WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

May 19, 2003

The Meeting of the Board of Education was held at Mackrille School. 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

Chairman Guthrie reported Item G on the agenda has been cancelled. There will be no Executive Session this evening.

PUBLIC PORTION

Chairman Guthrie asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

Pat Fusco informed the Board members of the upcoming WH Board of Education Retirement Party which will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2003.

Kthy Biagetti invited the Board members to a Learning Fair which will be held on Friday, May 23 from 9:30 to 2:30 at Mackrille.

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 thanked Ms. Biagetti for hosting the Board of Education meeting this evening.

Superintendent Tortora reported that the Web Site will hold an unveiling on June 2 and if any Board members have information they want on the site to contact Patti Fusco.

Also, the bids for the bleachers at the stadium have closed and there were no bidders. We will have to go out to bid a second time.
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**REPORTS-Continued**

Neil Cavallaro asked the Board to adapt the 6 new curricula’s that will be presented this evening. He said the Committee did a fantastic job this year.

Ron Stancil reported a celebration will be held for the Mock Trial Team on June 9th. He also thanked the Board for their support for the Chess Team dinner.

Sandy Lorusso made a MOTION to add the following curricula to the agenda for approval under New Business, Item 03-87:

- High School Physical Education.
- English III
- 20th Century World History
- The Civil War
- Biology Basic
- Psychology

Paul Messina SECONDED the MOTION. The MOTION carried unanimously.

**D.1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Special Meeting, Student Expulsion on May 5, 2003  
Special Meeting Athletic Committee on May 5, 2003  
Regular Board Meeting of May 5, 2003

A MOTION was made by Raymond Collins, SECONDED by Ann Heffernan to approve Item D.1. and SO VOTED unanimously

**D.2. RESIGNATIONS- Certified**

03-77 William Reynolds, West Haven Boys Varsity Lacrosse Coach, effective April 21, 2003  Reason: Personal

03-78 Joseph Moller, Latin Teacher at West Haven High School, effective June 20, 2003  Reason: Personal

03-79 Louis P. Fusco, Art Teacher at Carrigan Middle School, effective June, 2003  Reason: Retirement

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

03-80 Hazel Paolillo, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective October 16, 2003 Reason: Retirement

03-81 David Campano, Assistant Custodian at West Haven High School, effective March 19, 2003 Reason: Other Career Opportunities

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

D.4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:


A MOTION was made by Raymond Collins, SECONDED by Paul Messina 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.

03-83 Lorranie Green, 90 Morrissey Lane, West Haven, Guidance Counselor at West Haven High School, effective August 26, 2003

A MOTION was made by Paul Messina, SECONDED by Sandy Lorusso to approve 03-83 and SO VOTED unanimously.
NEW BUSINESS

03-84  Agreement to Furnish Food Service between West Haven Board of Education and the City of West Haven.

A MOTION was made by Raymond Collins, SECONDED by Ursula Reilly to approve Item 03-84 as presented and SO VOTED unanimously.

03-85  Request for West Haven Board of Education to contribute $3,000 to Project Graduation “Blue & White Up All Night”

A MOTION was made by Raymond Collins, SECONDED by Toni Paine to approve Item 03-85 as presented and SO VOTED unanimously

03-86  Request to Post 10 Month Data Entry position for the Priority/Early Reading School Accountability/Family Resource/Best Grant Application

A MOTION was made by Ann Heffernan, SECONDED by Paul Messina to approve Item 03-86 as presented. The MOTION carried unanimously.

03-87  Approval to Adapt the Following Curricula:

   ♦ High School Physical Education
   ♦ English III
   ♦ 20th Century World History
   ♦ The Civil War
   ♦ Biology Basic
   ♦ Psychology

A MOTION was made by Anne Heffernan, SECONDED by Paul Messina to approve Item 03-87 as presented and SO VOTED unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL:

Paul Messina asked the status of the Middle/High School Affairs Committee meeting along with the Building Committee. Superintendent Tortora said a date was set but Mr. Kelly had to reschedule due to some problems.

Toni Paine said she has received several phone calls regarding bullying in the Roosevelt Park area. Paul Messina said he has received the same complaints and officials at Bailey are well aware of the problem and taking an active role in prevention.
Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bernardi
Board Clerk

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