

**WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
June 16, 2003**

The Meeting of the Board of Education was held at the Blake Building, 25 Ogden Street, West Haven.. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Guthrie at 7:00 p.m. The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Carrano
Raymond Collins
Joseph Esposito
Robert Guthrie
Anne Heffernan
Sandy Lorusso
Paul Messina
Toni Paine
Ursula Reilly

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Superintendent Paul Tortora
Assistant Superintendent Neil Cavallaro
Mayor Richard Borer

PRESENTATION: Project Graduation 2003 Supporters
Ron Stancil distributed plaques and thanked everyone that helped support Project Graduation.

PRESENTATION: Intel Teach to the Future Instructors
Superintendent Tortora said West Haven participated in an Intel Teaching program. Over 100 teachers signed up and 88 completed the program. He said this is the most significant thing we have done to increase our technology. The name of each teacher that completed the course was read by Superintendent Tortora.

A video on the new web site was shown. Superintendent Tortora said staff did a great job and the name of each person that helped develop the Web Site was read. Superintendent Tortora extended his appreciation to everyone.

PUBLIC PORTION

Chairman Guthrie asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

Tim Wrightington said his children attend Bailey Middle School which is a beautiful school except for the auditorium. He suggested a Committee be formed to asked families to buy a seat. He said this was done in his church and worked very well. He said he would be happy to be on this Committee. Also, Mr. Wrightington said this is the best Board that has been here for years and this fall I hope you will all work to stay together.

Chairman Guthrie asked three times if anyone else wished to address the Board. No one spoke so the Public Portion of the meeting was closed.

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REPORTS

Superintendent Tortora asked Bill Sapienza to address the Ken Strong Stadium renovation. Mr. Sapienza said there were 4 bidders. All Phase Construction came in with the lowest bid. There is \$280,000 budgeted for the renovation, however to complete renovations of the bleachers on both sides, repair the press box and the addition of two new accessible seating platforms more funds are needed. Mayor Borer suggested doing the renovations in a two year phase. Discussion followed and it was decided that the Board will hold a meeting on Monday, June 23 for the Board as a whole to discuss this matter.

Neil Cavallaro said tonight's presentations were wonderful and most of the credit goes to the teachers as there have been many accomplishments this year.

Also, Mr. Cavallaro said there are several new teachers on the agenda this evening for approval and Mr. Cavallaro feels to bring these teachers on board will be a great addition to West Haven.

Chairman Guthrie asked if this will be the final number necessary to hire for the next school year and was informed there are 3-4 positions left at the high school and several Special Education teachers will need to be hired.

Anne Heffernan attended the dinner honoring the Mock Trial Team which she said was quite nice and also the Flag Day Ceremony at Savin Rock School.

Toni Paine attended a couple of DARE Graduation Ceremonies and was very impressed.

Paul Messina also attended a DARE Graduation and said the Police should be commended on the great job they are doing. Mr. Messina also attended the Honor Society Ceremony at Carrigan which was excellent.

Joseph Esposito attended the Concert at Bailey which was wonderful.

John Carrano attended the Field Day held at Molloy which was fun.

Mayor Borer said the City has purchased two areas in the City declared as open space. He offered the property to the Board to use for educational purposes. One property is located off of Platt Avenue, the other on Plainfield Road.

Robert Guthrie said Flag Day ceremonies were held at three schools this year. He said this is an old tradition and they were heartwarming ceremonies.

Ray Curren said the Middle/High School Affairs Committee met and approved a plan to reorganize the high school counseling department and a Crisis Center at the high school. He requested these items be placed on the agenda for approval.

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REPORTS-Continued

A MOTION was made by Ann Heffernan, SECONDED by Ursula Reilly to add Reorganization of the Counseling Department and Crisis Center to the agenda under New Business, Item 03-133. The MOTION carried unanimously.

Anne Heffernan said the Special Education Committee met however no one from the State was able to attend.

