

WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
October 4, 2004

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 Carrano at 7:00 p.m. The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Anne Heffernan
 Krista Pickering
 Howard Horvath
 Raymond Collins
 Paul Messina
 John M. Carrano
 Toni Paine
 George Monahan
 Robert Guthrie

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Superintendent Paul Tortora
 Assistant Superintendent Neil Cavallaro

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Jerome Calhoun
 Robert Proto

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ABSENT: Sharfi Farhana

B. Public Portion of Meeting.

Chairman Carrano asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

Patty Fusco, 311 Shingle Hill Road, just wanted to remind Board that they will be honoring Mary Moninger -Elia, on October 15, at 500 Blake tickets are \$ 36.00 and are available through Patty.

Chairman Carrano asked if anyone else wished to address the Board

Anthony Krimsky Holbart Street - regarding schools in this area, you just redid Forest School. The grass has not been cut all summer. They went over with a weed-whacker today. The trees are horrible you can't get threw the sidewalk.

He thinks the Board should look into outside help. Someone should check these guys out, his father was a landscaper for 52 years, he knows what he is talking about. Give him the job he will be glad to show them.

Laura McManus, 35 Wood Street West Haven, said her son has been bullied since the third grade. She feels that the school principal has no problem getting a hold of her if her child does something wrong. But when her son is bullied no one is there for him or her. She says she calls the school and the principal has left for the day, he should not leave before the bus has brought her child home. Her son has admitted when he is at fault. But nothing is done when he is bullied. She also feels that she should not have to call the High School in advance and make an appointment in order to visit because of her wheelchair; someone has to meet her and let her in by the auditorium. Also tonight she could not get in the Blake building, she feels that a door bell should be at the back door, she does understand that the door can not be kept open all the time.

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Margaret Krinsky, Hurlburt Street, there is an area of ground that is over grown and wet, it is disgusting; it is waiting for a fire to happen. With the construction you cut into the field where the children would play for parking. It was not a very big field to start with.

No one cares about Forest School; the grounds are awful like my husband said. That school could be as nice as Bailey Middle School, but it is something about this side of town we get over looked. Her daughter is involved with the PTA they had open house, I am sad to say that there is something about Forest School that people are not proud of. Someone has to show respect to the students, they should be proud when they step off the bus. The teachers are there to teach the students and take the time to help them. They are paid with her tax money; the kids need to learn self-esteem. The grounds could be done correctly and kept nice, but they are not. The union is there to protect you, but you are there to do your job. If you let this happen because you don't want to step on any toes, then shame on you.

Chairman Carrano asked if anyone else wish to address the Board
Lou Persiaini Wanted to thank everyone who supported the auction and let the Board know that have taken a big step in getting to their goal.

Chairman Carrano asked if anyone else wish to address the Board
For a second time, would anyone else like to address the Board?
Nancy Rossi, 12 Robin Road, gave the Board a copy of her latest F.O.I
Requesting documentation on the Community service. She wants to make sure that it is being monitoring this. Next thing expulsions, regarding latest article in the paper on the Carrigan students. Also that the minutes on the latest expulsions is the same hearing officer, there should be more then one. Again the hearing officer is supposed to be impartial. I have requested under freedom of information any correspondence that is going out. Also your hiring policies, it should not be who you know, and also you should not be the other way and you can't get a job because of who you are related to. She also congratulated Washington School on the wonderful job they did on the auction.

Chairman Carrano asked if anyone else wished to address the Board
Chairman Carrano asked a second time if anyone wish t address the Board
Chairman Carrano for a third and final time, does anyone wish to address the Board.

Public session closed at 7:25 P.M.

Chairman Carrano asked Mr. Tortora and Mr. Messina to check out the situation at Forest School
Mr. Cavallaro if he could check out the bullying problem.

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C. Reports:

C.1. Status of Schools.

Superintendent Tortora, Mr. Messina and I have made several visits to Forest School and one as recent as a week ago. We are working on it, not only the outside of the building but also inside.

Mr. Messina, right or wrong it has always been that when construction is going on. Our crews do not even show up on the grounds because it is up to the construction company to do all the finish work on the grounds before they leave. That does take time, do I agree no, but they start we finish. Mr. Messina agrees it should have been done better than it was done and that we will be looking into it.

Superintendent Tortora said there are several concerns and we are working on them.

Superintendent Tortora wanted everyone to be aware that Pagels School is now a Title I school along with Forest, Molloy, Savin Rock, Washington, Thompson, and Carrigan School.

Superintendent Tortora also wanted to

Hand out the seniority list for subs we are using for hiring. Sub. Clerks, Paras and Custodians. It was updated by personnel and myself

We were very careful in checking the dates. Sometimes some people don't always apply for open positions. Clerk subs we don't always go by the list.

