

# **WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**October 2, 2023**

## **Regular Board Meeting**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on October 2, 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 6:06 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Alliance.

### **BOARD MEMBERS**

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Cebi Waterfield  
Robert Guthrie  
Kim Kenny  
Anne Heffernan  
Patrick Egolum

#### **ABSENT:**

Patricia Libero  
Andrea Talamelli  
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: 6:07pm

### **C. REPORTS**

**C.1.a. Student Representatives-** Provided updates on sports and events happening.

#### **C.1.b. Administration/Status of Schools**

Superintendent Cavallaro informed the board members of the peer advocate field trip that he would like to have added to tonight's agenda. Additionally, he advised the board that the CWA contract was signed but still needs to be reviewed but is hoping to have it on the next agenda.

Questions from the board ensued.

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**C.1.c. Board**

**Cebi-** Asked for a motion to add 23-123 The West Haven High School Peer Advocates Over Night Trip.

**Kim-** Thanked the Peer Advocates for volunteering their time and they do an amazing job. Very proud.

**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 18, 2023, at 6:35 p.m.

**Move to Approve.**

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

Anne Heffernan made the motion

Kim Kenny seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

Minutes **D.1.** Approved

**D.2. Resignations: (Certified)**

**23-118 Michael Ames**

Resignation

Teacher Grade 5 (Carrigan)

Effective: 09/22/2023

**Move to Approve.**

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve **D.2**

Robert Guthrie made the motion

Kim Kenny seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

New Hire **D.2.** Approved

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**D.3. New Hire: (Certified)**

**23-119 Jennifer Field, 602 South Greenbrier Dr., Orange, CT 06477**

Teacher Grade 5 (Carrigan)

Salary: \$78,156.00

Step: 9 BS + 30

Effective: TBD

**23-120 Alysse Buzzeo, 10 Westwood Rd., Trumbull, CT 06611**

Kindergarten Teacher (Forest)

Salary: \$42,477.00

Step: 1 BS

Effective: 10/9/2023

**23-121 James Cook, 5 Grand St., West Haven, CT 06516**

PE/Health Teacher

Salary: \$66,339.00

Step: 5 BS + 60

Effective: TBD

**23-122 Jennifer O'Connell, 3250 Fairfield Ave. Bridgeport, CT 06601**

Current Events teacher (Bailey)

Salary: \$46,702

Step: 1

Effective: TBD

**Move to Approve.**

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Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve **D.3 (23-119 – 23-122)**

Robert Guthrie made the motion

Kim Kenny seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

New Hire **D.3.** Approved

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**D.4. New Business:**

**23-123** The West Haven High School Peer Advocates Over Night Trip

**Move to Approve.**

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve **D.4 (23-123)**

Robert Guthrie made the motion

Anne Heffernan seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

New Business **D.4. 23-123** Approved

**Informational**

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to adjourn

Patrick Egolum made the motion

Kim Kenny seconded the motion

All board members were in favor

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Foster