D.1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Meeting, Student Expulsion on May 27, 2003, 9:30 a.m.
Facilities Maintenance Committee meeting held on June 2, 2003 5:40 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting of June 2, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.
Special Education Committee Meeting held on June 4, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.
Middle/High School Affairs Committee Meeting held o June 4, 3002 at 7:00 p.m.

A MOTION was made by John Carrano, SECONDED by Raymond Collins to approve Item D.1. and SO VOTED unanimously

D.2. RESIGNATIONS- Certified

- 03-98 Tanya M. Oeze-Dana, Autistic Teacher at Pagels Elementary School, effective August, 2003 Reason: Family Obligations
- 03-99 Reneee Germain, 7th Grade Teacher at Carrigan Middle School, effective June 24, 2003
- 03-100 Martin Taylor, Principal Thompson School, effective July 1, 2003

A MOTION was made by Sandy Lorusso, SECONDED by Anne Heffernan to approve Item D.2. as presented and SO VOTED unanimously.

D.3. RESIGNATIONS-Non-Certified

- 03-101 Michelle Treloar, part-time Literacy Aide at Molloy School, effective June 24, 2003 Reason: Full time employment elsewhere
- 03-102 Melanie McDaniel, Twelve Month Track Secretary at West Haven High School, effective July 1, 2003. Reason: Moving out of State

A MOTION was made by Ann Heffernan, SECONDED by Raymond Collins to approve Item D.3. as presented and SO VOTED unanimously.

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APPOINTMENTS:

All recommendations and appointments are contingent upon each candidate providing proof of Connecticut Certification/Official Transcripts, verification of fingerprints, police record, Department of Children/Family and medical clearances. If the candidate fails to obtain or meet this criterion for the position for which he/she was employed by December 30, 2002, the West Haven Board of Education shall have no obligation to honor the contract and the appointment shall become null and void.

All recommendations and appointments are contingent upon each candidate providing proof of Red Cross certification, CPR certification and eligibility for Connecticut Coaching Permit. If the candidate fails to obtain or meet this criterion for the position for which he/she was employed, the West Haven Board of Education shall have no obligation to honor the contract and the appointment shall become null and void.

D.4. APPOINTMENTS-Certified

- 03-103 Patricia Flanagan, 70 Jessie Drive, West Haven, Art Teacher at Thompson School, effective August 26, 2003
- 03-104 Kristin Moran, 82 Cherry Lane, West Haven, Literacy Teacher at Pagels Elementary School, effective August 26, 2003
- 03-105 Andrea Perrotti, 208 Benham Hill Road, West Haven, Grade Five at Savin Rock Elementary School, effective August 26, 2003
- 03-106 Jason Heffernan, 202 First Avenue, West Haven, Grade Four Thompson Elementary School, effective August 26, 2003
- 03-107 Karen Kraemer, 204 Bradley Avenue, Hamden, Media Specialist Molloy and Thompson Schools, effective August 26, 2003
- 03-108 Jessica O'Connor, 77 Balance Rock Road, Seymour, CT Grade One at Thompson School, effective August 26, 2003
- 03-109 Robyn Segali, 715 Ridge Road, Orange, Grade K at Molloy School, effective August 26, 2003
- 03-110 Paul Giglietti, 622 Washington Avenue, West Haven, Literacy Teacher at Molloy School effective August 26, 2003
- 03-111 Cheryl Brown, 41 Ryegate Terrace, Stratford, Math Teacher at West Haven High School, effective August 26, 2003

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D.4. APPOINTMENTS-Certified-Continued

