

WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 15, 2021

Regular Board Meeting

AMENDED

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on March 15, 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 6:02 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Alliance.

BOARD MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE:

Rosa Richardson
Cebi Waterfield
Patricia Libero
Ann Heffernan
Robert Guthrie
Patrick Egolum
Rosemary Russo
Andrea Talamelli

ABSENT:

Neil C. Cavallaro, Matthew Cavallaro, James Morrissey

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Nancy R. Rossi

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT:

Mackenzie Gardner
Anthony Vendrella

B. Public Portion of Meeting

Robert Whelan- 61 Colonia Blvd, West Haven, CT – see attached

Public session closed 6:08

C. REPORTS

C.1.a. Administration/Status of Schools

Cebi Waterfield, Chairwoman of the Board of Education read a response from Marissa Acampora and Mr. Bowen regarding the concerns Robert Whelan has with the Harry M. Bailey Middle School.

C.1.b Student Representatives

Mackenzie Gardener-she wanted to take back her statement from our previous meeting regarding positive cases in sports; however, the positive cases did not come from West Haven High School students. Additionally, she informed the Board of their upcoming Easter Egg Event, S.A.T. Day, Introduced the Board to the new Student Representatives for next year. Thanked the Board for the moment of silence in the beginning of the meeting Tavon Dixon and informed the Board of wear red day for him. She addressed the Board with her concerns with the student parking lot.

Anthony Vendrella – gave an update on spring sports, tutoring and the FAFSA challenge. Anthony also advised that Board about the gas leak last week.

C.1.c. Board

Robert Guthrie-Congratulated Anthony Vendrella on his achievement

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 January 19, 2021 at 6:03 p.m.

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

Patrick Egolum made the motion

Rosa Richardson seconded the motion

Discussion: none

All board members present were in favor

Minutes **D.1.a** approved

D.1.b The West Haven Board of Education Meeting was held in the West Haven High School, 1 McDonough Plaza, West Haven, CT 06516 on March 1, 2021 at 6:02 p.m.

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

Rosa Richardson made the motion

Patricia Libero seconded the motion

Discussion: update the wording on the resignation approval and new hire approval

Minutes **D.1.a** requested to amend the minutes

D.2. Resignations: (Certified):

21-07 Mindy Khamvongsa, Savin Rock Community School (2nd Grade Teacher)

Effective: 03/30/2021

Reason: Resignation

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

Rosa Richardson made the motion

Ann Heffernan seconded the motion

Discussion: none

All board members present were in favor

Resignation **D.2** approved

D.3. New Hire:

21-08 Taylor Besciglia, 20 Walnut Street, West Haven, CT 06516

Teacher 2nd Grade Savin Rock Community School

Salary: \$45,786 Step 1 BS+30

Effective: 03/15/2021

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve **D.3. 21-08**

Patricia Libero made the motion

Rosa Richardson seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

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

D. 4 New Business:

21- 09 2021-2022 West Haven Department of Education School Calendar

Move to approve

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve **D.4. 21-09**

Robert Guthrie made the motion

Ann Heffernan seconded the motion

Discussion: none

All board members present were in favor

New Business **D.4.** were approved

21-10 Three-year contract for Neil Cavallaro, Superintendent of Schools

Move to approve

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve **D.4. 21-10**

Rosa Richardson made the motion

Patrick Egolum seconded the motion

Discussion: none

All board members present were in favor

New Business **D.4.** were approved

Informational

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to adjourn

Patricia Libero made the motion

Robert Guthrie seconded the motion

All board members were in favor

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Foster