

WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 6, 2020

Regular Board Meeting

Board's Meeting Room

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on January 6, 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 6:29 p.m. The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag.

BOARD MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cebi Waterfield, Chairperson
Rosa Richardson, Vice Chair
Pat Libero -Secretary/Treasurer
Patrick Egolum
Robert Guthrie
Anne Heffernan
James W. Morrissey
Rosemary Russo
Andrea Talamelli

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Neil Cavallaro, Superintendent of Schools
Anne Druzolowski, Assistant Superintendent
Matt Cavallaro, Director of Finance

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Nancy Rossi

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT:

Mackenzie Gardner
Anthony Ventrella

Addendum to Agenda

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to change the date on the Addendum from January 2, 2020 to January 6, 2020.

Rosa Richardson made the motion

Patricia Libero second the motion

All board members were in favor

Date change approved

B. Public Portion of Meeting

Chairwoman Waterfield asked if anyone would like to speak during public session.

Wendy Dalton - 8 Pauling Ave - Ms. Dalton wanted to speak to the kind of person her sister Robin Viani is and submit a letter from the boys and girls swim team. High School and that she is disappointed in the board for dismissing her.

Hillary Brentson - 108 Ocean Ave – Ms. Brentson wanted to speak to the kind of person Robin Viani as well. She would really like her to be reinstated.

Kevin Campos, Representative of CWA, Local 1103. Presently in negotiations. The City transitioned all their employees to the State plan as of January 1 of this year. The BOE hasn't decided as yet. He stated the savings would be in the amount of 1.6 million dollars a year. Two people just retired. There is no plan to fill those positions as of yet. He thinks the BOE should jump on it, Thank you.

Chairwoman Waterfield asked if anyone else would like to address the board, for a second time would anyone like to address the board, a third and final time would anyone else like to address the board.

Public session closed at 6:36 PM.

REPORTS

C.1.a. Administration/Status of Schools

Superintendent Cavallaro asked that Ken Carney, Chairman of the Building Committee give his report “Board of Education Project Updates” listed under New Business (D.4) first and then the administration will present the fiscal year 2021 budget.

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to amend the agenda to discuss New Business.
Rosa Richardson made the motion
Anne Heffernan second the motion
All board members were in favor

D. 4 New Business

Ken Carney, Chairman, WH Building Committee – Board of Education Project Updates

WHHS- proposed adding a three bay garage behind the pool or additional parking. This would require State approval.

Bailey Middle School – Circle Roof completed. Looking into replacing the entire roof. This would require State approval.

Washington Elementary School – a proposal sent to the State for possible renovation. This would require State approval.

Forest Elementary School – Playground funded through a grant will be built at Forest, all rubber base.

Savin Rock – leaky roof, second floor. Will install a rubber roof if CDA money approved.

C.1.a. Administration/Status of Schools

Presentation of Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

Superintendent Cavallaro is not asking for any action at this time. He will gladly meet with anyone to discuss the budget.

Matthew Cavallaro, Finance Director passed out a copy of the Budget Power Point to review.

C.1.b. Student Representatives' Report

Mr. Ventrella stated that the School Based Health Center will be opening the end of the month which is very convenient for students. The recent debate scheduled for Jan 8th for the use of the "n" word will be rescheduled for a later date after meeting with the NAACP.

The Superintendents spoke to the NAACP representative. She was very helpful. Working with the NAACP will better educate the students.

Mr. Ventrella said the sound is much better in the band room. Myself, Mackenzie, Brendan and Mrs. Paredes dropped gifts off to Regal Care. I like doing that. Toys went to 180 families. The biggest contributors were West Haven Fire Department, Police Department, Little Miss Westie and Dubel's Café.

C.1.c. Board

Mrs. Talamelli is looking forward to meeting with her committee.

Mrs. Russo visited Seth Haley School, happy to see the low numbers. Their equipment in the class room is very nice. Hoping the numbers stay low.

Ms. Libero went to the band concert; it was unbelievable walking into the auditorium. She also went to the hockey game. Parking is horrendous.

Mr. Guthrie wanted to express the boards deepest sympathy on the passing of Student Representative, Brendan Carew's grandfather.

Mr. Morrissey went to the girl's hockey game; they are 4-0. Congratulations. They had a nice write up in the paper. He received a call from parents regarding exams. He would like the invoice for the Bailey work paid and see the invoice at the next meeting.

D.1. Approval of Minutes

D.1.a. The West Haven Board of Education Special Meeting was held in the Board's Meeting Room on the second floor of City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 5:45 PM.

D.1.b. The West Haven Board of Education Regular 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, December 16, 2019 at 6:25 PM.

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

Rosa Richardson made the motion

Patricia Libero seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

Both sets of minutes D.1.a. and D.1.b. are approved

D.2. Resignations: (Certified)

20-1 Ann-Marie Gianotti, Nurse – Bailey Middle School

Effective: January 16, 2020

Reason: Resignation

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve 20-01 resignation.

Anne Heffernan made the motion

Rosa Richardson seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

Resignation 20-01 is approved

D.3. New Hire: (Certified)

20-02 Sal Tuozzola, 40 Campfield Crcle, Milford, CT 06461

Position: 5th Grade Humanities Teacher – Carrigan Intermediate School

Salary: \$41,232 BS Step 1

Effective: TBD

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve item 20-02 new hire.

Rosa Richardson made the motion

Patricia Libero seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members were in favor

New Hire item 20-02 is approved

D.4. New Business

20-03 West Haven Administrators' Association Contract

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve item 20-03 new business.
Rosa Richardson made the motion
Patrick Egolum seconded the motion
Discussion: Rosemary Russo thanked the Administrator's for not taking a raise.
All board members were in favor
New Business item 20-03 is approved

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to adjourn
Rosa Richardson made the motion
Anne Heffernan seconded the motion
All board members were in favor
The meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Tamara Mursko