

WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 5, 2023

Regular Board Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on June 5, 2023, at West Haven High School Cafe, McDonough Plaza, West Haven, CT. Patrick Egolum, Vice Chair of the Board of Education called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Alliance.

BOARD MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE:

Patrick Egolum
Anne Heffernan
Robert Guthrie
Andrea Talamelli
Patricia Libero
Kim Kenny
Jennifer Frost

ABSENT:

Cebi Waterfield
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:**

B. Public Portion of Meeting: Closed 6:03pm

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C. REPORTS

C.1.a. Student Representatives

C.1.b. Administration/Status of Schools

Superintendent Cavallaro started the board meeting but providing them a letter from the State of Connecticut Department of Education approving the one-year extension to commence implementation of one of Connecticut's Approved Reading Curriculum Models or Programs.

Principal Paredes introduced the board members to the EMT graduates who gave the board members some insight into the program and the things they have learned throughout their time in the program.

Antinozzi Associates provided a presentation to the board of phase 2 in construction and cost for the Washington school project.

Questions from the board ensued.

C.1.c. Board

Robert Guthrie- Mentioned the policy meeting and adding the cellphone policy to the agenda.

Kim Kenny- Congratulated the graduating class and the promotional students.

Jennifer Frost- Loves the new big beach chair.

Patricia Libero- Mentioned how great the fine arts show was.

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 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Move to Approve.

Vice Chair Egolum asked for a motion to approve the minutes D.1.a.

Kim Kenny made the motion

Jennifer Frost seconded the motion

Discussion: None

Abstained: Andrea Talamelli & Anne Heffernan

All board members present were in favor

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Minutes **D.1.a.** Approved

D.1.b The West Haven Board of Education Policy Committee Meeting was held at West Haven High School Cafe, 1 McDonough Plaza West Haven, CT 06516 on May 15, 2023, at 7:03 p.m.

Move to Approve.

Vice Chair Egolum asked for a motion to approve the minutes D.1.b.

Jennifer Frost made the motion

Robert Guthrie seconded the motion

Discussion: None

Abstained: Andrea Talamelli & Anne Heffernan

All board members present were in favor

Minutes **D.1.b.** Approved

D.2. Resignations: (Certified)

23-31 Robyn Anderson

Resignation (Teacher)

Effective: 06/30/2023

23-32 Serena Sinclair Agbeli

Resignation (Music Teacher)

Effective: 06/30/2023

23-33 Rebecca Ouellette

Resignation (Social Studies Teacher)

Effective: 06/30/2023

23-34 Sandy McCauley

Retirement (Nurse)

Effective: 06/30/2023

Move to Approve

Vice Chair Egolum asked for a motion to approve D.2 (23-31—23-34)

Anne Heffernan made the motion

Andrea Talamelli seconded the motion

Discussion: Superintendent Cavallaro gave a shout out to Sandy for making WH a better place and congratulating her on her retirement.

All board members present were in favor

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D.3. New Hire: (Certified)

23-35 Jessica Pantani, 130 Queach Road, Branford, CT 06405

Biology Teacher (WHHS)

Step: 3 BS + 30

Salary: \$53,071.00

Effective: 05/22/2023

23-36 Margaret Higgins, 84 Park Ave., Hamden, CT 06517

EL Teacher (Forest)

Step: 2 BS + 30

Salary: \$50,948.00

Effective: 08/24/2023

Move to Approve

Vice Chair Egolum asked for a motion to approve D.3 (23-35—23-36)

Anne Heffernan made the motion

Kim Kenny seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

D. 4 New Business:

23-37 Approval of the plans and cost for the Washington School Project.

Move to Approve.

Vice Chair Egolum asked for a motion to approve D.4 (23-37)

Andrea Talamelli made the motion

Kim Kenny seconded the motion

Discussion: Jennifer Frost asked Kens team if the board can have the documents prior to voting.

All board members present were in favor

23-38 Approval of the cellphone policy P5131.81

Move to Approve.

Vice Chair Egolum asked for a motion to approve D.4 (23-38)

Robert Guthrie made the motion

Jennifer Frost seconded the motion

Discussion: Kim Kenny asked about the cell phone policy rules for the restroom.

All board members present were in favor

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Informational

Vice Chair Egolum 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 7:14 pm

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Foster