

WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
May 21, 2012
Regular Board Meeting
Council Chambers

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT on May 21, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Mark Palmieri Chairman of the Board of Education at 7:00 p.m. The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag.

**BOARD MEMBERS
IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mark Palmieri, Chairman
Dorinda Borer
Betsy Davis
Patrick Egolum
Robert Guthrie
Cebi Waterfield

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

M. Toni Paine, Vice Chair
Patricia Libero, Secretary/Treasurer
Eric Murillo

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Neil Cavallaro, Superintendent of Schools
David Cappetta, Director of Finance

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor John M. Picard

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT:

Stacie Hurley
Abdul-Rasak Zachariah

Chairman Palmieri welcomed everyone to the May 21st Board of Education Regular Meeting. Chairman Palmieri requested a moment of silence for Chet Kaye a business teacher from WHHS. A moment of silence was also requested for Edward Capiello a former teacher at Carrigan.

B. Public Portion of Meeting

Mark Palmieri stated the public portion is open and asked if anyone would like to address the board.

Patti Fusco, 311 Shingle Hill Road, West Haven, CT said the system wide retirement will be held on June 6th at Anthony's Ocean View. Tickets are \$45.00 and are available from Jeanie Palmer at WHHS or Tammy Mursko at Yale West.

public session closed at 7:05 PM.

C. REPORTS

C.1.a. Administration/Status of Schools

Neil introduced Kevin Dickson from WHHS. He previously presented information on the School Governance Council at WHHS. He along with Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Robles are here along with Dr. Scott Graves from Southern Connecticut State University who is also a member of the WHHS School Governance Council and two students Brenda Calderon and Abdul-Rasak Zachariah.

During the past three months seven students in the science program at WHHS have been accepted to the UCONN Science Symposium. They had tours there and did research. One student has been accepted to the Yale Discovery To Cure Program and will be researching cancer with professors at Yale University over the summer. All 23 of these students have been published as scientists through the GLOBE Program throughout this year. Mr. Dickson also just found out they received a \$5,000 grant from the Regional Water Authority.

A discussion took place about the steps they went through and where they plan on going. The GLOBE Program is an international program which is in about 113 countries throughout the world that all participate by donating their data for climate change. This was actually thought of by Al Gore who said a lot of schools are already doing research on water quality and air quality and things of that nature so why don't we just ask for their data and put it together and then we can figure out if there is a global climate change and whether it is increasing or decreasing.

Kevin Dickson first learned about this in Dr. Scott Graves' class when he was taking his Master's Degree. Mr. Dickson introduced Dr. Scott Graves who gave everyone more information about the program. Dr. Graves teaches at Southern and is the Certification Coordinator for Secondary Science and also teaches Environmental Science Courses and Environmental Studies Courses. GLOBE stands for global learning and observations to benefit the environment. It is NSF funded NASA, NOAA, and EPA funded and is in 113 countries; in some countries, particularly developing countries, it is the science program. The basic idea is if teachers and students can follow fairly simple protocols they can collect incredibly valuable data on soil, water, vegetation, weather and climate and because it is all protocol driven the data is considered trustworthy and there are now 20 million odd data sets in the global data base that researchers have access to. This is a great opportunity for students to connect science, the study of the natural world, to being out in their natural setting in their community. He has been involved for 15 years and has found a great partner in Mr. Dickson and a few other teachers who have taken this and run with it.

Kevin talked about the Cove River Site that is located by Woodlawn Duck Pin Bowling and is a unique watershed as it has fresh water and salt water coming in and has a deciduous forest and that gives a perfect opportunity for research. A further discussion took place.