Mr. Monahan asked if some one becomes inactive then decides that want to be reactivated, how does this work.

Superintendent Tortora, this is where we have to be careful and move them down, it would depend on how long. We need to bring this to the policy committee and add a few more things.

Maybe have John Clifford, the building principals, and Pat Proto, recommend the person.

Superintendent Tortora handed out letter from Gary Palermo on two displaced paras. We have two and they will be going to Forest and Mackrille, the jobs will be posted but they do go to the displaced paras. Also we are pulling two names from the agenda tonight, those positions need to be posted. Science/ESL.

Mr. Messina, the job not being posted.

Superintendent Tortora, we posted all but these two.

Toni Paine questioned why Pagels does not have a computer team leader.

Superintendent Tortora, he will look into it, we do have a Para over there that does the computers.

Toni Paine made a MOTION to remove Barbara Kader and Colette Klisky from the Agenda.

Motion made by Paul Messina and Seconded by Anne Heffernan.

MOTION passed unanimously.

Superintendent Tortora gave out a communication from the state.

Superintendent Tortora showed everyone that Carrigan has CMT pep rally for the kids.

Superintendent Tortora, calls Ron Stancil

Presentation to all the people who help support up all night. Plagues were given out to the PTA, Gist & Herlin press, Federation of Teachers and School Nurses, Superintendent Tortora and Chairman Carrano, Craig Winkle from Winkle Bus, Class advisors, Paul Messina accepted for the Rotary, Dr. Cordone from Bailey Middle School and the Bailey PTA, Mr. Messina from Paul's Service Station, Shop-Rite and Super Stop and Shop, Belfour, Mr. Stancil everyone had a great time.

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Superintendent Tortora announced that the Board would be receiving the CABA leadership Award for the second year in a row he wanted to congratulate the Board the award will be given at the CABA convention in November.

Mr. Guthrie, to Superintendent Tortora, you mentioned that Pagels is now a Title I school, I know there is a request for a couple of positions, is there space or will there have to be modification to accommodate this.

AndrOea Bonazzoli said she has a meeting scheduled with the principal and will be going over all of that.

Superintendent Tortora asked that she report back to the Board.

Mr. Guthrie asked if there was any follow up with the wood shop and auto regarding reports from fire dept.

Chairman Carrano, it is my understanding that it has been taken care of.

Mr. Guthrie asked about the sign off on projects.

Superintendent Tortora said he would not be signing off until projects are finished and the walk through is done.

Mr. Messina said we are away from this.

Mr. Guthrie just wants to make sure everyone is on the same page.

C.1.a. Administration.

Assistant Neil Cavallaro on the agenda tonight we have DECA requesting permission to attend the North Atlantic Region Conference; this is something I strongly recommend. Also, Mrs. Rossi, I am waiting to hear from the hearing officer, as soon as I receive the information I will call you.

John McKee, advisor to DECA, I thought tonight I would have the students present the trip.

Jennifer, Danielle, and Marcia

Asked that they be allowed to attend conference, there will be over 25 hundred participants this year. They will participate in career and leadership activities, leaving the evening of October 28th and returning Sunday, October 31st.

Mr. Messina asked how many DECA students were at State.

Jennifer, there are two of us.

Mr. McKee there are 33 students that will attend, they have started their fund raising and the kids are doing well. Thank you

Mr. Guthrie, asked how we went from a LL class to a single L class division

Assistant Superintendent Cavallaro said he would check out the CIAC rules.

Mr. Messina asked how that works for all sports.

Assistant Cavallaro will check into it.

C.1.b. Board.

Mr. Guthrie said he went to the dedication for Joe McHugh, he felt it was well deserved. Also he wanted to congratulate Washington School on their auction. They did a great job and raised a lot of money. Mr. Guthrie also thanked the business office for the newsletter and is looking forward to more.

Anne Heffernan also said the ceremony for Joe McHugh was nice and deserving. The Chess team will be playing at Yale on Saturday at 3:00

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P.M. at Say brook Hall. She would also like to congratulate Washington School and wants to hire who ever did the decorations, they were great.

Krista Pickering, thank the Board for supporting the fundraiser at the community house with a flag, this is the best year we have had.

Mr. Guthrie, would like for the finance committee to meet early December to discuss cash management policy, also to have the Rink, stadium and Food Service to present documentation for Sept through Dec at this meeting

Chairman Carrano said he would like everyone notified now, so that can be prepared.

Mr. Messina, we started discussion on this last year, and never went back to it. I would like to see ever Board employee have a name badge. I feel it would be beneficial to all. If we can get it done for the Board, we should be able to do everyone

Superintendent Tortora, said he would check with the photo vendors

Chairman Carrano asked if any of the clubs could do this.

Superintendent Tortora, said he would check into the photo vendor

C.1.c. Committee.

