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: Raymond Collins  
Joseph Esposito  
Robert Guthrie  
Anne Heffernan  
Sandy Lorusso  
Paul Messina  
Toni Paine  
Ursula Reilly

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: John Carrano

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Superintendent Paul Tortora  
Assistant Superintendent Neil Cavallaro

PUBLIC PORTION

Chairman Guthrie asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

Nancy Rossi said she has requested information from the Superintendent's office under FOI and hopes she does not have a problem getting the information she requested. Some of the information she requested is the PPT process and why the meetings are not taped especially if the parent agrees. Also, anyone invited by the parent can attend these meetings and she will attend with any parent that asks her to. Another issue is expulsions. She asked why certain children can do whatever they please and still be allowed to play football, etc. She said it is not fair to deny one child an education and give it to another one. The third request is the cost associated with the Mayor's law suit against the Board.

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.

REPORTS

Superintendent Tortora reported the new roofs at Molloy and the Pool are moving along nicely. The work at Seth Haley is in full bloom and once finished the entire building will be completed.

The University of New Haven has approached John Capone for the use of Carrigan field. This will not interfere with our students programs being held at the field.
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REPORTS-Continued

We have received a new Grant in the amount of $50,000 which is focused around Behavioral Specialists.

Chairman Guthrie asked if we have received the defibrillator for the high school. Superintendent Tortora said he has not received confirmation on this to date.

Neil Cavallaro reported there are currently 5 positions available. Three at the high school and two at Carrigan Middle School. We have several candidates for the positions that are being interviewed.

Joseph Esposito reported the Athletic Committee met and approved the request for $2,000 to be used for transportation for the Co-op Wrestling team partnership with Platt Tech. Mr. Esposito made a MOTION for this matter to be placed on the agenda this evening. The MOTION was seconded by Toni Paine. The MOTION carried unanimously.

D.1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Meeting, Student Expulsion on June 10, 2003, 9:30 a.m.
Special Meeting Student Expulsion Committee meeting held on June 10, 2003 10:30 a.m.
Regular Board Meeting of June 16, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.
Special Meeting Student Expulsion Meeting held on June 16, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.
Special Meeting Student Expulsion Meeting held on June 17, 2003 at 9:30 a.m.
Special Meeting Student Expulsion Meeting held on June 24, 2003 at 6:30 p.m.

A MOTION was made by Sandy Lorusso, SECONDED by Toni Paine to approve Item D.1. and SO VOTED unanimously.

D.2. RESIGNATIONS - Certified

03-134 Cheryl Brown, Math Teacher at West Haven High School, effective June 24, 2003
03-135 Nicolelli Maria, Teacher at Savin Rock, effective June 22, 2003
03-136 Joseph A. Urban, Carrigan Middle School, effective July 16, 2003

A MOTION was made by Paul Messina, SECONDED by Raymond Collins to approve Item D.2. as presented and SO VOTED unanimously.
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D.3. RESIGNATIONS-Non-Certified

03-137 Porter Janice, Bus Aide, effective May 16,

03-138 Andrea Wasowski, Medical Paraprofessional at Pagels, effective June 24, 2003

03-139 Dante Palazzo, Medical Paraprofessional at Pagels effective June 24, 2003

A MOTION was made by Ursula Reilly, SECONDED by Sandy Lorusso to approve Item D.3. as presented and SO VOTED unanimously.

D.4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

03-140 Stacy Raffone, Teacher Washington School, extension of leave October 8, 2003 without pay

A MOTION was made by Joseph Esposito, SECONDED by Toni Paine to approve Item D.4. as presented and SO VOTED unanimously.

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.5. APPOINTMENTS-Certified

03-141 Brooke Elaine, 361 Alden Avenue, Apt B2 New Haven, CT Special Education Teacher, effective August 26, 2003

03-142 Daniel Shine, 475 Jones Hill Road, West Haven, Part-time Art Teacher at West Haven High School, effective August 26, 2003
APPOINTMENTS-Continued

03-143 Roselyn Diaz-Ortiz, 16 North Westwood Road, Ansonia, ESL/Bilingual Teaching Position, effective August 26, 2003

03-144 Gregory Heudorfer, 784 Route 80, Guilford, CT. Science teacher at Bailey Middle School, effective August 26, 2003

03-145 Leslie Morgan, 22 Governor's Avenue, Milford, CT Transitional Teacher at Savin Rock, effective August 26, 2003

03-146 Todd Dandelski, 161 Riggs Road, Orange, CT Social Studies Teacher at West Haven School, effective August 26, 2003

03-147 Salvatore Bonito, Principal, Thompson School

A MOTION was made by Ursula Reilly, SECONDED by Raymond Collins to approve Item D.5 as presented and SO VOTED unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

03-148 Grant for Special Education Capacity Building and Improvement-Silver Grant

A MOTION was made by Sandy Lorusso, SECONDED by Ann Heffernan to approve Item 03-148 as presented and SO VOTED unanimously.

03-149.1.1 Approval of $2,000 from the Board of Education to the Wrestling Team for Transportation

A MOTION was made by Sandy Lorusso, SECONDED by Paul Messina to approve Item 03-149 as presented. Anne Heffernan abstained. The MOTION carried.

INFORMATIONAL:

F-G Abandoned Concession Stand at Bailey Middle School

Raymond Collins asked who is responsible for the expense of removing the stand. Superintendent Tortora said he does not have an answer yet.
INFORMATIONAL-Continued

F-U Career Counseling Center Office Manager Position

Paul Messina asked the salary for this position. Superintendent Tortora said it is subject to union negotiation and he will let the Board know prior to the hiring.

Grievance #126

This matter was postponed until August 18.

Chairman Guthrie asked for a Motion to recess until the arrival of legal counsel. A MOTION was made by Ursula Reilly, SECONDED by Sandy Lorusso to recess at 7:22. The MOTION carried unanimously.

Mayor Borer arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Chairman Guthrie called the meeting back to order and explained the Grievance had been continued by mutual agreement of the WHFT and WHBOE.

A MOTION for Executive Session was made by Ray Collins, SECONDED by Paul Messina. The MOTION carried unanimously.

Present in Executive Session were all Board members except John Carrano, Superintendent Tortora, Assistant Superintendent Neil Cavallaro, Mayor Borer and Attorney Holcolm.

A MOTION was made by Raymond Collins, SECONDED by Anne Heffernan to return to Public Session at 8:23. The MOTION carried unanimously.

A MOTION was made by Paul Messina, SECONDED by Toni Paine to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Raymond Collins abstained. The MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bernardi
Board Clerk

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