

WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 24, 2023

Regular Board Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on July 24, 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
Jennifer Frost
Anne Heffernan
Andrea Talamelli
Morgan Watts

ABSENT:

Patricia Libero

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: Christine Montano 41 Deerfield Ave Milford CT 06460 spoke during the public session regarding her career with the West Haven Board of Education and how she hopes to continue her employment with the West Haven Board of Education. Closed: 6:06pm

C. REPORTS

C.1.a. Student Representatives-

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C.1.b. Administration/Status of Schools

Superintendent Cavallaro started off by informing the board hiring for the upcoming school year is going very well. There are a couple positions that need to be filled but otherwise it is going well. He advised the board members about the CAFE workshop in September. Additionally, he mentioned 3 contracts that will be presented to MARB (Sodexo, Bus contract & Security Company). He let the board members know he wishes to hold the next board meeting at Malloy school to show all the board members how great of a job the maintenance employees have done over such a short period of time. Superintendent Cavallaro thanked the principals for their great teamwork with Tammy and the coordinators with hiring recommendations. Lastly, he wished Jennifer well.

Ken Carney informed the board of the current projects that are happening. The lecture hall at the high school, Washington bid, Malloy, Carrigan boilers and the new turf, fencing and field.

Assistant Superintendent Drenzek provided the board with information on the upcoming reading program and workshops/training.

Questions from the board ensued.

C.1.c. Board

Jennifer-Jokingly stated she had no reports tonight. She thanked the board for the opportunity to work together and it's the longest her family has lived in one place (6 years). Lastly, she thanked the board for all their hard work.

Anne- Sad to see Jennifer go. Wished her well.

Cebi- Thanked Jenn for all her work and dedication to the board and the community. Wished her well.

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 June 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Move to Approve.

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 June 5, 2023, at 5:53 p.m.

Move to Approve.

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D.1.c The West Haven Board of Education Special Meeting was held at West Haven High School Cafe, 1 McDonough Plaza West Haven, CT 06516 on June 26, 2023, at 6:05 p.m.

Move to Approve.

Move to Approve.

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

Robert Guthrie made the motion

Anne Heffernan seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

Minutes **D.1.a – D.1.c** Approved

D.2. Resignations: (Certified)

23-39 Francesca Ferrucci

Teacher (Seth Haley)

Retirement

Effective: 06/30/2023

23-40 Michelle Rizzuto

PE Teacher (Pagels)

Resignation

Effective: 06/30/2023

23-41 Weston Gambardella

U.S. History Teacher (WHHS)

Resignation

Effective: 06/30/2023

23-42 Natalie Fallanca

Teacher (Bailey)

Resignation

Effective: 06/30/2023

23-43 Andrew Ladutko

Teacher (Bailey)

Resignation

Effective: 06/28/2023

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23-44 Katherine Riordan

5th Grade Inclusion Teacher (Carrigan)

Resignation

Effective: 07/19/2023

23-45 Alina Romero

Spanish Teacher (WHHS)

Resignation

Effective: 08/24/2023

23-46 Beau Kamykowski

Math Facilitator (Carrigan/Bailey)

Resignation

Effective: 07/07/2023

23-47 Melissa Cohen

School Psychologist (Savin Rock)

Resignation

Effective: 07/19/2023

23-48 Nicholas Ritchie

Teacher (WHHS)

Resignation

Effective: 07/19/2023

Move to Approve.

Move to Approve.

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve D.2 (23-39 – 23-48)

Andrea Talamelli made the motion

Patrick Egolum seconded the motion

Discussion: Kim wished Mr. K & Mrs. Ferrucci well.

