WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 17, 2022
Regular Board Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on October 17, 2022, at West Haven High School Cafe, McDonough Plaza, West Haven, CT. Cebi Waterfield, 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:

Cebi Waterfield
Robert Guthrie
Patricia Libero
Kim Kenny
Jennifer Frost
Patrick Egolum
Morgan Watts

ABSENT: Andrea Talamelli
Anne Heffernan

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

CITY OFFICALS PRESENT: None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Senior Ayannah Koralie Obas
Senior Ivanna Baez
Junior Allison Rose Pastore
Junior Jenna Caro Teshoney

B. Public Portion of Meeting: Tina Perno 168 Park Terrace Ave., West Haven, CT 06516 voiced her concerns with the safety and dress code during lunch. She explained that the kitchen is unstaffed, and she is worried about if an issue happens during a lunch waive how the staff will identify a student due to the hoods, hats and face masks kids wear (not for covid reasons). She explained that most of the students do not wear a school badge. She would like to see some of the board member visit during lunch and see the items students wear and how the dress code and security guidelines are not being followed.

C. REPORTS

C.1.a. Administration/Status of Schools

Superintendent Cavallaro provided the board members with reassurance that the safety and security of the staff and students is a main priority. He is aware there is a shortage on security guards and police; however, if there was ever an issue that raised the police would be at the school instantly. The Police Department and him work closely and regardless of the department being understaffed they are always there to help the board of education. He also addressed the board members about the Washington School project and that Yale officially backed out; therefore, the project is back to square one. A location needs to be established for the students and staff. He would like to keep the students together, but he is open to ideas and suggestions from the board members. He also provided a timeframe for the Carrigan boilers once the City of West Haven has their bonding approved along with the fields. Lastly, he addressed the substitute pay and how he is working with the Teachers Union.

Principle Paredes gave a presentation to the board members regarding the new credit system for the Mastery Based Diploma requirements.

Questions from the board ensued.

C.1.b Student Representatives- Provided updated on sports, the college fair, senior day and PSATs. They informed the board members about the food pantry and Bingo night was a success.

C.1.c. Board

Cebi- Requested a moment of silence at the beginning of the meeting for the police officers who lost their lives last week and a husband of our committee who passed away. She also expressed how great the atmosphere was with the new change during the football games. There was no huge line to get in and you can easily access the food stand.

Jennifer-Requested a Technology committee meeting soon. Will get back to the board on what day and time she would like to hold the meeting. Additionally, had questions and concerns regarding food waste during lunch waives.

Patricia- Requested a committee meeting regarding curriculum for November 7, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

Kim-Expressed that she went to the college fair and was very pleased to see the turn around of how many students were still there 30 minutes left of the fair. Very proud of the WHHS volunteers.

D.1 Approval of Minutes

D.1.a The West Haven Board of Education Regular Board Meeting was held at West Haven High School Cafe, 1 McDonough Plaza West Haven, CT 06516 on October 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Move to Approve.

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve the minutes D.1.a
Patricia Libero made the motion
Kim Kenny seconded the motion
Discussion: None
Abstained: Cebi Waterfield
All board members present were in favor

Minutes **D.1.a** Approved

D.1.b The West Haven Board of Education Curriculum Committee Board Meeting was held at West Haven High School Cafe, 1 McDonough Plaza West Haven, CT 06516 on October 3, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Move to Approve.

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve the minutes D.1.b
Patricia Libero made the motion
Kim Kenny seconded the motion
Discussion: Requested an amendment
Abstained: Cebi Waterfield
All board members present were in favor

Minutes **D.1.b** Approved

D.2. <u>Resignations: (Certified)</u>

22-91 Cynthia Musante
Resignation
Teacher (WHHS)
Effective: 09/30/2022

Move to Approve

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve D.2
Kim Kenny made the motion
Robert Guthrie seconded the motion
Discussion: Superintendent Cavallaro advised we will be holding for 30 days.
All board members present were in favor

D.3. <u>New Hire: (Certified)</u>

Move to Approve

D. 4 <u>New Business:</u>

Informational

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to adjourn
Patrick Egolum made the motion
Kim Kenny seconded the motion
All board members were in favor
The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Foster