Mr. Horvath said the ad-hoc committees meeting are going well, He feels everyone is being honest. One of the things that were suggested was an id badge for all students.

Chairman Carrano asked about the middle schools.

Mr. Horvath, said they will be including the middle schools and that they have three meetings scheduled for the ad-hoc committee coming up.

Also they want to discuss the diversity and bullying.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Carrano asked for a MOTION to approve D.1a through D.1.b

D.1.a. Revised Minutes Regular Board Meeting of September 7, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. at Blake

D.1.b. Regular Board Meeting of September 20, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. at Blake Building

MOTION made by Raymond Collins and SECONDED by M. Toni Paine, Anne Heffernan abstain and Robert Guthrie opposed Chairman Carrano Discussion: NO DISCUSSION: MOTION passed 7 ayes, 1 abstention, 1 opposed

D.2 Resignations (Non-Certified)

Chairman Carrano asked for a MOTION to approve D.2. 04-213 through 04-214

04-213 Linda Rallies, 17 Park Street, West Haven, CT 06516, Food Service Cook at Savin Rock School, Effective: September 15, 2004, Reason: personal

04-214 Pamela Greenblatt, 28 Robby Lane, East Haven, CT 06512, Special Education Paraprofessional at Carrigan Middle School, Effective: September 20, 2004, Reason: Medical

MOTION made by Krista Pickering and SECONDED by M. Toni Paine, No Discussion
MOTION passed unanimously

D.3 New Hires: (Certified)

Chairman Carrano asked for a MOTION to approve D.3 04-215 through 04-420 and

04-215 Amy Webster, 595 Whitney Avenue, # 3, New Haven, CT 06511, Girls' Soccer Coach at Bailey Middle School, Effective: September 20, 2004, Salary: \$ 1,950.00

04-216 Bailey Middle School Team Leaders 2003-2004

Corcoran, Kathleen
Erickson, Roger
Franco, Carol
Grady, Cheryl
Hayes, Linda
Heudorfer, Gregory
Jensen, Lynn
Manzella, Noreen
Markesich, Gary
Solli, MarcAnthony

04-217 Carrigan Middle School Team Leaders 2003-2004

Anquillare, Michael
Carrano, Ralph
Cusano, Ernes
Hugendubel, Bette
Lucibello, Francine
Makuck, Edward
Mikenis, Bob
Nelmes, Jan
Papieka, Debra
Sweeney, Bruce
Vauiso, Jeanne

04-218 Elementary Unit Leaders

Forest School

Aceto, Elizabeth
DeFonzo, Paul
Edwards, Maryanne
Muttiitt, Michelle
Schenk, Viya
Wilson, Annette
Eagan, Peggy – Computer Technology

Seth Haley School

Cooper, Joanne
Donegan, Deborah
Latham, Christine
Paolino, Frank
Paolino, Roseann
Roper, Pamela - Computer Technology

Edith Mackrille

Morrissey, Sean
Proto, Roslyn
Rawden, Susan
Proto, Roslyn – Computer Technology

Molloy School

Bohan, Robert
Krepcio, Bridget
Sheehan, Donna
Butler, Eleanor – Computer Technology

04-218 Elementary Unit Leaders - Continued

Pagels

Girasuolo, Anita
McNabb, Cheryl
Nehrkorn, Diane
Voulgaris, Verna
Stefura, Carol

Savin Rock Community School

Drenzek, Judy
Kelsey, Emily
Sasso, Christina
Pietrosimone, Patty
Bruno, Rita – Computer Technology

Thompson School

Bonaldo, Lynn
Johnston, Colleen
Rice, Elisa
Heffernan, Jason – Computer Technology

Washington School

Paolini, Judit
Keefe, Tim
Solano, Mona
Costello, Deborah
Dougherty, Elizabeth
Walker-Larose, Linda, - Computer Technology

MOTION made by Raymond Collins and SECONDED by Anne Heffernan
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D.4 New Hires: (Non-Certified)

Chairman Carrano said he would have to take this individually down to 04-222

Chairman Carrano asked for a MOTION to approve D.4 04-421

- 04-421** Olympia Connolly, 835 Washington Ave, West Haven, CT 06516
3-hour day Food Service Cashier at St. Lawrence, Effective: October 5, 2004
Salary: \$ 8.75 an hour

MOTION made by Krista Pickering and SECONDED by Anne Heffernan

MOTION passed unanimously

Chairman Carrano said Mrs. Paine would have to take 04-422

he would be recluses himself, as it is his uncles, daughters husband. If you look at the custodian sub list, he has he seniority.