All board members present were in favor

New Hire **D.2.** Approved

D.3. New Hire: (Certified)

23-49 Janice Catala, 100 Hall St., New Haven, CT 06512

Speech & Language Pathologist (Bilingual) -WHHS

Salary: \$90,950.00 + \$2,016.94 SLP Stipend

Step: 10 (BS + 60)

Effective: 08/24/2023

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- 23-50 Karen Schwarz, 8 Alexandra Lane, Madison, CT 06443**
Math Teacher Grade 7 (Bailey)
Salary: \$74,987.00
Step: 8 BS + 30
Effective: 08/24/2023
- 23-51 Christopher Holt, 90 Wilson Ave., West Haven, CT 06516**
Social Studies Teacher (Bailey)
Salary: \$42,477.00
Step: 1
Effective: 08/24/2023
- 23-52 Tiffany Adams, RN, 57 W Wharf Rd., Madison, CT 06443**
School Nurse (Washington)
Salary: \$47,279.83
Step: 3
Effective: 08/22/2023
- 23-53 Jacob Radziewicz, 62 Holly Lane, Middletown, CT 06457**
PE Teacher (Washington)
Salary: \$42,477.00
Step: 1 BS
Effective: 08/22/2023
- 23-54 Hayley Zemaitis, 15 Avalon Ave, Oakville, CT 06779**
Music Teacher (Forest)
Salary: \$42,477.00
Step: 1 BS
Effective: 08/30/2023
- 23-55 Nicholas Vitale, 990 West River Street, Milford, CT 06460**
Social Studies Teacher (Bailey)
Salary: \$45,111.00
Step: 2
Effective: 08/24/2023
- 23-56 Jessica Moore, 2222 Avalon Drive E. Orange, CT 06477**
Social Studies Teacher (Bailey)
Salary: \$46,702.00
Step: 1 + BS 30
Effective: 08/24/2023

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23-57 Viktoria Notholt, 100 Stagecoach Cir., Milford, CT 06460

Pre-K Teacher (Seth Haley)

Salary: \$46,702.00

Step: 1 (BS+30)

Effective: 08/24/2023

23-58 Katherine Proscia, 1000 Avalon Way #4204, Stratford, CT 06614

Elementary Music Teacher (Mackrille/Pagels)

Salary: \$42,477.00

Step: 1 BS

Effective: 08/24/2023

23-59 Chefren Gray, 232 View St., Apt 2., New Haven, CT 06511

Intermediate School Teacher

Salary: \$42,477.00

Step: 1 BS

Effective: 08/24/2023

23-60 Daniell Jaques, 331 High St., Milford, CT 06460

Intermediate School Art Teacher

Salary: \$45,111.00

Step: 2 BS

Effective: 08/24/2023

23-61 Lisa Giannone, 103 Belvedere Dr., Meriden, CT 06450

Intermediate School Teacher

Salary: \$42,477.00

Step: 1 BS

Effective: 08/24/2023

23-62 Patricia Gonzalez, 412 Rob Roy Ln., West Haven, CT 06516

Spanish Teacher (WHHS)

Salary: \$90,950.00

Step: 10 BS + 60

Effective: 08/25/2023

23-63 Dominique Izzo, 120 Sylvan Hill Rd., East Haven, CT 06513

Speech & Language Pathologist (WHHS)

Salary: \$71,819.00 + \$2,016.04

Step: 6 BS + 60

Effective: 08/24/2023

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Move to Approve.

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve D.3 (23-49 – 23-63)

Patrick Egolum made the motion

Andrea Talamelli seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members present were in favor

New Hire **D.3.** Approved

D.4. New Business:

23-64 Request from parent for early entry to kindergarten.

Move to Deny.

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to deny D.4 (23-64)

Kim Kenny made the motion

Robert Guthrie seconded the motion

Abstain: Anne Heffernan

Discussion: Jennifer is happy to hear they will possibly consider assessments in the future

All board members present were in favor

23-65 The extension of the Assistant Superintendent's contract.

Move to Approve.

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve D.4 (23-65)

Robert Guthrie made the motion

Patrick Egolum seconded the motion

Discussion: Question regarding the budget

All board members present were in favor

Informational

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to adjourn

Anne Heffernan made the motion

Kim Kenny seconded the motion

All board members were in favor

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Foster