- 03-112 Rodney Jackson, 197 Kimberly Avenue, East Haven , Math Teacher at West Haven High School, effective August 26, 2003
- 03-113 Tracey Pernal, 120 Benham Hill Road, West Haven, Grade Six Civic Awareness at Carrigan Middle School, effective August 26, 2003
- 03-114 Holly Turner, 55 Gay Street Hillside Commons, Unit 1, East Haven, effective August 26, 2003
- 03-115 Lisa Brooks, 203 Second Avenue, West Haven, Grade Six Study Skills at Carrigan Middle School, effective August 26, 2003
- 03-116 Kerry Gagney, 392 Silver Sands Road, East Haven, Special Education Elementary, effective August 26, 2003
- 03-117 Danielle Buda, 15 Seventh Street, Stamford Social Worker, effective August 26, 2003
- 03-118 Julianne Andrews, 80 Magnolia Avenue, West Haven, Special Education at Pagels School, effective August 26, 2003
- 03-119 Michelle Sgro, 365 Maher Street, West Haven, Special Education Bailey Middle School, effective August 26, 2003
- 03-120 Tracey Amendola, 14 Daniel Road, West Haven, Special Education Bailey Middle School, effective August 26, 2003
- 03-121 Dolores Olohan Libow, 122 Anderson Avenue, West Haven, Social Worker effective August 26, 2003
- 03-122 Joseph Urban, 510 Plains Road, Milford, Math Teacher Carrigan Middle School, effective August 26, 2003
- 03-123 Summer School, Special Education-Pagels School-Certified Staff

- Lynzi Esquilin \$23.39 hourly
- Joanne Guthrie \$23.39 hourly
- Liam Leapley \$23.39 hourly
- Alison McBride \$23.39 hourly
- Jennifer Zenowich \$23.39

D.4. APPOINTMENTS-Continued

03-124 Summer School Special Education, Savin Rock School, Certified Staff

Judy Lampner	\$23.39 hourly
Lynn Plant	\$23.39 hourly
Donna Morgan	\$23.39 hourly
Deborah Weiss	\$23.39 hourly

03-125 Early Literacy Summer School, K,4-6 program as part of the School Accountability Grant for the 2002-2003 school year certified staff

Program Director:	Paul DeFonzo	\$23.39 hourly
Nurse	Gail Curren	\$42.25 hourly
Language Arts Resource Teacher	Diane Nehrkorn	\$23.39 hourly
Language Arts Resource Teacher	Kathy Donroe	\$23.39 hourly
Support Substitute Teacher	Helen Soufrine	\$23.39 hourly

Teachers:

Michele Kluth	\$23.39 hourly
Jill McInnis	\$23.39 hourly
Verna Voulgaris	\$23.39 hourly
Joanne Conlan	\$23.39 hourly
Deborah Costello	\$23.39 hourly
Margaret Eagan	\$23.39 hourly
Ralph Filippelli	\$23.39 hourly
Janice McDonough	\$23.39 hourly
Kristen Malloy	\$23.39 hourly
Deborah Weiss	\$23.39 hourly
Christina Sasso	\$23.39 hourly
Cleo Trotman	\$23.39 hourly
Kathy Corcoran	\$23.39 hourly
Carol Stefura	\$23.39 hourly
Kevin Hardy	\$23.39 hourly
Dara Ferris	\$23.39 hourly
Joanne Cooper	\$23.39 hourly
Kathy Sweeney	\$23.39 hourly
Jill Wasowski	\$23.39 hourly
Helen Soufrine	\$23.39 hourly

A MOTION was made by Paul Messina, SECONDED by Raymond Collins to approve Item D.4. Robert Guthrie and Ann Heffernan abstained. The MOTION carried.

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03-126 West Haven High School Summer School, Certified Staff

Karen Booth	\$23.39 hourly
John Vento	\$23.39 hourly
Ron Conlon	\$23.39 hourly
Robert Jefford	\$23.39 hourly
Douglas Jones	\$23.39 hourly

A MOTION was made by Ursula Reilly, SECONDED by Sandy Lorusso to approve Item 03-126. The MOTION carried unanimously.

