

# **WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**May 15, 2023**

## **Regular Board Meeting**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on May 15, 2023, 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  
Kim Kenny  
Patrick Egolum  
Patricia Libero  
Jennifer Frost

#### **ABSENT:**

Anne Heffernan  
Andrea Talamelli  
Morgan Watts

**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  
Diego Arturo Soto  
Jenna Teshoney

**B. Public Portion of Meeting:** Resident from Branford spoke during public session. Closed: 6:15pm

### **C. REPORTS**

**C.1.a. Student Representatives-** Jr student representative Jenna gave the board members updated on sporting events, who the valedictorian and school events.

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#### **C.1.b. Administration/Status of Schools**

Superintendent Cavallaro and Stefania Larry gave a presentation to the board about the Washington school project.

Assistant Superintendent Drenzek introduced the board members to the coffee cart staff and explained what they do throughout the school year.

Questions from the board ensued.

#### **C.1.c. Board**

**Robert-** Thanked Superintendent Cavallaro for the enrollment numbers and suggested a school catalog for all schools with enrollment number and other items.

**Patricia-** Gave a shoutout to all the students that were recognized and when the HALO awards are.

**Jennifer-** Mentioned the bill being looked at for School climate build for an additional administrator. Lastly, she asked about the process in place regarding student enrollment for students who live within the town versus students who don't.

#### **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 May 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Move to Approve.**

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

Kim Kenny made the motion

Patrick Egolum seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

Minutes **D.1.a** Approved

#### **D.2. Resignations: (Certified)**

##### **23-26 Ritamarie Bouchard**

Retirement

English Language Arts Coach (k-6)

Effective: 06/30/2023

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**23-27 Cheryl Jennings**

Retirement

Science Facilitator (Washington)

Effective: 06/30/2023

**23-28 Alberto Martinez**

Resignation

Teacher (WHHS)

Effective: 06/30/2023

**23-29 Nicole Danishevsky**

Resignation

Mathematics and Professional Development Coordinator

Effective: 06/30/2023

**Move to Approve.**

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

Robert Guthrie made the motion

Patricia Libero seconded the motion

All board members present were in favor

New Hire **D.2.** Approved

**D.3. New Hire: (Certified)**

**23-30 Kristen Ann Amon**, 15 Newton Road Woodbridge, CT 06525

Physics Teacher (WHHS)

Step: 10 BS +60

Salary: \$90,950.00

Effective: 08/25/2023

**Move to Approve.**

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

Patrick Egolum made the motion

Patricia Libero seconded the motion

Discussion: Happy to see the positions being filled and wonderful candidates.

All board members present were in favor

New Hire **D.3.** Approved

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**Informational**

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to adjourn

Patricia Libero made the motion

Kim Kenny seconded the motion

All board members were in favor

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Foster