

WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 20, 2023

Regular Board Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on March 20, 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 6:04 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
Jennifer Frost
Anne Heffernan
Morgan Watts

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Neil Cavallaro, 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 6:05 p.m.

C. REPORTS

C.1.a. Student Representatives

Ivanna Baez, Student Representative gave update on the National Honor Society, SAT/Senior Experience, Graduation is set for June 12 with a rain date of June 13. Senior scholarships, Track and Field has started. The marching band won first place in the St. Patrick's Day parade. Essay contest, the play Grease is the end of March and Egg My Yard has started.

C.1.b. Administration/Status of Schools

Superintendent Cavallaro discussed the Public Hearing for the budget is April 3, 2023 in the Harriet North Court Room. It is also our board meeting; he will try and make both. District feels good with the waiver that was sent to the state and we applied for an extension. We interviewed 6 of the 7 publishing companies recommended by the State. The 7th one did not respond to our invite. We are in a good position to move forward. To do a full implementation right now would not be good. We should wait the next school year.

Colette Bennett, Coordinator, gave a presentation regarding the reading waiver.

Questions ensued from the board.

C.1.c. Board

Cebi Waterfield – the new band uniforms look fantastic. Thoughts are with Councilwoman Bridgette Hoskie, she was in a horrible car accident. Cebi spoke with Representative Dorinda Borer regarding the waiver, mandates, and money. We have been successful with our scores. She was very receptive and will bring it back to Hartford.
Anne Heffernan – thank you for the Board Appreciation gifts.
Jennifer Frost – we had a Technology Committee meeting to discuss what we want moving forward. We will have an internal discussion with Vancord.
Patricia Libero – I leaving for Italy, let me know when the budget meeting is.
Kim Kenny – will setup a committee meeting for April.
Robert Guthrie – wanted to mention the choir preformed at the Black Heritage Celebration.

D.1 Approval of Minutes

D.1.a The West Haven Board of Education Regular Board Meeting was held at West Haven High School, 1 McDonough Plaza, West Haven, CT 06516 on March 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Move to Approve.

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

Kim Kenny made the motion

Patricia Libero seconded the motion

Abstain: Morgan Watts and Anne Heffernan

Discussion: none

All board members present were in favor

Minutes **D.1.** Approved

D.2. Resignations: (Certified)

23-16 Holly Jardine

Teacher – Bailey

Retirement

Effective Date: 06/30/2023

Move to Approve

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve the resignation D.2.

Andrea Talamelli made the motion

Patrick Egolum seconded the motion

Discussion: Cebi, happy retirement and thank you for your service to our students.

All board members present were in favor

Minutes **D.2.** Approved

D.3. New Hire: (Certified)

23-17 Jordan Paine, 51 Wind Sock Road, West Haven, CT 06516

Elementary Teacher – Savin Rock

Salary: \$41,644 Step 1

Effective: 02/27/2023

Move to Approve

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve the new hire D.3.

Robert Guthrie made the motion

Andrea Talamelli seconded the motion

Discussion: none

All board members present were in favor

Minutes **D.3.** Approved

D.4. New Business:

23-18 ED-099 Connecticut State Department of Education Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the West Haven Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not

exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups

Move to Approve.

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve new business D.4. 23-18

Robert Guthrie made the motion

Andrea Talamelli seconded the motion

Discussion: none

Abstain: Anne Heffernan

All other board members present were in favor

Minutes **D.4. 23-18** Approved

23-19 Approval of the Connecticut State Department of Education Child Nutrition Program (ED-099) Healthy Food Certification Statement; Consideration 2- Exemption for Food Items.

The West Haven Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food sales.

Move to Approve

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve new business D.4. 23-19

Patrick Egolum made the motion

Robert Guthrie seconded the motion

Discussion: none

All board members present were in favor

Minutes **D.4. 23-19** Approved

23-20 – FY 2023 Budget Transfer

Move to Approve

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve the budget transfer D.4.

Anne Heffernan made the motion

Andrea Talamelli seconded the motion

Discussion: why are we transferring. Matt Cavallaro, Business Manager addressed the Board.

All board members present were in favor

Minutes **D.4. 23-20** Approved

F. Informational

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to adjourn

Jennifer Frost made the motion

Andrea Talamelli seconded the motion

Discussion: Cebi, thanked Ms. Pniewski for her years of service.

All board members were in favor

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm

Respectfully submitted, Tamara Mursko