Kevin introduced Abdul who is an AP Bio student and is also one of the members of the Championship Tennis Team and plays a lot of other sports. Abdul shared some of the research that he and Cinthia Fabian researched on the nitrate levels in the Cove River. They collected water samples and used the program to find the dissolved oxygen levels and nitrate levels which they would do back in the school with the lab ware they had and they would also find the temperature and other things. This would be done for about seven months and they would measure the rate and change of the nitrate levels and try to find correlations between other factors they found in the water in order to see what affected the nitrate levels in the Cove River such as fertilizers, pollutions and other things of that nature.

Brenda Calderon is the champion who earned the Yale Scholarship to go study for the Yale Discovery To Cure and is top in her class. Brenda said that this year she has had the pleasure of studying the effects of the presence of utrafication and the water quality of the Cove River. That encompasses studying nitrate, nitrite and phosphate levels in the water because those types can be transit access and could lead to algae booms These things rise to the top of the water and block out the sunlight from entering into the water which means that most synthetic organisms underneath the water can not harvest that sunlight to create energy in the form of ATP. Brenda said this obviously leads to marine life death and pollution of the water over all.

Brenda said we were able to go back to the lab and use all the equipment that Mr. Dickson and Dr. Graves provided for us and create presentations. She would like to thank Mr. Dickson and Dr. Graves for everything that they have done because as an aspiring scientist it is really important to receive opportunities like this. The board gave thanks.

Superintendent Cavallaro stated that Tracy Morrissey, President of the PTA Council called him a while back. As all of you know the PTA does great work throughout the year but one of the best things they do is that they raise money for senior scholarships. Tracy is here tonight to present the check to Mrs. Gardner. Chairman Palmieri, represented the board and pictures were taken of members of the PTA Council with Mark. Tracy said she is very proud of this group. We were disappointed in the amount of money they were able to contribute so this year we did extra bake sales and on Founder's Day everybody pitched in and worked very hard. We are proud to give Pam Gardner \$3,600.00. Pam Gardner said on behalf of the class of 2012 she wanted to say thank you. Last year they gave out \$77,000.00 in scholarship money and we are hoping that this year we will be able to give out a lot more than that. We appreciate all the efforts of the PTA.

Gina Prisco, Principal of Pagels School, updated everyone on the planned construction for the Pagel's playground. Gina said she is with Lori Nacca and Alison McBride the chairpersons for the committee for Playground Pride which we came before the board two years ago with a three year plan. We are very proud that we are a whole year ahead of schedule with a lot of help and support from the community and Yale and we have narrowed our search down to one company that the city has a relationship with and John Lee is here from that company tonight. We have already presented to our PTA Board at Pagels and they have supported the choice of this

company. Gina asked John to come before the board and talk about the company and with the board's support we hope we will break ground in August; one year ahead of schedule.

John Lee introduced himself and said he is with a company called Childscapes and they have been working closely with Playground Pride at Pagel's School to come up with a concept for an all inclusive handicapped playground. They have worked with the town of West Haven for about 20 years. There is a 90% chance that a playground in West Haven is one of theirs. They have some of the most experienced staff in New England with over 55 years of playground experience. All of the installers or crew leaders are certified. They have over 500 installs in New England. They have 24/7 service access for installation and have their own installation crews which make them unique from the many other companies that are out there. They do not have subcontractors they will be the company that is installing the playground. They are not just going to sell you the equipment and disappear. They are there for the long haul.

Gina Prisco worked with Allison who works with all the self contained classrooms at Pagels and safety awareness is a huge issue with some of our children. Part of her program is teaching safety awareness; 911 and symbols, community symbols which are part of the panels. Gina said the panels along the wall work well with the self contained classes and many of the children have sensory needs and music is a very big part of their program as well. We wanted to make sure that everybody is able to use the playground so there was a method to our madness in wanting to pick these panels. We are at the actual dollar amount to build. There will be some maintenance costs involved and if we are going to build something of this magnitude for not just Pagels but for the city as well; Park Rec, Community House etc. we want to make sure it is maintained.

