WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

June 2, 2003

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:             Superintendent Paul Tortora
                                      Assistant Superintendent Neil Cavallaro

PUBLIC PORTION

Chairman Guthrie asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

Patti Fusco reminded the Board members of the retirement party that will be held on Thursday.

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 distributed an updated calendar of events for the month of June.

There will be an unveiling of the new website at the high school.

As of May 6th there was a 7" drop in the ice. The good news is they will be putting down the ice soon.

Neil Cavallaro said he is very pleased with the teachers hired and we are definitely headed in the right direction. Also, on Wednesday at 6:00 there will be a Special Education Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m. and a Middle/High School Affairs Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Ann Heffernan said she spent time on Saturday at Sound School which was not only very nice but interesting as well.

Joseph Esposito attended the Retirement Dinner that was held for Bert Siclari. He said Bert will be missed.
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Raymond Collins said he visited the Learning Fair at Mackrille which was very impressive.

Paul Messina said a Facility Maintenance Committee meeting was held. We are waiting for a reply on the soil at Bailey. The projects at Seth Haley and Thompson have been taken care of. We do have some leakage in some of the schools which are being addressed. Paul asked the maintenance department to do better on the pre-inspections in the future which might omit some of these problems.

D.1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  

Special Meeting, Student Expulsion on May 20, 2003, 12:00 p.m.  
Special Meeting Athletic Committee on May 20, 2003, 2:00 p.m.  
Regular Board Meeting of May 19, 2003  

A MOTION was made by Ursula Reilly, SECONDED by John Carrano to approve Item D.1. and SO VOTED unanimously.

D.2. RESIGNATIONS- Certified  

03-88 Dominic Murgo, Grade 7, Math at Bailey Middle School, reason: retirement  

03-89 Tara Hopson, School Psychologist, effective June, 2003 reason: retirement  

A MOTION was made by Sandy Lorusso, SECONDED by Joseph Esposito to approve Item D.2. 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.3. APPOINTMENTS-Certified

03-90 Raffaela Fronc, Department Head Science Department at West Haven High School, effective August 26, 2003

03-91 Rose Paolino, Department Head Guidance Department at West Haven High School, effective August 26, 2003

03-92 Maimuna Farooqi, 225 Gorham Avenue, Hamden, Science Teacher at West Haven, effective August 26, 2003

03-93 Heather Brown, 53 Green Street, Milford, Guidance Counselor at West Haven High School, effective August 26, 2003

A MOTION was made by Toni Paine, SECONDED by Paul Messina to approve Item B.3. as presented and SO VOTED unanimously.

D.4. APPOINTMENTS-Non-Certified

03-95 Rose Gilbert, 97 White Street, West Haven, Cook, Thompson School

A MOTION was made by Sandy Lorusso, SECONDED by Ursula Reilly to approve Item 03-95. as presented and SO VOTED unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

03-96 Family Resource 2003-2005 application from the West Haven School District with collaboratives: West Haven Community House and Graustein Memorial Fund.

A MOTION was made by Ann Heffernan, SECONDED by Paul Messina to approve Item 03-96 as presented and SO VOTED unanimously.

03-97 Renewal of contracts for non-tenured teachers hired 2002-2003

Recommendation that the contract(s) of employment of

Erin Clancey
Christina Coppola
Claudia Davis
Mina Delsanto
Rachel Eagan
Mandy Greco
NEW BUSINESS-Continued

Christine Hill
Kimberly Mento
Patrick Morrissey
Jane Platt Forest
Linda Sampietro
Taryn Smith
Kim Zabilowski

As a teacher in the West Haven Public Schools be renewed for the 2003-2004 school year and that the Superintendent of Schools be directed to advise such person(s) in writing of this action.

A MOTION was made by John Carrano, SECONDED by Ursula Reilly to approve Item 03-97 as presented and SO VOTED unanimously.

A MOTION was made by John Carrano, SECONDED by Ann Heffernan to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. The MOTION carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL:

There were no questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bernardi
Board Clerk

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