

WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 1, 2020

Regular Board Meeting

Via Zoom and You Tube

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on June 1, 2020 as a Virtual Business meeting via Zoom and You Tube, pursuant to Governor Ned Lamont Executive Order NO. 7B. The meeting was called to order by Cebi Waterfield, Chairperson of the Board of Education at 6:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Alliance.

BOARD MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cebi Waterfield, Chairwoman
Rosa Richardson, Vice Chair
Patricia Libero, Secretary/Treasurer
James Morrissey
Patrick Egolum
Andrea Talamelli
Robert Guthrie
Rosemary Russo

ABSENT:

Anne Heffernan

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Neil C. Cavallaro, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Anne Druzolowski, Assistant Superintendent
Matthew Cavallaro, Finance Director
Scott Shand, Director, Adult Education
Dana Paredes, Principal, WHHS

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT:

Anthony Ventrella
Brendan Carew
Mackenzie Gardner

B. Public Portion of Meeting

Chairwoman Waterfield read a public comment received via email into the record.

No public comments.

REPORTS

C.1.a. Administration/Status of Schools

Superintendent Cavallaro's Status of Schools – the State Department of Education recognized WHHS for their improvement on graduation rates. This achievement started with Dr. Druzolowski, the administrators, teachers and staff. I am proud and pleased with all the work that was done and for being recognized by the State Department of Education. Congratulations to Brendan Carew. This is his last meeting with the Board of Education. Thank you for your service; it was a pleasure working with you. Enjoy your summer, good luck at UCONN.

Ken Carney, Chairman, Building Committee presented a virtual tour of the WHHS Project.

<https://baybrookremodelers.wistia.com/medias/wu6ym270do>

Dana Paredes, Principal WHHS presented an update of graduation and senior events.

C.1.b. Student Representatives' Report

See attached report.

C.1.c. Board

James Morrissey – I want to wish Brendan much luck. He is a real asset to the board. I was able to attend the ceremony at Bailey for devices. Thank you to Notre Dame, Amazon and Neil. I want to mention that Chief William Johnson passed away last night. He was a great man. May we please have a moment of silence for Chief Johnson? Thank you.

Rosemary Russo – Thank you Brendan, I enjoyed working with you. You are a great student rep. Study hard at UCONN. Congratulations to the retirees. The Bailey ceremony was great. It touches my heart. I want to thank Mr. Curis and Neil for all they did. The percentages for Distant Learning are phenomenal. We have an outstanding team, led by Neil and Anne. The website, packets, all the custodians, nurses, secretaries and food service; I do not want to leave anyone out, went above and beyond. It goes to the recognition from the State of CT. Dana and staff, thank you for all you have done for the WHHS Seniors.

Patricia Libero – Rosie covered everyone. I feel bad for the seniors even though we are doing extra things. I adopted my senior. The kids will survive. I give all the teachers credit for keeping the kids engaged. The name on 20-23 should be Linda not Lina.

Andrea Talamelli- Congratulations Brendan, I think you will do wonderful things in life. You are a very impressive young man. Thank you everyone, the videos are so heartwarming.

Rose Richardson – Shout out to Brendan. I wish him well. I would be repeating what Rosie said. I want to thank the administrators, teachers and students for their commitment during this difficult time.

Robert Guthrie – I was at the Bailey presentation. Thank you to everyone. I hope that this is something we can continue to do. Brendan your input and insight have made you invaluable to the team of nine. Go Huskies!

Patrick Egolum – what I wanted to say has already been said. I wanted to thank Neil, Anne, the principals and teachers. You made us proud with the work on the graduation rate. Congratulations to Brendan. What will you be majoring in? Brendan stated Finance. Patrick said, you can manage my money when you graduate. I wish you well.

Cebi Waterfield – we are very lucky in our school system coming together with the struggles of on-line learning. The dedication and willing ness to work together has inspired me. We had a reopening meeting. I forwarded the minutes to the board. It was a meet and greet. Any questions or concerns please contact me, Neil or Anne. Congratulations to Brendan. You are very mature positive person. Always willing to work together.

D.1. Approval of Minutes

D.1. The West Haven Board of Education Meeting was held in via Zoom and You Tube on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

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

Rosemary Russo made the motion

Patricia Libero seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

Abstained: James Morrissey

Minutes **D.1.** were approved

D.2. Resignations: (Certified)

All inclusive: 20-19 – 20-26; 20-23 change name to Linda not Lina

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve the resignations; all-inclusive **D.2.**

Rosa Richardson made the motion

Andrea Talamelli seconded the motion

Discussion: Rosa Richardson, congrats to all

All board members present were in favor

Resignations **D.2.** were approved

D.3. New Hire: (Certified)
All inclusive: 20-27-20-28

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve the new hires **D.3.**
Rosa Richardson made the motion
James Morrissey seconded the motion

Discussion: None
All board members present were in favor

Items D.3. were approved

D. 4 New Business

20-29 Approval of West Haven's Adult Education NEDP Expansion II Grant

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve 20-17
Rosa Richardson made the motion
Patricia Libero seconded the motion

Discussion: None
All board members present were in favor

Item **20-29** were approved

Informational

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to adjourn
Rosa Ricardson made the motion
Patricia Libero seconded the motion
All board members were in favor
The meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Tamara Mursko