

**WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**May 17, 2021**

**Regular Board Meeting**

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on May 17, 2021 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 6:03 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Alliance.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Cebi Waterfield  
Rosa Richardson  
Robert Guthrie  
Patrick Egolum  
Andrea Talamelli  
James Morrissey  
Patricia Libero  
Anne Heffernan

**ABSENT:**

Rosemary Russo

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Neil C. Cavallaro, Superintendent of Schools  
Matthew Cavallaro, Finance Director

**CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:** None

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

**PRESENT:**

Mackenzie Gardner  
Anthony Vendrella

**B. Public Portion of Meeting:** None

Public session closed 6:04 pm.

**C. REPORTS**

**C.1.a. Administration/Status of Schools** Superintendent Neil Cavallaro requested Dana (WHHS Principal) to present to the Board the upcoming EMT Program. Dana advised the school will be partnering with a CRT training school. There will be 8 online labs, a 12-hour hospital/ride along and once all is completed the student will take a boards exam. You will have to be 16 years old to sign up for the program. Additionally, you will have the option to do Emergency Medical Tech (EMT) or Emergency Medical Responder (EMR).

Marissa Acampora- Provided a presentation regarding all upcoming Summer Camps for kids in hopes to re-engage students and provide a safe/welcoming environment. Please right click the link to review presentation. <https://prezi.com/i/view/I9VXtJndcIla9DiNDPXC>. Additionally, she advised there is a 12 and up vaccine clinic that will be May 28<sup>th</sup>. Marissa also expressed to the Board that the schools will continue to practice social distancing and mask wearing.

Matthew Cavallaro- Gave a presentation regarding all COVID funding and how it will be distributed. See attached.

Superintendent Neil Cavallaro-addressed the Board regarding the concerns with the vandalism at Savin Rock and Washington School. He would like to possibly do an after-school program where the teachers and police department work together and watch the kids play area between the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with additional surveillance as needed. He would also like to try and combined trade programs for day and night school. He would like to use some of the COVID funding on programs and maybe some capital projects.

Assistant Superintendent Judith Drenzek- thanked the Board. She provided the Board with information regarding the Professional Development (back to the basics). She would like to see the staff go over the process and address the students needs. She would like a staff training in August and administrators in June. Each school will be responsible for there school.

Questions from the board ensued.

### **C.1.b Student Representatives**

Mackenzie Gardener-Decision Day went well. The Top 20 lunch in was a success. Friday May 21, 2021, is Senior Prom from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. She informed the Board the vaccine clinic went smoothly. Additionally, she expressed to the Board that the summer camps are a great way to have the high school students involved and maybe volunteer.

Anthony- All the sports teams are doing a great job; Lifeguard training is going on. June 8, 2021 through June 14, 2021, exams are ongoing. Additionally, he explained there will be a POV tour.

### **C.1.c. Board**

Cebi Waterfield- Thanked all involved with helping get the program started. Happy to see kid programs for the younger children.

Patricia Libero- Welcomed Judy aboard as Assistant Superintendent.

Robert Guthrie- Top 20 Breakfast, he was very pleased with. He recognized all the students that were doing extremely well in sports.

Anne Heffernan- Expressed her excitement for the upcoming EMT Program.

James Morrissey-The West Haven Softball car wash did an excellent job & he addressed his concerns with Jones Hill Rd sidewalk.

### **D.1 Approval of Minutes**

**D.1.a The West Haven Board of Education Meeting** was held in the West Haven High School, 1 McDonough Plaza, West Haven, CT 06516 on May 3, 2021 at 6:03 p.m.

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

Rosa Richardson made the motion

Robert Guthrie seconded the motion

Discussion: none

All board members present were in favor

Minutes **D.1.a** approved

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

### **D.3. New Hire:**

**21-20 Jolie Morrell, 34 Sorenson Rd. West Haven CT 06516**

Special Education/Math Teacher-WHHS

Salary: 45,786

Step: 1 BS+30

Effective Date: 08/27/21

**21-21 Olivia Quagliani, 27 DOWNDRAFT Circle, West Haven CT 06516**

School Counselor-WHHS

Salary: \$48,908.00

Step: 1 BS+60

Effective Date: 08/27/21

**21-22 Mariam Boutros. 32 Goodchild St Milford CT 06560**

EL Teacher-WHHS

Salary: 49,949.00

Step: 2 BS+30

Effective 08/24/21

**21-23 Tianna Thomas 25 Big Spruce Ln, West Haven CT 06516**

EL Teacher-WHHS

Salary: \$44,226.00

Step: 2 BS

Effective 08/24/21

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve **D.3. 21-20 -- 21-23**

Rosa Richardson made the motion

Ann Heffernan seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

New Hire **D.3.** were approved

**D. 4 New Business:**

**Informational**

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to adjourn

Patrick Egolum made the motion

Rosa Richardson seconded the motion

All board members were in favor

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Foster