

WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 18, 2019
Special Board Meeting Minutes
Board's Meeting Room

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IN ATTENDANCE:**

Rosemary Russo, Chairman
Robert Guthrie, Vice Chair
Susan Walker, Secretary/Treasurer
Lauren Aceto
Patrick Leigh
Patricia Libero
Karen Pacelli
Rosa Richardson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: James W. Morrissey

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Neil Cavallaro, Superintendent of Schools
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Minutes were taken by Vice-Chairman Robert Guthrie

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Nick Caruso first went over the process he shared with us on setting goals for the Superintendent when he last met with us.

Nick then asked the Board to share some of the boards thoughts on goals for the Board of Education. The Board seemed focused on the following:

- 1) Advocacy
- 2) Facilities
- 3) Short term and Long term finances
- 4) Communication – what is our story ? Solicit feedback, schools self promote, celebrate all the good things our students, staff and schools do.

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***Correction:** Pat Libero was in attendance during this meeting.

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Nick Caruso shared the 10 – 80 - 10 format where 10 percent will support you, 80 percent have no preconceived notion and 10 percent not going to support you and most likely to spread false information.

Board also discussed Board Mission statement and Board goals and how they should align, and complement each other, to move the Board and the district forward.

The Board thanked Nick Caruso for his time and discussed further presentations, from CABA , in the future.

Motion to adjourn by Rosa Richardson at 8:05 pm and second by Patrick Leigh.

All in favor
