

WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 19, 2021
Regular Board Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on July 19, 2021 at West Haven High School Cafe, McDonough Plaza, West Haven, CT. Rosa Richardson, Vice-Chairwoman of the Board of Education called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Alliance.

BOARD MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ABSENT:

Cebi Waterfield
Anne Heffernan

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

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: None

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT:**

B. Public Portion of Meeting:

Public session - none.

C. REPORTS

C.1.a. Administration/Status of Schools

Superintendent Cavallaro asked Ken Carney to come up and give his presentation on Bailey Middle School regarding modular classrooms. We are using COVID funds. After Ken was done, Superintendent Cavallaro spoke about masks in school. It is a mandate from the State of CT; nothing has changed as of now. We will have to comply with the CT State Department of Education guidelines. We are receiving more Title I fund, so we are adding an additional assistant principal at Carrigan Intermediate School. We are preparing for the new staff for this upcoming year.

Questions from the board ensued.

Ken Carney – presentation on Bailey Middle School

Dr. Stefania Larry gave an overview of Pupil Services and the Districtwide collaboration program with ACES that will be located at Mackrille.

Questions from the board ensued.

C.1.b Student Representatives

C.1.c. Board

The board asked for a moment of silence for Michael Buckley and Madison Cicarella

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 June 21, 2021, at 6:21 p.m.

Vice -Chairwoman Richardson asked for a motion to approve the minutes **D. 1.a**

Rosemary Russo made the motion

Patricia Libero seconded the motion

Discussion: correction in C.1.c. was made

Abstain – Patrick Egolum

All board members present were in favor

Minutes **D.1.a** approved

D.2. Resignations: (Certified):

21-54 Pamela J. Lutsky

Teacher-Pagels

Reason: Resignation

Effective: 06/30/2021

21-55 Cheryl Studley

Spanish Teacher-WHHS

Reason: Resignation

Effective:06/30/2021

Move to Approve.

Vice-Chairwoman Richardson asked for a motion to approve **D.2. 21-54-21-55**

Andrea Talamelli made the motion

Rosemary Russo seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

D.3. New Hire: (Certified)

21-56 Leah Zinsky, 63 Westwood Rd., Milford, CT 06461

Teacher Grade 2-Savin Rock

Salary: \$45,786.00

Step: 1 BS +30

Effective: 08/26/2021

21-57 Marisela Valencia 125 Woodland St., Manchester, CT 06042

Teacher Grade 3-Savin Rock

Salary: \$49,949.00

Step: 2 BS + 30

Effective: 08/24/2021

21-58 Molly Deptulski 69 Frost Dr., North Haven, CT 06473

Health Education Teacher-Bailey Middle School

Salary: \$58,794.00

Step: 5 BS + 30

Effective Date: 08/26/2021

21-59 Michael Stefura 38 Wood Ave., Trumbull, CT 06611

Teacher Grade 3-Washington Elementary

Salary: \$45,786.00

Step: 1 BS + 30

Effective: 08/24/2021

21-60 Madison Suchocki 137 Tremont St., Newington, CT 06111

Teacher Grade 5/6- Carrigan Intermediate School

Salary: \$41,644.00

Step: 1 BS

Effective: 08/24/2021

21-61 Rafay Irfan 94 Pearl St., New Haven, CT 06511

Teacher Grade 5/6-Carrigan Intermediate School

Salary: \$49,949.00

Step: 2 BS + 30

Effective: 08/24/2021

21-62 Natalie Fallanca 112 Harrison Rd., Wallingford, CT 06492
Teacher Grade 5/6- Carrigan Intermediate School
Salary: \$45,786.00
Step: 1 BS + 30
Effective: 08/24/2021

21-63 Jennifer D'Auria 160 Quenby Place, Stratford, CT 06614
Science Teacher Grade 8-Bailey Middle School
Salary: \$52,030.00
Step: 3 BS + 30
Effective: 08/24/2021

21-64 Nuria Ryan 178 Ellsworth Ave., New Haven, CT 06515
Teacher Grade 1-Forest School
Salary: \$45,786.00
Step: 1 + 30
Effective: 08/24/2021

