WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 3, 2014
Regular Board Meeting
Board Meeting Room

The Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board Meeting Room, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, Connecticut on October 20, 2014. The meeting was called to order by Patricia Libero, Chairwoman of the Board of Education at 7:00 p.m. The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Patricia Libero, Chairwoman
James W. Morrissey, Vice Chair
Patrick Egolum
Robert Guthrie
Rosa Richardson
Cebi Waterfield

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Betsy Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
Mark Palmieri
Rosemary Russo

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Neil Cavallaro, Superintendent of Schools
Anne Druzolowski, Assistant Superintendent
Matt Cavallaro Director of Finance

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT: Alice Obas
B. Public Portion of Meeting

Andrew Miranda, 161 West Spring Street, West Haven, CT addressed the board. Mr. Miranda is interested in knowing the terms of the Board’s contract with the Law Firm of Bertram, Moses and Devlin and the financial expenditures involved on an annual basis. He is requesting this under Freedom of Information. Superintendent Cavallaro said the board does not have a contract. It is all based on billable hours. We can get you a dollar amount of what we have spent year to date and year to year over the last several years. Mr. Miranda will send an email making this request. The board gave thanks. There were no other speakers.

C. REPORTS
C.1.a. Administration/Status of Schools

Susan Misur has been working with a company on possibly developing a cell phone app that parents and staff would be able to use on their cell phones for free. School Messenger seems to be the best fit for us. UNH has made the commitment to fund this for us. Any type of message we need to get to parents would just pop up on their cell phone. There are staff directories so you can email teachers. We hope to launch this in the next few months. Applause followed this presentation.

Dr. Anne Druzo gave a brief synopsis of the kind of things the teachers will be doing tomorrow during the full day of Professional Development as there is no school for the students on Election Day. The Professional Development interfaces primarily with what was found as needs when evaluations were done. It serves two purposes professional development and training for the school evaluation. A further discussion took place.

Superintendent Cavallaro said last week the Mayor had asked for a breakdown of costs for district wide implementation of All Day Kindergarten. These are preliminary numbers that can be adjusted somewhat. We put in for the State bonding money which will benefit every kindergartener in the school district. We showed costs with obtaining the money and without obtaining the money. No action will be taken on the program tonight; we simply put a cost on it. There was a discussion on additional staffing, miscellaneous expenditures, startup costs for full day K with bond funding and sustainability costs and what CSDE Bond Funding can and can’t be used for. We have the support of the current administration in Hartford and we believe we will receive this money. Board members asked questions and received answers.

C.1.b. Student Representatives Report

Alice Obas read the student report which is attached at the end of the minutes.

C.1.c. Board
James Morrissey asked to see the costs for the last two years with Bertram, Moses and Devlin and a year to date cost and the hourly cost last year and this year.

Rosa Richardson met with Ken Carney BOC and Neil Cavallaro to go over the RFPs for the facilities. We are looking at somewhere between $60,000 and $100,000 to get what you want. Neil’s concern is that the greatest plan in the world if it is not funded doesn’t make a lot of sense to proceed. Rosa believes this money would be well spent. A discussion took place and they can at least interview companies and get some ideas.

C.1.d. Committee

D.1. Approval of Minutes

D.1.a. West Haven Board of Education Regular Board Meeting held in the Board of Education’s Meeting Room, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT on October 20, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

D.1.b. West Haven Board of Education Policy Committee Meeting held in the Board of Education’s Meeting Room, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT on October 20, 2014 at 6:10 PM.

Chairwoman Libero asked for a motion to approve the minutes D.1.a. and D.1.b.
Bob Guthrie made the motion to approve the minutes
Patrick Egolum seconded the motion
All board members present were in favor
Minutes are approved

Rosa Richardson put a motion on the floor to add D.4. New Hire #14-116 a Special Education Teacher at WHHS to tonight’s agenda. Bob Guthrie seconded the motion. All board members present were in agreement. New Hire #14-116 is added to tonight’s agenda.