Questions

Neil asked where this will be relative to where it is now and how much space is it actually taking. It will be in the existing area and the swings will remain. The entire presentation is being put on the website by Patti Fusco. The board thanked John Lee and Gina Prisco for the presentation.

Mayor Picard asked John how long it will take to put the playground together. It will take about a week to put in however the lead times at the factory run from 4 – 6 weeks because these are all custom made and then we have it brought to the site and start building that day. Gina said we are planning on August because the facility is used until the beginning of August.

Mark asked for the first 24 months if there are any problems with cracks going from summer to winter and winter to summer you will take care of it. Yes, we take care of it and that goes toward the structure itself. That goes for everything that we do on that site. We will come down and fix or replace it and make it right. Mark asked if you are running on the playground can you get hurt. John said you can get a skinned knee. This meets what they call an ASTM 2223 standard and these are all compliant standard that say this is safe for children to play on. This is regulated by the Consumer Protection Agency. Mark asked if there is play in it. Yes there is. A further discussion took place.

Neil said that is a very good point. Neil said we really need to make sure that paperwork is in order. Obviously the city and the board will assume the liability once it is up along with the

maintenance and warranties. Neil asked to keep Joe Falzone involved and he will be our go to person if things don't go right. Joe is head of our maintenance.

Mayor Picard said we can provide you with any of the information you need and we work pretty closely with Ms. Sabo with regard to the rest of the town's facilities. We have kind of a pro-active approach now. The city catalogs the inspections etc. and we can help set that up as well.

Cebi said you hear a lot about turf fields harboring MRSA bacteria; is it an antimicrobial surface. No. I would suggest that what we see people doing that really maintains it is to wash them down with mild soap and water something that is biodegradable. Cebi asked how vandalism resistant are the drums etc. You have to really try because special tools are used in order to take it apart. It is not a standard nut and bolt project. A further discussion took place.

Bob said on one of the drawings it said a Berm may be required. John said they take care of that if there is an uneven surface. A further discussion took place.

Bob said in 10 or 15 years this same board might not be in place and the same with the city. Is the board's responsibility to replace the base or the committee. Neil said we would certainly welcome the support of the PTA but at the end of the day the city and board of ed are responsible for it. Bob said this may be a document you want to create so someone doesn't have amnesia 10 or 15 years down the road. Gina said for maintenance purposes yes and then Pagels itself would set aside a small amount of money 15 years from now but she doesn't know what that cost factor will be at that time.

Mayor Picard said 10 – 15 years from now with the kids still using the playground the city and board will fix it because first and foremost the children have to be safe. Gina and John and the PTA President and PTA and Chairman Palmieri did a very good job of raising money to get this project underway and they all deserve a round of applause. This is a very good project and as Gina said it is for the entire community. The board thanked John Lee for coming.

Neil said some issues have been raised regarding classrooms at Bailey and some potential costs. We are here tonight with Dr. Anthony Cordone the Principal at Bailey Middle School and Ken Carney, Chairman of the Oversight Committee to talk about a cost effective way to add classrooms (we are not adding space to Bailey or adding on to Bailey). Neil said we are requesting that you approve the plan tonight; it is on the agenda. We are going to take half the money from this year's maintenance account and half from next year's maintenance account and if the board chooses not to go in that direction we have plenty of other areas we could spend the money; \$200,000.00 may seem like a lot but isn't really.

Dr. Cordone said prior to the structure we have a Bailey now Bailey housed grades seven and eight. The district wanted the sixth grade to be included hence the addition in 1997. This netted twenty one extra classrooms and we bought in an entire sixth grade. Since then the numbers of students have fluctuated to as low as 750 to as high as it is now. The numbers of staff members and floating teachers have increased and decreased as time went on because of additional teams and the restructuring. We now have 14 teachers floating and is not the most ideal instructional method that should take place but it does exist and it does work. We have to utilize the library for

classes also. I met with the Superintendent and talked about the need for expanding our school which was cost prohibitive and Neil approached Mr. Carney and asked him to look at our existing structure to see if we could recoup some space. When they did the addition they did away with a science lab the way it was. That was a huge room that has counter space and we had a whole economics room at one time which takes up a lot of common space; there is a lot of waster space. Ken came in and we looked at what we want and what we could recoup. We did include the Fire Marshall to see if this was a feasible alternative. We included the Building Inspector from the City and we all agreed that the concept of recouping space from within the existing structure is viable. We have the capability of recouping 5 ½ classrooms. This would relieve the teaching from going on within the library and also some teachers would not have to float.