Vic-Chair M. Toni Paine asked for a MOTION to approve D.4. 04-422

- 04-422** Anthony Petruzzello, 34 Aims Drive, West Haven, Assistant Custodian 3-8at Molloy School,
Effective October 5, 2004, Salary: \$ 14,510.08 / Step 1
Chairman Carrano recluses himself

MOTION made by Anne Heffernan and SECONDED by Krista Pickering, Discussion: NO
Discussion Mr. Messina opposed, MOTION passed 7 ayes, 1 recluses, 1 opposed

Chairman Carrano asked for a MOTION to approve D.4 04-423 through 04-426

- 04-423** Janis Wachter, 11 Robin Road, West Haven, CT 06516, Full –time Medical Paraprofessional
at Molloy School, Effective: September 29, 2004, Salary: \$ 15,168.92 /Step 1

- 04-424** Kellie Dorman, 92 Fairview Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516, Full-time Building
Paraprofessional at Savin Rock School, Effective: September 29, 2004, Salary: \$ 15,168.92

- 04-425** Ellen Galligan, 15 Bridlepath Lane, West Haven, CT 06516, Literacy Aide at Seth G. Haley
School, Effective: October 5,2004, Salary: \$ 13.89 an hour for 17.5 hours per week

- 04-426** Lorraine Maggiore, 81 Honeypot Road West Haven, CT 06516, Literacy Aide at Seth G. Haley
School, Effective: October 5,2004, Salary: \$ 13.89 an hour for 17.5 hours per week

MOTION made by M. Toni Paine and SECONDED by Paul Messina, Discussion:

Mr. Guthrie asked if we are going off the sub list.

Superintendent Tortora said we don't do that with paras.

Mr. Guthrie said he was checking because if that was the case, the Para being hired was way down on the list. MOTION passed unanimously

E. New Business

Chairman Carrano asked for a MOTION to approve 04-427

- 04-427** Andrea Bonazzoli, Director of Grant Administration request approval of revised Grant
Application for Family Resource Center Program Grant

Motion was made by Mr. Guthrie and Seconded by Paul Messina

Discussion, MOTION passed unanimously

Chairman Carrano asked for a MOTION to approve 04-428

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04-428

Reduced quorum amendment for ACES

Motion was made by Anne Heffernan and Seconded by M. Toni Paine
Discussion, MOTION passed unanimously

Chairman Carrano asked for a MOTION to approve 04-429

04-429 Andrea Bonazzoli, Title I Director request two new positions Title I Math Instructional Aide (17½ Hours) \$13.89 an hour and a Full-time Title I Reading Teachers both funded under Title I for Molloy School

Chairman Carrano asked for a Motion so that Andrea Bonazzoli could explain Change in school.

Motion made by George Monahan and Seconded by Paul Messina, Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Bonazzoli explained that Aide from another school would be going to Pagels and the opening is now at Molloy
Chairman asked if any more discussion: No discussion Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Carrano asked for a MOTION to approve 04-430

04-430 Andrea Bonazzoli, Title I, Director, request 1 new position at Carrigan Middle School, Title I Literacy Instructional Aide for grade 7, the position will be funded with Title I funds.

Motion was made by Paul Messina and Seconded by M. Toni Paine, Discussion: No Discussion, Motion passed unanimously

Chairman Carrano asked for a MOTION to approve E. 04-431

04-431 Andrea Bonazzoli, Priority Grant Administrator and Ann Valanzuolo, Language Arts Coordinator Request for Title I Literacy Aide at Pagels School, position will be funded with Priority Grants Funds

Motion was made by Krista Pickering and Seconded by George Monahan, Discussion: No Discussion, Motion passed unanimously

Chairman Carrano asked for a MOTION to approve E.04-432

04-432 Andrea Bonazzoli, Director of Grants Administration request approval of 2004-2005 "District Application for ESEA Federal and State Grants for our district.

MOTION made by Mr. Guthrie and SECONDED by Paul Messina
Discussion: No Discussion, MOTION passed unanimously

Chairman Carrano asked for a MOTION to approve E. 04-433

04-433 Permission for DECA to send representatives to the DECA North Atlantic Region Leadership Development Conference October 29th-31st, which will be held in Toronto, Canada

MOTION made by M. Toni Paine and SECONDED by Paul Messina
MOTION passed unanimously

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F. Informational:

Anne Heffernan – No

Krista Pickering - No

Howard Horvath – No

Mr. Collins -No

Paul Messina - No

John Carrano - No

Toni Paine- No

George Monahan – said that he would like to see the Board and Blake building support Ellen Galligan retirement dinner next week at Anthony's.

Chairman Carrano- No

Robert Guthrie- No

Robert Proto - No

Jerome Calhoun - No

Chairman Carrano asked for a MOTION to ADJOURN

MOTION was made by Paul Messina and SECONDED by Raymond Collins

MOTION passed unanimously

Meeting ADJOURNED at 8:25 P.M.