

WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
August 2, 2011
Special Board Meeting

The special meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT on August 2, 2011. The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

**BOARD MEMBERS
IN ATTENDANCE:**

T. Sean Maher, Vice Chairman
Eric Murillo, Secretary/Treasurer
M. Toni Paine
Dorinda Borer
Cebi Waterfield
Robert Saley
Patrick O. Egolum

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Howard Horvath
Mark Palmieri

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Neil Cavallaro, Superintendent of Schools

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT:**

Vice Chairman Sean Maher called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a pledge to the flag. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated the sole purpose of this meeting is to do the new hires and resignations so that the people in these positions can work on getting the year started. He said he would start at the beginning and run through each item individually.

The first item is # 11-117...Dorinda interjected and stated she would like to make a motion like we typically do to make a motion to approve...Sean interjected we can do it inclusive if we have a consensus with the board.

Dorinda made a motion that we do it inclusive of D.1. #11-117 - #11-134

Sean asked if there was a second

Rob Saley seconded the motion

Discussion: Neil said he was sure he mentioned this to all board members. When we appoint Mrs. Driend the Principal at Mackrille that will create an opening for an Assistant Principal. There was some talk and discussion about adding a second position. What he would like to do is post the job in terms of looking for two assistants and then prior to presenting two names to you let you know how we would fund the positions because based

on the movement it will certainly affect how we will fund the positions. The board doesn't need to take any action tonight; when it becomes time to fund that second position is when the action would need to be taken.

There was no further discussion and a vote was taken.

Eric Murillo voted in favor
Dorinda Borer voted in favor
Cebi Waterfield voted in favor
Robert Saley voted in favor
Patrick O. Egolum voted in favor
M. Toni Paine was opposed
T. Sean Maher voted in favor
There were no abstentions

The motion passes

Vice Chairman Sean Maher stated Item D.2.

Toni Paine interjected all you did was vote on whether or not to make it all inclusive. Sean interjected and said we did a motion to have it be inclusive. Toni said yes that is what we were voting on whether or not to vote inclusive and that is what I voted no on inclusive; that is what the motion was if you read the motion back. Sean said OK thank you very much so noted. Now we will have a vote on the New Hires #11-117 to #11-134 inclusive. Dorinda interjected I'm sorry but there was a motion to pass them all together and Toni voted no and the rest of us voted yes. Sean and Toni almost simultaneously said Toni clarified that the motion was to do them all together and Toni said so now you are going to vote on them all together. Dorinda said I've got it.

Sean said so I'm looking for a motion to pass #11-117 to #11-134 inclusive

Dorinda made the motion that we pass D.1. #11-117 to #11-134 all inclusive

Eric Murillo seconded the motion

Discussion: Rob Saley said on #11-132 is that gentleman moving from Carrigan to the high school? Neil said yes what happened was there was an unanticipated retirement that came after the end of the year so we were able to put that position back into the budget. There will be somebody replacing Mike at the elementary level; there has been a ripple effect. Rob thanked Neil. Rob then said #11-136 wasn't he interested in the Assistant Principal position last year; is this the same person? Neil said he has applied for administrative positions in the past. Neil said he believes he is leaving for a Department Chair position in another school district with substantially more money than he is making.

Dorinda said a point of discussion Neil on the timing of the replacement at Carrigan and possibly the second position. Do you think by the August 15th board meeting you will have the interviews and the selection. Neil said no because contractually we have to post the job for a period of 12 days which would take us through the 15th so we won't. We will probably have to have a special meeting prior to the start of the school year. Dorinda said so they will be in place by... Neil interjected that he would think a week prior to school we will get them in place. There was no further discussion.

Sean said all in favor:

Eric Murillo voted in favor

Dorinda Borer voted in favor
Cebi Waterfield voted in favor
Robert Saley voted in favor
Patrick O. Egolum voted in favor
M. Toni Paine voted in favor
T. Sean Maher voted in favor
No one was opposed
There were no abstentions

All board members present voted in favor. The motion passes.

Sean said Item D.2. #11-135 and #11-136 do we make a motion to vote on it inclusive? Yes. Dorinda made a motion to vote on passing D.2. #11-135 to #11-136 inclusive. Sean asked for a second and Patrick seconded the motion. All in favor. Rob said he had a question.

Discussion: Rob asked if #11-135 is leaving too because of money. Neil said yes. Rob thanked him. Sean asked if there was any further discussion. Toni said she is not familiar with Christina Cardona but with Paul Cavanna it is with regret. There was no further discussion.

Sean said all in favor:

Eric Murillo voted in favor
Dorinda Borer voted in favor
Cebi Waterfield voted in favor
Robert Saley voted in favor
Patrick O. Egolum voted in favor
M. Toni Paine voted in favor
T. Sean Maher voted in favor
No one was opposed
There were no abstentions

All board members present voted in favor. The motion passes.

Sean asked if there was anything under informational.

Neil said just to congratulate everybody who is here tonight and welcome them to our school system. Applause followed. Neil thanked the board members for coming tonight this really helped us out a lot in moving along the hiring process and getting us ready to open the school year on time.

Dorinda asked if Neil could set a date so they would have on their calendars a tentative date for that Special Board Meeting. Neil asked Jolene the date of the actual interviews; she thought it was right at the following week of the August 15th meeting and she said she would check the date. Neil said he was going on vacation tomorrow and asked Jolene if she or Tammy could get that information out to the board. Sean said it is better to have a date then if we have to we can cancel it. Dorinda said right exactly so we can get it on the calendar. Neil said that will be great.

Cebi wanted to offer her apologies for being late but was at practice and came as quickly as she could. There were lots of parents with lots of questions. Sean asked if she was here for the last vote and Cebi said she was here for all the votes. She came in right as they were making the motion. Neil thanked everyone for coming. There was no further discussion.

Sean Maher asked for a motion to adjourn.

Dorinda made a motion to adjourn.

Patrick Egolum seconded the motion.

All board members present agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marylou Amendola
Board Secretary