

WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 6, 2023

Regular Board Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on February 6, 2023, at West Haven High School Cafe, 1 McDonough Plaza, West Haven, CT. Cebi Waterfield, Chair 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
Patrick Egolum
Andrea Talamelli
Patricia Libero
Robert Guthrie
Kim Kenny
Anne Heffernan
Morgan Watts

ABSENT:

Jennifer Frost

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

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT:

Ivanna Baez	Allison Pastore
Diego Soto	Ayannah Obas
Jenna Teshoney	

B. Public Portion of Meeting: none, closed 6:01 p.m.

C. REPORTS

Vancord gave an update on technology in the schools

Antinozzi Associates update on the exterior and interior of Washington School Project

C.1.a. Administration/Status of Schools

Superintendent Cavallaro suggested that the Student Representative report be changed to C.1.a. and the Superintendent report be changed to C.1.b. The board agreed. This will be changed on future agendas. The Superintendent asked Ken Carney to give an update on

Carrigan. Ken Carney discussed the sprinkler damage to the school with the weather temperature being only 4 degrees. Ken Carney also updated the board on the Astro turf.

Vancord – gave a presentation on technology updates

Questions ensued by the board members.

Antonizzi Associates – presented the Washington School Project

Questions ensued by the board members.

C.1.b Student Representatives

Student representative Diego Soto gave an update on the Black Heritage Award winners, Jovonte Witter, Malachi Clarion and Ayannah Obas. CABA Leadership award winners, Ivannah Baez and Leandro Rodriguez. Blue Devils of the month Emma Gagne and Julain Mancini. SCC winners, Julianna Petrizulo, Brianna Miller Pettaway and Amani Abuhatab. There will be interviews for the EMT program. Spelling Bee, Bingo night and Valentines fundraisers.

C.1.c. Board

Robert Guthrie – the Legislative Breakfast is tomorrow from 7:30-9:00 a.m.

Andrea Talamelli – thanked the board for their donations to Tunnel to Towers Foundation in memory of her father.

Anne Heffernan– mentioned Board Bingo

Chairwoman Waterfield – complimented the new doors at the WHHS Gym. Also, complimented the students and visitors on their excellent behavior. The Cheer Competition Team did an excellent job. Complimented security, Chris and custodial on the impressive setup for 350 people in the auditorium.

D.1 Approval of Minutes

D.1.a The West Haven Board of Education Regular Board Meeting was held at Bailey Middle School Cafe, 106 Morgan Lane, West Haven, CT 06516 on January 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Move to Approve.

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

Robert Guthrie made the motion

Anne Heffernan seconded the motion

Abstain: Patrick Egolum

Discussion: none

All board members present were in favor

Minutes **D.1.** Approved

D.2. Resignations: (Certified)

23-09 Lauren Wingen

Math Teacher – WHHS

Resignation

Effective Date: 02/23/2023

Move to Approve

23-10 Amanda Gratton

Math Teacher – Carrigan

Resignation

Effective Date: 02/17/2023

Move to Approve

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Cebi Waterfield asked for a motion to approve D.2. all-inclusive 23/09 and 23/10

Kim Kenny made the motion

Andrea Talamelli seconded the motion

Discuss: Cebi – is there an outreach program for teachers

All board members present were in favor

Retirement **D.2** Approved

D.3. New Hire: (Certified)

23-11 Emily Matukaitis, 484 Jade Lane, Southington, CT 06489

Science Teacher - WHHS

Salary: \$65, 482 Step 6 BS +30

Effective: 08/24/2023

Move to Approve

Cebi Waterfield asked for a motion to approve D.3.

Andrea Talamelli made the motion

Anne Heffernan seconded the motion

All board members present were in favor

Retirement **D.3** Approved

D.4. New Business:

23-12 Sign off from West Haven Board of Education on demo drawings and specs for Washington School Project

We hereby certify that these final plans and project manual(s) as prepared for bidding and dated 12/14/2022, and the professional cost estimate, completed in accordance with Level 3 of ASTM International Standard E1557, Standard Classification of Building Elements and Related Sitework-UNIFORMAT II for this project, dated 02/02/2023, have been reviewed and approved for this project on the dates shown above.

Move to Approve

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve D.4.

Robert Guthrie made the motion

Patrick Egolum seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

New Business **D.4.** Approved

Informational

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to adjourn

Andrea Talamelli made the motion

Kim Kenny seconded the motion

All board members were in favor

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

Respectfully submitted, Tamara Mursko