approved

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D.2. Resignations: (Certified)

23-109 Nicole Rosner

Teacher Grade 1 (Savin Rock)

Resignation

Effective: 08/24/2023

23-110 Camdyn Morgillo

Health & Physical Teacher

Resignation

Effective: 10/8/2023

23-111 Aaron Vaughn

Teacher (Carrigan)

Resignation

Effective: 08/24/2023

Move to Approve.

Move to Approve.

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve **D.2 (23-109 – 23-111)**

Andrea Talamelli made the motion

Robert Guthrie seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

New Hire **D.2.** Approved

D.3. New Hire: (Certified)

23-112 Elizabeth Werle, 67 Down Draft Circle, West Haven, CT 06516

School Social Worker (WH)

Salary: \$49,886.00 + \$5,761.34 Social Work Stipend

Step: 1 BS + 60

Effective: 09/11/2023

23-113 Sara Lombardi, 286 Baxter Lane, Milford, CT 06460

SPED Inclusion Teacher (Carrigan)

Salary: \$55,449.00

Step: 6 BS

Effective: 10/12/2023

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Move to Approve.

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Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve **D.3 (23-112 – 23-113)**

Robert Guthrie made the motion

Kim Kenny seconded the motion

Discussion: Long time Para Elizabeth Werle proud to see her become a teacher with the district. Hopeful to see more staff take the opportunity to further their career.

All board members present were in favor

New Hire **D.3.** Approved

D.4. New Business:

23-114 The West Haven High School Washington D.C. Band Trip 2024

Move to Approve.

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve **D.4 (23-114)**

Kim Kenny made the motion

Anne Heffernan seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

New Business **D.4.** 23-114 Approved

23-115 Sexual Harassment Policy

Move to Approve.

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve **D.4 (23-115)**

Robert Guthrie made the motion

Anne Heffernan seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

New Business **D.4.** 23-115 Approved

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23-116 Positive Safe School Climate Policy

Move to Approve.

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve **D.4 (23-116)**

Andrea Talamelli made the motion

Kim Kenny seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

New Business **D.4. 23-116** Approved

23-117 Recommendation- Assistant Principle at WHHS

Move to Approve.

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve **D.4 (23-117)**

Robert Guthrie made the motion

Anne Heffernan seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

New Business **D.4. 23-117** Approved

Informational

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to adjourn

Andrea Talamelli made the motion

Kim Kenny seconded the motion

All board members were in favor

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Foster