Ken Carney stated that in 1997 with the major renovation of the school we had 38,180 square feet; unfortunately the existing structure was not touched. This resulted in large areas such as the old library, the old home economics room, the teacher's lounge being programmed for classrooms housing 30 students or less. The average classroom is roughly 700 square feet for 30 students and at Bailey we have 1,400 square feet in one art room for 30 kids and we have 1,270 square feet for Earth Science for 30 kids and we have 3,300 square feet being used at the woodshops for about 35 kids. The library has been cut down to allow for two classrooms that are sectioned off with nothing more than 5 ft dividers that block the view of the fire exit but create a situation where it is difficult to concentrate in the library and the classrooms do not have the privacy that you expect they should have. The best and least expensive way to gain more classroom space is to take advantage of those oversized classrooms and divide them into regular sized classroom.

Our plan calls for the woodshop to be divided into two classrooms at 715 square feet. Mr. Carney passed out some sketches. By dividing the art room we will net gain one classroom at 694 square feet and by dividing the home economics room will produce another classroom at 625 square feet. If we build permanent walls in the library it will result in one classroom at 651 square feet and a special meeting room at 356 square feet. In total we will gain 5 classrooms and 1 special meeting room. There will be an art suite on the second floor which will allow for more storage. The estimated hard cost for construction is \$222,000.00. We will not know the exact cost until this goes out to bid. The soft cost for design and asbestos monitoring and our sprinkler design and sign off with construction management should be \$35,000.00.

Mr. Carney's office has donated the plans and the construction drawings and we have spoken with several architects and we have gotten one group down to \$5,000.00 to create the construction manual and we estimate another \$5,000.00 between the sprinkler, engineer as well as the asbestos. The soft costs have been reduced to \$10,000.00 providing we run the job in house. The project would be ready to go out to bid in June and started over the summer and most of the heavy work would be completed before the beginning of the school year. The Building Official and Fire Marshall like the plan and have given them more attention than they normally would have given them and because of them our soft costs are greatly reduced.

Cebi said with the new Art Suite creation with one on the first floor and one on the second there would also be a benefit of being able to share resources in that area. Dr. Cordone said that is correct.

Neil said Pat Libero worked there when the addition was built and it was almost meant to be a separate school for the 6th grade and that is why they did not bring the addition in line with the current structure. This project will do some of that; it will bring the two half's of the school together.

Dorinda asked if we are cutting any of the resources that go with the library. Mr. Carney said the library is presently chopped up with the instruction of these two temporary classrooms. They are divided by padded walls, we are blocking the fire exit from a visual standpoint, and we have reduced the amount of space usable in the library. The new plan calls for sectioning off part of the library instead of two sections we have one and are creating one permanent classroom and one meeting space and returning the library to as much of its original state as possible. Dorinda said it was pretty small to begin with. Not really a further discussion took place.

Cebi said the utilization of the library isn't during school hours as far as classes going into the library. Neil said first of all there are no more study halls so kids just don't go to the library to study or do a research project. If they go they are escorted by their teacher and they go as a class. Dr. Cordone said they primarily go to utilize the computer lab. Cebi said and this is scheduled time I'm assuming. Correct.

Dr. Druzolowski said at some point we are looking at electronic on the libraries too. The digital age.

