

WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 1, 2021

Regular Board Meeting

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on March 1, 2021 at West Haven High School Cafe, McDonough Plaza, West Haven, CT. Rosa Richardson, Vice Chair of the Board of Education called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Alliance.

BOARD MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE:

Andrea Talamelli
Patricia Libero
James Morrissey
Robert Guthrie
Patrick Egolum
Rosemary Russo

ABSENT:

Cebi Waterfield Chairwoman
Ann Heffernan

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

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT:

Anthony Vendrella
Mackenzie Gardner

B. Public Portion of Meeting

None

C. REPORTS

C.1.a. Administration/Status of Schools

Superintendent Cavallaro – addressed the most recent communication regarding the COVID vaccine. As of March 1, 2021, the vaccine became available to the teachers and administration. Superintendent Neil Cavallaro also discussed extending the school day in conjunction with the vaccine. Additionally, Superintendent Neil Cavallaro informed the board of the budget with the Alliance grant and COVID relief funding. Lastly, Superintendent Neil Cavallaro advised the State Partnership Plan has been submitted.

Questions from the board ensued.

C.1.b Student Representatives

Anthony Vendrella- gave an update of the WHHS attendance, sports and clubs.

Mackenzie Gardner- gave an update on all upcoming events for the seniors and the honors induction ceremony.

C.1.c. Board

James Morrissey – Questioned the Alliance Grant and COVID funding. Touched base on parents watching students play sports and thanked Superintendent Neil Cavallaro for the snow day decision from the previous storm.

Robert Guthrie – Please see attached documentation.

Rosa Richardson – Hopeful with the Johnson and Johnson vaccine coming out that there will be a higher number vaccinated. Additionally, thanked Superintendent Neil Cavallaro for the list of teachers who will/have been vaccinated. She also thanked Superintendent Neil Cavallaro for the snow day.

Patricia Libero – Happy PTA council dedicated the spelling bee to Ralph Eberle and excited for girl's senior hockey night.

Rosemary Russo – Stated that she attended the spelling bee and congratulated the kids on how wonderful they did. She also enjoyed the snow day photos on the school website.

Andrea Talamelli– Stated that she watched the spelling bee, and all the kids did a great job. Additionally, she thanked Superintendent Neil Cavallaro on the decision for the snow day as well.

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 6:01 p.m.

Vice Chair Rosa Richardson asked for a motion to approve the minutes **D.1.a**

Patrick Egolum made the motion

Robert Guthrie seconded the motion

Discussion: James Morrissey asked that his statement regarding the State Partnership Plan be added to the minutes. The Vice Chair Rosa Richardson asked for a motion to table the minutes of January 19, 2021, so they can be amended.

Robert Guthrie made the motion

Patrick Egolum seconded the motion

Minutes **D.1.a** were tabled

D.2. Resignations: (Certified):

21-07 Gina Giaquinto, RN, St Lawrence/Floater

Effective: 2/2/21

Reason: Resignation

Vice Chair Rosa Richardson asked for a motion to approve the Resignation **D.2. 21-07**

Robert Guthrie made the motion

Patrick Egolum seconded the motion

Discussion: None

Resignations **D.2.** was approved

D.3. New Hire:

21-08 Forrest Bonjo, 330 Concord St, East Haven, CT 06512

EL Teacher-Carrigan

Salary: \$58,794.00 Step 5 BS+30

Effective 2/18/21

Vice Chair Rosa Richardson asked for a motion to approve the New Hire **D.3. 21-08**

Robert Guthrie made the motion

Patrick Egolum seconded the motion

Discussion: None

New Hire **D.3.** was approved

D. 4. New Business:

F. Informational

Vice Chair Rosa Richardson asked for a motion to adjourn
Robert Guthrie made the motion
Patrick Egolum seconded the motion
All board members were in favor
The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Foster