21-65 Gabrielle Gambardella 208 Shore Drive, Branford, CT 06405
Special Ed Teacher-Forest School
Salary: \$45,786.00
Step: 1 + 30
Effective: 08/24/2021

21-66 Jon Trpkosh 66 Spring Garden St., Hamden, CT 06517
Teacher Grade 8-Bailey Middle School
Salary: \$73,517.00
Step: 8 BS + 30
Effective: 08/24/2021

21-67 Bianca L. Whitaker 61 Wooster Ave., Stratford, CT 06615
Teacher Grade 1-Washington Elementary School
Salary: \$45,786.00
Step: 1 BS + 30
Effective: 08/24/2021

21-68 Julianne McAree 575 Ellsworth St., Apt 308
Teacher Grade 2- Washington Elementary School
Salary: \$52,030.00
Step: 3 BS + 30
Effective: 08/24/2021

21-69 Alexandria Benzi 15 Marjorie Dr., North Branford, CT 06471
School Social Worker-Bailey Middle School
Salary: \$48,908.00
Step: 1 BS + 60 plus \$5,761.34 stipend
Effective: 08/24/2021

21-70 James Carrigan 52 Wellsweep Dr., Madison, CT 06443
School Social Worker- District Wide
Salary: \$48,908.00
Step: 1 BS + 60 plus \$5,761.34 stipend
Effective: 08/24/2021

21-71 Christy Pappolla 24 Clear Lake Rd., North Branford, CT 06471
Speech & Language Pathologist- District Wide
Salary: \$53,833.00
Step: 4 BS + 30 plus \$1,876.94 stipend
Effective: 08/24/2021

21-72 Rachel Bernhisel 169 School St., Apt 18A, Hamden, CT 06518
Pre-K- Washington Elementary School
Salary: \$44,226.00
Step: 2 BS
Effective: 08/24/2021

21-73 Sandra Britton 1800 Litchfield Turnpike, Woodbridge, CT 06525
Special Education Teacher- Washington Elementary School
Salary: \$41,644.00
Step: 1 BS
Effective: 08/24/2021

21-74 Patric Pisani 54 Grieb Trail Wallingford, CT 06492
Science Teacher Grade 8-Bailey Middle School
Salary: \$49,949.00
Step: 2 BS +30
Effective: 08/24/2021

21-75 Taylor Brockett 161 Montowese Ave., North Haven, CT 06473
ELA Teacher Grade 8-Bailey Middle School
Salary: \$41,644.00
Step: 1 BS
Effective: 08/24/2021

21-76 Jennifer Crandall 9 Old Washington Trail, Durham, CT 06422
Teacher Grade 5- Carrigan Intermediate School
Salary: \$45,786.00
Step: 1 BS+ 30
Effective: 08/24/2021

21-77 Donata Lupacchino 115 Staffordshire Commons Drive, Wallingford, CT 06492
Band Teacher-WHHS
Salary: \$54,362.00
Step: 6 BS
Effective: 08/25/2021

21-78 Tara Oliwa 99 Honey Pot Rd., West Haven, CT 06516
Special Education Inclusion teacher-Bailey Middle School
Salary: \$76,624.00
Step: 8 (BS + 60)
Effective: 08/24/2021

21-79 Rachel Bernardo 8211 Town Walk Dr., Hamden, CT 06518
Library Media Specialist-Pagels/Mackrille School
Salary: \$45,786.00
Step: 1 BS + 30
Effective: 08/24/2021

Move to Approve.

Vice-Chairwoman Richardson asked for a motion to approve **D.2. 21-56 - 21-79**
James Morrissey made the motion
Patrick Egolum seconded the motion
Discussion: None
All board members present were in favor

D. 4 New Business:

Informational

Vice-Chairwoman Richardson asked for a motion to adjourn
Patricia Libero made the motion
James Morrissey seconded the motion
All board members were in favor
The meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM

Respectfully submitted, Tamara Mursko