Dorinda asked who is Paragon Construction. Mr. Carney said they are one of the bidders on the city hall projects and they also are the low bidder at the West Shore Fire Department. He asked them to come in and check the numbers from his office and present a proposal for the project in its entirety. Dorinda asked if they would be bidding on the project. Absolutely. Do they sometimes have a competitive edge? No because an architect will produce a set of plans and they have to bid off the plans. Will the architectural process go out to bid? It did go out to bid and our low architect was \$5,000.00. Who was that? Antonozzi. Neil asked Mr. Carney to explain bid. Anything under \$10,000.00 requires 3 bids Neil said 3 quotes; yeah quotes or bids well I don't want everyone to think it is a sealed bid process it is a different process.

Bob Guthrie asked if we are thinking 5 or 10 years down the road is this going to suit our needs. Neil said it is important to state that when the addition was put on it was to keep the 6th grade as an elementary model and the original structure as a 7th and 8th grade model. With our enrollment projections we are at its high point now and it is lower than when we did the original restructure. We had over 1,000 kids there and we are down to about 900 next year and it will level off around 850 in the next few years.

Bob asked if the big work isn't finished in the summer how do we plan how to work that so it is not disruptive for the opening day of school. Mr. Carney said the process requires they work overtime after school is closed. They would have to work after second shift.

There were no more questions in regard to Bailey.

Dorinda asked Mr. Carney to update the board on the status of the new high school. Mr. Carney said they secured a reimbursement grant for eighty two million dollars. We have narrowed the architects down to four after following the state process for eliminating architects. We have asked for a two year extension and are waiting for a response from the state of Connecticut. Dorinda asked if there is a timeline where they have to respond to us by. May was the answer. Dorinda said and if we don't get the extension do we lose the opportunity come June 30th? No they guarantee you a one year extension. What we are waiting to find out is if they will give us the two years up front or will they give us a year and then another year a year from now and we will know that sometime this month.

Dorinda asked Mayor Picard at what point do you foresee putting this on the Council's agenda because is this the next step; the council has to vote for the bonding? Mayor Picard said he put it in next year's Capital Plan. We have the one year extension and at some point next year it would be on the Council Agenda for a ban correct. This is in next year's Capital Plan fiscal 2014. A further discussion ensued.

The board thanked Mr. Carney. There were no more reports.

C.1.b. Student Representatives

The student report follows on the next page.

Student Report – BOE – May 21, 2012

SADD Advisor, Jim Lafo, PRIDE committee advisor, Marilyn Lynch, the West Haven Police Department and the West Haven Fire Department worked cooperatively last week to host the Grim Reaper Day, SADD Assembly and Mock Car Crash. The messages – *distracted driving kills lives* and *think before you drive* – were heard loud and clear by all of the juniors and seniors attending the presentation.

Don't miss out on the final Choral Concert of the year – Wednesday night at 7pm in the auditorium.

Join us at the Savin Rock Conference Center on Thursday night for the Showcase of Senior Art. This night is always a lot of fun and provides a venue for our seniors to shine. 5:30-7:00.

The Honors Awards Ceremony will be held next Wednesday, May 30th at 9am at Westwoods. Alumn Edward Francis will be the keynote speaker.

Also, on May 30th at 6:00pm is the final School Governance Council meeting for this year. We invite all members of the West Haven High School community to this meeting, held in the Little Theater.

In honor of Business Teacher, Mr. Chet Kaye, the Academic Integrity Committee will be sponsoring a scholarship in his name.

Congratulations to the boys Tennis Team on making the SCC Play-offs. Their match is tomorrow at 3:30pm vs. Daniel Hand High School. Good luck.

West Haven Rotary hosted a luncheon last week honoring junior scholar-athletes. The luncheon was held at the University of New Haven.

Summer Reading is coming to WHHS. Students will receive information in their English classes and will be given incentives for completion of the reading logs, including extra credit, a certificate, a breakfast, and a TD Bank Savings account.

