WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
July 29, 2015  
Special Board Meeting  
Board’s Meeting Room

The Board of Education held a Special Meeting in the Board’s Meeting Room on the second floor of City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, Connecticut on July 29, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Patricia Libero, Chairwoman of the Board of Education at 9:00 A.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  
Mark Palmieri  
Rosa Richardson  
Rosemary Russo

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Betsy Davis, Secretary/Treasurer  
Cebi Waterfield

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Neil Cavallaro, Superintendent of Schools  
Anne Druzolowski

Chairwoman Pat Libero thanked everyone for coming to the Special Meeting this morning to approve the recommended new hires.

D.4. New Hire: (Certified)

15-70 Meda Homorodean, 60 Covington Drive, Milford, CT 06461  
Mathematics Teacher – Bailey Middle School  
Effective: August 25, 2015  
Salary: $48,000 BS + 30 Step 2

15-71 Patricia Wysoczanski, 212 Sharon Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410  
Kindergarten Grade Teacher – Washington School  
Effective: August 25, 2015  
Salary: $44,000 BS + 30 Step 1

15-72 Leslie Gorzkowski, 7 William Street, Norwalk, CT 06851  
1st Grade Teacher – Washington School  
Effective: August 25, 2015  
Salary: $40,020 BS Step 1
D.4. New Hire: (Certified) Continued

15-73 Kristina Ann Guila, 401 Hilltop Road, Orange, CT 06477
2nd Grade Teacher – Washington School
Effective: August 25, 2015
Salary: $40,020 BS Step 1

15-74 Britany Sweet, 172 Gaylord Mountain Road, Hamden, CT 06518
3rd Grade Teacher – Washington School
Effective: August 25, 2015
Salary: $44,000 BS + 30 Step 1

15-75 Allison Johnstone, 212 Old Tavern Road, Orange, CT 06477
3rd Grade Teacher – Washington School
Effective: August 25, 2015
Salary: $40,020 BS (Step 1)

15-76 Brooke Baldwin, 15 Cardinal Drive, Wallingford, CT 06492
4th Grade Teacher – Washington School
Effective: August 25, 2015
Salary: $40,020 BS (Step 1)

15-77 Eleazor Steve, 35 Howe Street, New Haven, CT 06511
4th Grade Teacher – Washington School
Effective: August 25, 2015
Salary: $44,000 BS + 30 (Step 1)

15-78 Amanda Blodgett, 10 Hillwood Place, Norwalk, CT 06850
1st Grade Teacher – Savin Rock
Effective: August 25, 2015
Salary: $44,000 BS + 30 (Step 1)

15-79 Chandler Dugas, 385 Herbert Street, Milford CTCT 06461
1st Grade Teacher – Savin Rock
Effective: August 25, 2015
Salary: $40,020 BS (Step 1)

15-80 Ashley Heaphy, 80 Skyline Drive, West Haven, CT 06516
Kindergarten Teacher – Savin Rock
Effective: August 25, 2015
Salary: $47,000 BS + 60 (Step 1)

15-81 Rebecca Jennings, 627 Main Street, West Haven, CT 06516
SPED Teacher – Forest School
Effective: August 25, 2015
Salary: $40,020 BS (Step 1)
D.4. New Hire: (Certified) Continued

15-82 Alexandra Pierelli, 20 Sumac Street, West Haven, CT 06516
1st Grade Teacher – Forest School
Effective: August 25, 2015
Salary: $40,020 BS (Step 1)

15-83 Kristin Higgins, 70 Carmalt Road, Hamden, CT
Kindergarten Teacher – Mackrille
Effective: August 25, 2015
Salary: $44,000 BS + 30 (Step 1)

15-84 Darcy DeMaio, 457 Sportsman Road, Orange, CT 06477
4th Grade Teacher – Washington
Effective: August 25, 2015
Salary: $47,000 BS + 60 (Step 1)

15-85 Moriah Conlan, 3 Mountain View Road, West Haven, CT 06516
Title 1 Support Teacher – Non Public/Forest Kindergarten
Effective: August 25, 2015
Salary: $44,000 BS + 30 (Step 1)

15-86 Maria Burton, 63 Abner Street, West Haven, CT 06516
ELL Teacher – Forest School
Effective: August 25, 2015
Salary: $56,500 BS + 60 (Step 4)

15-87 Jennifer T. Gates, 90 Montoya Drive, Branford, CT 06405
Integrated PK – Forest School
Effective: August 25, 2015
Salary: $52,000 BS + 30 (Step 4)

Chairwoman Libero asked for a motion to approve the New Hires items #15-70 to #15-87 inclusive
Mark Palmieri made the motion
Patrick Egolum seconded the motion
Discussion: None
All board members were in favor
Motion passes. Items #15-70 to #15-87 are approved

Superintendent Cavallaro wanted to thank the principals for completing the interview process of the new teachers so we could get them on this agenda. Neil gave a brief update on where we are with the hiring process. There have been a total of 22 teachers hired which include those that have already been hired in the shortage areas. A science position at Bailey is open and we have been having trouble filling a Library Media Specialist position at Washington School. We also have just received a resignation from
a Social Worker and we are doing an interview for the Science position today. We have a backup plan for the high school ready. We are ready to hire additional paras for All Day Kindergarten. Stefania Larry passed out a Full Day Kindergarten Timeline which is included at the end of the minutes.

Chairwoman Libero asked for a motion to adjourn. 
Rosa Richardson made the motion 
Mark Palmieri seconded the motion
The meeting adjourned at 9:10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marylou C. Amendola
Board Secretary
Full Day Kindergarten Timeline

Parent Notification

- Preliminary Discussions @ Kindergarten Orientation (June, 2015)
- New Haven Register & West Haven Voice Articles (July, 2015)
- Full Day Kindergarten Q & A on District Website (August, 2015)
- Social Media

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