

WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 2, 2020

Regular Board Meeting

Board's Meeting Room

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on March 2, 2020 in the Board's Meeting Room on the second floor of City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT. The meeting was called to order by Cebi Waterfield, Chairperson of the Board of Education at 6:00 p.m. The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag.

BOARD MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cebi Waterfield, Chairwoman
Rosa Richardson, Vice Chair
Patrick Egolum
Anne Heffernan
Andrea Talamelli
James Morrissey
Robert Guthrie
Rosemary Russo

ABSENT:

Patricia Libero, Secretary/Treasurer

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Neil C. Cavallaro, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Anne Druzolowski, Assistant Superintendent
Matthew Cavallaro, Finance Director

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT:**

Anthony Ventrella

B. Public Portion of Meeting

Chairwoman Waterfield asked if anyone would like to speak during public session for the first time, second time and third and final time.

Public session closed at 6:01 PM.

REPORTS

C.1.a. Administration/Status of Schools

Superintendent Cavallaro asked Jill Grego nursing supervisor to give an update on the Coronavirus. Jill Grego is working with the West Haven Health Department to closely monitor any change in information from the CBC and the CT State Department of Health. The school nurses give updates weekly on the number of students out with the flu. The

numbers are normal and not elevated. Jill has been in contact with the custodial staff regarding the cleaning of the buildings. It is important to keep your child home if they are sick.

Superintendent Cavallaro congratulated Dr. Druzolowski, coordinators, teachers and all staff that work with our children for the tremendous gains we have made in all subject areas.

Dr. Ann Druzolowski stated she didn't expect to be this great, each year it gets better and better. As difficult as the nature of the job is, the teachers have really persevered and they are going by the mantra "every child will success". We have four schools of distinction, Pagels, Haley, Forest and Savin Rock. All schools had growth. The DRG comparison is the schools in the same economic and measurement groups. We are #1 in English Language Arts, Math and Science Achievements and #1 in ELA, Math growth of all students and high needs. There were no academic achievement gaps. Thanks to our teachers for taking on an area that kids need to focus on, they have been right there.

A presentation was done by the coordinator's. See attached PowerPoint.

C.1.b. Student Representatives' Report

Anthony Ventrella – we had some questions about the internet and the teacher's being able to print. It's all getting fixed. Read Across America was this week. We did a lot of silent reading. Brendan Carew was named Scholar Athlete. Mackenzie Gardener was named Captain of the soccer team. Mr. Cavallaro saw me in my Engineering class fiddling with my Robot. Our Robotics Team came in 3 of 50 teams in the regional competition. With the new equipment, new programming and Mr. Rice and Mr. Barraco believing in us we did really good this year. My ½ mile relay team won the SCC Championships.

C.1.c. Board

Rosemary Russo – Congratulations to staff

Rosa Richardson- thanked the educators for the great job they do.

Cebi Waterfield- what a fabulous job, we couldn't ask for more. We should get a press release to Michael Walsh. It's nice seeing kids and staff supporting each other at different events.

Patrick Egolum- with the Chair's permission we should stand up and give them a standing ovation because this is fantastic. The results simple illuminate the efforts and sacrifices you have been putting in.

Mr. Guthrie – went to the Carrigan Black History Celebration and the 24th Black Heritage Celebration at City Hall. Read at Savin Rock for Read Across America today. CABE's Day on the Hill is Wednesday, March 11, 2020. At organizational meeting Mayor spoke about and FOI Workshop. Perhaps the board follows up on its own. Tom Hennick from the State will come if you contact him. Tammy to contact him.

Mr. Morrissey – testing scores and the higher data speak for itself. Greatest teachers in the State of Ct and the scores prove that. Thank you very much for what you are doing.

D.1. Approval of Minutes

D.1.a. The West Haven Board of Education Special Board Meeting was held in the Board's Meeting Room on the second floor of City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 5:48 PM.

D.1.b The West Haven Board of Education Meeting was held in the Board's Meeting Room on the second floor of City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 6:23 PM.

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

Rosa Richardson made the motion

Anne Heffernan seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

Abstained: Andrea Talamelli and Patrick Egolum were absent

minutes **D.1.a.** and **D.1.b** were approved

D.2. Resignations: (Certified)

D.3. New Hire: (Certified)

D. 4 New Business

20-08 2020-2021 West Haven Department of Education School Calendar

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve 20-08

Robert Guthrie made the motion

Rosa Richardson seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

20-08 is approved

Informational

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to adjourn

Rosa Richardson made the motion

Andrea Talamelli seconded the motion

All board members were in favor

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Mursko