03-127 Middle School Summer School Program-Certified Staff

Bruce Sweeney	\$23.39 hourly
Raymond Wrinn	\$23.39 hourly
Ernest Cusano	\$23.39 hourly
Scott Shand	\$23.39 hourly

A MOTION was made by Sandy Lorusso, SECONDED by Raymond Collins to approve Item 03-127 as presented and SO VOTED unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS-Non-Certified

03-128 Summer School, Special Education-Pagels School Paraprofessionals

Andrea Lewis	\$16.34 hourly
Dona Patrigani	\$13.09 hourly
Lisa Siegel	\$16.34 hourly
Claudia Tweedie	\$14.25 hourly
Lauri Brand (non-union)	\$ 9.00 hourly

A MOTION was made by Paul Messina, SECONDED by John Carrano to approve Item 03-128 as presented and SO VOTED unanimously.

03-129 Summer School, Special Education-Savin Rock School Paraprofessionals

Susan Cangiano	\$14.25 hourly
Carol Roberts	\$14.25 hourly
Christy Kelaher	\$13.09 hourly
Jill DeCrescenzo	\$13.65 hourly
Laura Toole	\$15.62 hourly
Cheryl Kalafat	\$ 9.00 hourly
Cheryl Kinman	\$15.62 hourly
Paula Giordano	\$16.36 hourly
Shannon McInnis(non-union)	\$9.00 hourly

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A MOTION was made by Toni Paine, SECONDED by Joseph Esposito to approve Item 03-129 as presented and SO VOTED unanimously.

03-130 Early Literacy Summer School, K. 4-6 program as part of the School Accountability Grant for the 2002-2003 school year

Clerk: Carol Steeves	\$18.99 hourly
Office Paraprofessional: Alma Germe	\$15.62 hourly
Reading Paraprofessional Johanna Warner	\$16.34 hourly
Reading Paraprofessional Richardine Moore	\$14.25 hourly

Paraprofessionals:

Coleen Romano	\$14.88 hourly
Rosemarie Romano	\$15.62 hourly
Joan Mastracchio	\$16.34 hourly
Carrie Harris (Floater)	\$13.09 hourly
Kathy Barra	\$15.62 hourly
Nancy Salvati	\$16.34 hourly
Richard Sharp	\$16.34 hourly
Susan Kurowski	\$16.34 hourly
Lynnette Stallings	(non-union) \$9.00 hourly
Georgiana Dini	\$16.34 hourly
Peggy Spagone	\$16.34 hourly
Sandra Burns	\$16.34 hourly
Susan Potter	\$14.25 hourly
Eileen Hill	\$16.34 hourly
Carolyn Galasso	(non-union) \$9.00 hourly
Sharon Vernon	\$16.34 hourly
Lisa Hansen	\$14.88 hourly
Addy O'Connor	\$16.34 hourly
Christina Trasacco	\$16.34 hourly
Colleen Vitale	\$14.25 hourly

A MOTION was made by Ray Collins, SECONDED by Joseph Esposito to approve Item 03-130 as presented and SO VOTED Unanimously.

03-131 West Haven High School Summer School

Clerical/Security	Elizabeth Driend	\$17.19 hourly
Clerical/Security	Sharon Roth	\$17.19 hourly

A MOTION was made by Raymond Collins, SECONDED by Ursula Reilly to approve Item 03-131 as presented and SO VOTED unanimously.

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NEW BUSINESS

03-132 Handbook for Early Literacy Summer School being held at Savin Rock

A MOTION was made by Anne Heffernan, SECONDED by Paul Messina to approve Item as presented and SO VOTED unanimously.

03-133 Reorganization of Counseling Department at WHHS and Crisis Center at WHHS

A MOTION was made by Raymond Collins, SECONDED by Anne Heffernan to approve Item 03-133 as presented and SO VOTED unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL:

There were no questions.

A MOTION was made by Sandy Lorusso, SECONDED by Toni Paine to enter Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. The MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bernardi
Board Clerk

*These minutes are subject to the approval of the Board of Education