D.2. Resignations: (Certified)
D.3. Leave of Absence: (Certified)
D.4. New Hire: (Certified)

14-110 Karen Lafo, 64 Clark Street, Hamden, CT 06518
Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel
Effective: Board Approval
Salary: $90,422.81 (Step 1 without sixth year)

14-111 Kevin Fuggi, 19 Westview Rd., North Haven, CT 06473
Boys Basketball Head Coach – Bailey Middle School
Effective: Immediately
Salary: $1,950.00
D.4. **New Hire: (Certified) Continued**

14-116 Carissa Meinsen Anastasio, 33 Riverside Drive, Branford, CT 06405  
Special Education Teacher – West Haven High School  
Effective: November 18, 2014  
Salary: $48,000 Step 2 (BS + 30)

Chairwoman Libero asked for a motion to approve New Hires: (Certified) #14-110, #14-111 and #14-116  
Cebi Waterfield made the motion  
Rosa Richardson seconded the motion  
All board members present were in favor  
New Hire: (Certified) #14-110, #14-111 and #14-116 are approved

D.5. **New Business**

14-112 Policy 6111 School Calendar – Revise to add: For the school year commencing July 1, 2014 and each school year thereafter, the Board of Education shall use the RESC developed and approved uniform regional school calendar.

14-113 Policy 6142 – Basic Instructional Program - policy adopted: April 5, 1999 Revise: Add teen dating violence language and add public act

14-114 Policy 5114 Suspension/Expulsion; Student Due Process addition due to Public Act Revise: Add public act

14-115 Policy 5141.7(a) Student Sports – Concussions; Adding policy using our Concussion Education Plan and Consent Form

Chairwoman Libero asked for a motion to approve New Business Policy Items 14-112, 14-113, 14-114 and 14-115  
Rosa Richardson made the motion to approve the new Business Items  
Bob Guthrie seconded the motion  
Discussion: None  
All board members present were in favor  
New Business items 14-112, 14-113, 14-114 and 14-115 are approved

**F. Informational**

Chairwoman Libero asked for a motion to adjourn.  
Patrick Egolum made the motion  
Cebi Waterfield seconded the motion  
The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Marylou C. Amendola  
Board Secretary
BOE Student Report November 3, 2014

The Student Government conducted a mock election today. Students in grades 9-11 voted with their social studies classes. Seniors voted with their English classes.

Here are the results:
Dan Malloy - 528
Tom Foley - 256
Joe Visconti - 104

The Student Government is sponsoring a non-perishable food drive for WHEAT and is embarking on a “You’ve got Raked” campaign to rake leaves in the yards of elderly neighbors.

West Haven High School has been ranked No. 1 for 2014 in the Medical Careers area of concentration, based on WHHS students’ results of the 2014 Connecticut Statewide Career and Technical Education Assessment! Congratulations to teacher Mrs. Val Cosenza and the CAN Class of 2014.

West Haven High School science students heard from three Yale School of Medicine graduate students last week in the College Careers in Medicine and Science Panel in the WHHS auditorium. Yale School of Medicine students Fari Ngongoni, Deolu Aromolaran and Ronnye Rutledge spoke to Westies about their goals, different paths to reach medical school, and their lives as medical students.

The Senior Class Council is holding a cookie dough fundraiser. Please see Catherine if you are interested in ordering cookie dough.

The Mock Trial Team visited Quinnipiac Law School yesterday to observe a mock trial at the collegiate level. It was a powerful experience for the students.

The #15 ranked Volleyball Team is playing the #18 ranked team right now at the gym. Volleyball Coach Kate Coldren was named Coach of the Year.

Congratulations to the Junior Class on winning the annual Powder Puff Tournament. The Freshmen and Junior Classes played for the Championship. Great referring by Mr. Dickson and Mr. Morrell was spectacular announcing the game.

Tomorrow there will be a Bake Sale sponsored by the PTSA at City Hall. All proceeds will benefit senior scholarships. They would love donations or for you to stop by and purchase some yummy goodies.

On Sunday, the Girls Soccer Team was recognized with a Sportsmanship Award at the Foxon Country House. They begin their state tournament play tomorrow evening at 6:30pm.

West Haven High School Urban Debate League members continue to do a great job in competition at Yale University. Senior Tatiana Gay was named the top speaker at the last tournament!

Last weekend, the School Counseling Department sponsored their annual Campus Connections Tour and visited The University of Rhode Island, Roger Williams University, Providence College, Boston College, Boston University, Northeastern University. As a special treat, WHHS Alums also met up with the group including Marla Gagne and Mike Kenaus.