Students, staff and parents are invited to the June 6th PTSA meeting at 7:00pm. PTSA is looking to increase student and parent involvement – please consider attending this meeting as they elect officers and plan for 2012-2013.

Future Business Leaders of America is hosting a Talent Show on Thursday night at 6:30pm in the auditorium.

The WHHS Dance Team competed in the VIP Dance Competition on May 12th. Competitive Dancers – Zaneta Nicholson, Tia Bonessi, Megan Ciarleglio and Cathering Przbylowski all were recognized with Gold or High Gold awards.

Kseniya Rogulina placed second in the Connecticut Foundation for Open Government (CFOG) high school essay contest and was awarded \$500. She wrote about the Occupy Wall Street movement. Ebonie Routh & Cinthia Fabian received \$50 as an Honorable Mention award.

Blue & White: Up All Night is looking for volunteers – please consider helping out!

Chairman Palmieri thanked the student representatives and said the baseball team finished their season at 10 and 10 and they will not play in the SEC Tournament but will make the State and the girls Lacrosse team were 8 and 8 and they too won't play in the SEC but will make the State Tournament.

I would like to make mention to the student reps that Mr. Edward Francis played back in 1968 on West Haven's Football Team and went on to play at Army and caught the winning touchdown in the Army Navy Game. He is an excellent and very interesting speaker if you would like to ask him to come back and speak.

C.1.d. Committee

Dorinda wanted to thank the board members who offered to sponsor a student for a program; they wanted to be anonymous. Thank you

Cebi attended the Bailey 7th Grade Chorus and they did a fabulous job and was very pleased to see the level of volunteerism at Bailey with the teachers coming to help out after school with their own kids who don't attend Bailey. Cebi was impressed with the students and their performance as well as the teachers and their volunteers. She thanked Dr. Cordone for a great job.

Bob went to CABA's legislative wrap up and he had copies made for all the board members. They filmed this on CTN and is archived. You won't find Senate Bill 24 because it was changed to Senate Bill 458.

Mayor Picard attended the play at Bailey and said the kids were incredible. Dr. Cordone, the teachers and students were absolutely amazing. He attended the play and musical at Carrigan and they did a tremendous job. Pam Gardner's students are always helping out; the cheerleaders were at the cystic fibrosis walk Sunday morning volunteering their time and they are great kids. This speaks volumes to the school system Mr. Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent. They will be at the Heart Walk too and every time you turn around there are children from West Haven doing amazing things and I want to compliment the board, teachers and principals and to our Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent I just want to say thanks I was very impressed. Mark Palmieri thanked Mayor Picard for the compliment.

Mark said Bob Guthrie said CABA has a submission of resolution for their 2012 delegate assembly and this is what drives the association Mr. Guthrie asked if he could go. This takes place on November 15th. The deadline to make your commitment is August 3rd. If someone else is interested let me know and perhaps you can ride up together. This is a Thursday from 2:00 to 5:00 PM in Mystic.

Dorinda asked about teacher reform and perhaps establishing a committee. Patti met with Neil and Ann and it was decided to wait until the State Plan complete and take the good parts from it and leave out the bad parts and come up with something. The State Plan is being put together too fast. You can't implement something in 60 or 90 days when it took New Haven two years.

Dorinda asked if there is a need for a negotiating committee this year? No not right now Mark said. Neil said we will pass along information. A further discussion continued.

D.1. Approval of Minutes

D.1.a. West Haven Board of Education Regular Board Meeting held in the Harriet North Room of City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT on May 7, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Mark Palmieri asked for a motion to approve D.1.a.

