

WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 5, 2021
Regular Board Meeting

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on April 5, 2021 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
Rosa Richardson
Robert Guthrie
Patrick Egolum
Rosemary Russo
Andrea Talamelli
James Morrissey

ABSENT:

Patricia Libero, Ann Heffernan

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Neil C. Cavallaro, Superintendent of Schools
Matthew Cavallaro, Finance Director

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT: Mackenzie Gardner

B. Public Portion of Meeting: None

Public session closed 6:02 pm.

C. REPORTS

C.1.a. Administration/Status of Schools Superintendent Neil Cavallaro thanked the board for renewing his contract and he is looking forward to all upcoming ideas and projects for the next 3 years. The Superintendent notified the board that the West Haven Board of Education received a deal for 50% off on class rings for SCC winning teams and the teams can pick a ring out up to \$200.00. Additionally, he informed the board that he will have Ken update them on all school projects currently being worked on and upcoming projects. The Superintendent explained that Wednesday, April 7, 2021, will be a half day and Thursday, April 8, 2021, and Friday, April 9, 2021, will be a distance learning day to avoid short staffing from the second vaccination. He also talked about extending the school day as of May 3, 2021, for an additional hour now that the staff has been vaccinated. Lastly, the Superintendent addressed the board with ideas for funding Summer Programs, Social Workers, EL Services and Guidance Services with some of the COVID relief funding.

Questions from the board ensued.

Ken Carney, chairperson of the Building Committee updated the Board of all projects.

C.1.b Student Representatives

Mackenzie Gardener-thanked the board for their support on getting a security guard for the parking lot it has helped with parking issues. Mackenzie praised the upcoming Student Representatives for the Easter egg hunt. She also addressed that Spring sports have started and going very well. Mackenzie had concerns with longer days being exposed to COVID more during sports season and college pretesting. The Board congratulated Mackenzie for being one of the SCC players of the year and all SCC for Girls Hockey. Additionally, she thanked them and stated that Grace Nowak, received all SCC and Malcolm Duncanso received SCC player of the year for Boys Basketball.

C.1.c. Board

James Morrissey- Advised he was concerned with the speeding near Bailey Middle School. Mentioned sending a letter to the Traffic Division.

Cebi Waterfield- Congratulated Superintendent Neil on the renewal of his contract.

D.1 Approval of Minutes

D.1.a The West Haven Board of Education Meeting was held in the West Haven High School, 1 McDonough Plaza, West Haven, CT 06516 on March 15, 2021 at 6:02 p.m.

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

Rosa Richardson made the motion

Patrick Egolum seconded the motion

Discussion: amended attendance
All board members present were in favor

Minutes **D.1.a** approved

D.2. Resignations: (Certified):

D.3. New Hire:

21-08 Alyssa W. Hall, 28 Carroll St, West Haven CT 06516
Special Education Inclusion Teacher-Mackrille Elementary School
Salary: \$41,644.00 Step 1 (BS)
Effective: 3/30/21

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to approve **D.3. 21-08**
Patrick Egolum made the motion
Rosa Richardson seconded the motion
Discussion: None
All board members present were in favor

New Hire **D.3.** were approved

D. 4 New Business:

21-09 ED-099 Connecticut State Department of Education Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education or governing authority 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, 2021, through June 30, 2022. 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 **D.4. 21-09**
Rosa Richardson made the motion
Patrick Egolum seconded the motion
Discussion: none

All board members present were in favor

New Business **D.4.** were approved

21-10 Approval of the Connecticut State Department of Education Child Nutrition Program (ED-099) Healthy Food Certification Statement; Consideration 2- Exemption for Food Items.

The board of education or governing authority 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 **D.4. 21-10**

Rosa Richardson made the motion

Patrick Egolum seconded the motion

Discussion: none

All board members present were in favor

New Business **D.4.** were approved

Informational

Chairwoman Waterfield asked for a motion to adjourn

Rosa Richardson made the motion

Patrick Egolum seconded the motion

All board members were in favor

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Foster