WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes WHHS Café May 15, 2023 7:00 P.M.

A Policy Committee Meeting of the Board of Education was held on May 15, 2023, in the West Haven High School Café 1 McDonough Plaza, West Haven, CT 06516. The meeting was called to order by Robert Guthrie, Chair of the Policy Committee at 7:03 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE: Robert Guthrie, Chair

Jennifer Frost Patrick Egolum Kim Kenny Patricia Libero

Chair Robert Guthrie started the policy committee meeting tonight by discussing the policy about cell phones in schools. Chair Guthrie informed the members that Kim Kenny, Assistant Superintendent Drenzek, and himself met prior to the meeting to discuss the policy and all the questions they had.

Principal Paredes of West Haven High School informed the board that there is a pilot at the school with the freshman academy students. They have two teams. The first team is full supervision (phone in the box at the beginning of class) and the other team is self-management (student may have their phone; however, if it is seen by the teacher being used it will be locked in the box).

Chair Robert Guthrie and board members made suggestions on what they would like to see added to the policy prior to presenting the information to the board. Therefore, Principal Dana is going to add items to the created policy and once the information has been added Chair Guthrie requested a follow up meeting for June 5, 2023, at 5:45pm. Lastly, Chair Guthrie requested the Derby and Ansonia cellphone policies copies be provided to all board members.

Chair Guthrie asked for a motion to adjourn. Kim Kenny made the motion to adjourn Patrick Egolum seconded the motion All board members were in favor The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Foster