Patrick Egolum made the motion

Bob Guthrie seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members were in favor

D.1.a. minutes are approved

D.2. Resignations: (Certified)

12-36 Maureen Hanna, School Nurse - St. Lawrence/Preschool

Effective: End of the 2011/2012 School Year

Reason: Retirement

12-37 Mary Hood Howland, Computer Teacher – Carrigan

Effective: June 30, 2012

Reason: Retirement

12-38 Janice McDonough, Elementary Teacher Grade 4 – Seth Haley

Effective: June 30, 2012

Reason: Retirement

12-39 Nicholas Carlino, Science Teacher – WHHS

Effective: June 30, 2012

Reason: Retirement

12-40 Fernando Leite, English Teacher – Bailey Middle School

Effective: June 30, 2012

Reason: Personal

12-41 Nancy Goudemant, Title 1 Reading Teacher – Washington

Effective: June 30, 2012

Reason: Retirement

Mark Palmieri asked for a motion to approve D.2. Items 12-36 – 12-41 inclusive

Dorinda Borer made the motion

Cebi Waterfield seconded the motion

Discussion: Neil said all retirees have worked in our school system for many years and they will be missed. Mark said Mrs. Libero asked that her best wishes to all retirees; she has known them or worked with them throughout her career.

All board members were in favor

Items 12-36 – 12-41 are approved

D.3. Resignations: (Non-Certified)

12-42 Beth Denton, Para-Technical Support - WHHS

Effective: June 19, 2012

Reason: Early Retirement

Mark Palmieri asked for a motion to approve D.3. Item 12-42

Cebi Waterfield made the motion

Dorinda Borer seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members were in favor

Item 12-42 is approved

D.4. Leave of Absence: (Certified)

D.5. New Hire: (Certified)

D.6. New Hire: (Non-Certified)

D.7. New Business

12-43 Agreement Between West Haven Board of Education and West Haven Federation of Paraprofessionals AFT LOCAL #2262, CFEPE, AFL-CIO

Mark Palmieri asked for a motion to approve D.7. Item 12-43

Dorinda Borer made the motion

Bob Guthrie seconded the motion

Discussion: None

All board members were in favor

Item 12-43 is approved

12-44 Bailey Middle School Renovation

Mark Palmieri asked for a motion to approve D.7. Item 12-44

Bob Guthrie made the motion

Patrick Egolum seconded the motion

Discussion: Neil asked Ken Carney how quickly we can get this out to bid. The architect needs 3 weeks to get a manual and we will go out to bid around June 20th or something like that.

All board members were in favor

Item 12-44 is approved

12-45 Judith Drenzek, Early Childhood Supervisor, certified appointment to the position of Principal at Mackrille School effective July 1, 2012

Mark Palmieri asked for a motion to approve D.7. Item 12-45

Patrick Egolum made the motion

Bob Guthrie seconded the motion

Discussion: Neil said this is part of a comprehensive plan. We work really hard to match people's strengths and in addition to changing some of the administrators worked with Patti Fusco, Lynn Bonaldo and Kristen Scanlon to move some teachers around to help them hit the ground running and start to make changes in the buildings that they are now assigned to. Judy will do a great job.

All board members were in favor

Item 12-45 is approved

Mark congratulated Judy and applause from the audience and board followed.

F. Informational:

Bob Guthrie requested that someone from the PTA at Bailey make sure they are aware of the progress being made at Bailey during the summer so there are no surprises come mid to late August. Mr. Carney said they have to follow the State asbestos rules and they have to coordinate with all the events in that school to talk about when they can and can't go in. Bob said once the bid comes back you will know when you will start and you can definitely make sure that PTA person knows. Mark asked Dr. Cordone if they do anything during the summer in the school for Park and Rec? They utilize the building if there is inclement weather. Mark said so it won't affect this. No the shop area is adjacent to the gym or they could use the high school. Neil said the rain site for the Day Camp at Painter Park is the high school. Mark said we should let them know.

Mark Palmieri asked for a motion to adjourn

Dorinda Borer made the motion to adjourn

Cebi Waterfield seconded the motion

All board members were in favor

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marylou Amendola

Board Secretary