The Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Education was held at the Blake Building, 25 Ogden Street, West Haven on May 4, 2009. The meeting was called to order by Mark Palmieri, Chairman of the Board of Education at 7:15 p.m. The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag.

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**
Mark Palmieri, Chairman  
Gerald A. Calabritto, Vice Chairman  
Robert Saley  
M. Toni Paine  
Howard Horvath Jr.  
Eric Murillo, Secretary/Treasurer  
T. Sean Maher  
Patrick Egolum  
Andrew DePalma

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**
Neil Cavallaro, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Anne Druzolowski, Assistant Superintendent  
David Cappetta, Director of Finance

**CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:**
Eric Pang

**Public Portion**

Chairman Palmieri asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

Nancy Rossi, 12 Robin Road discussed the closing of Stiles School. We need to explore other possibilities. Back when this was approved, which I will be reviewing the minutes, students were thriving. Also has a concern with the Blake Building moving to Yale. Is it West Haven or Orange? What are the moving expenses, utilities? I am asking that your homework be done before you make a decision. How long rent is free, is there a contract. Please explore. If we more what do we do this building? There is an opening for a High School Principal, an important job. Give consideration to the inside. I don’t want to mention a name but we do have someone with advanced degrees. Politics should stay at the door.

The board gave thanks.

Noreen Manzella, 21 Homesteader Lane, speaking on behalf of the Bailey Staff I have a list of key attributes possessed by Dr. Anthony Cordone that would service him well as Principal of West Haven (see attached letter)
KEY ATTRIBUTES POSSESSED BY DR. ANTHONY CORDONE THAT WOULD SERVE HIM WELL AS PRINCIPAL OF WEST HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL...

- Excellent attendance and health
- High level of energy which carries over to his staff
- Calm under pressure, never panicking - takes positive, immediate action
- Broad knowledge base
- Always open to suggestions and/or input from his staff
- Knowledgeable in current curricular trends and legislation affecting education
- "Sees" the big picture
- Continually exhibits pride in and commitment to making West Haven schools the best they can be
- Unafraid to tackle uncomfortable issues, making the tough decisions necessary to maintaining a well-run school
- A unique understanding of the culture of the West Haven community from the perspective of having been a student, teacher and administrator in our system
- Of his 28 years serving in an administrative capacity for the West Haven school system, 16 of those years have been spent at West Haven High School

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Bailey Middle School staff member,
Teacher of 35 years in West Haven,
8 at WHHS.

The board gave thanks.

Richard Huston 1 Tyrol Lane, I guess I would have to respectfully disagree with the preceding presentation. I filed a formal bullying complaint 8 months ago and my son since April last year has not been the same, he cannot enter a classroom of his peers and I have so many questions from last year of what happened. So far I have gotten no answers and the year is coming to a close and everybody will
scatter and I want an investigation. I want to pass this out, I hope this is ok to do so. I don’t know what happened, he came home on April 24th and he hasn’t been the same. It’s been a heck of a year for us. That’s all I’m going to say. Thank you. We’re still struggling.

Tracy Morrissey, 305 Country Hill Drive, I would like to speak before you on a couple of issues. The first issue I have is the curriculum that is being taught to our children. I can no longer sit silent. I am extremely upset about the curriculum that is being taught to our children. I’ve attended several meetings none of this has to do with Dr. Druzołowski she’s only been here six months. In the meetings that I attended I have found out that for ten years our children have gotten nothing. Nothing new the same curriculum has been taught over and over again. It is very upsetting for me as a parent to send my child to a failing school. I am struggling with that immensely. A failing school, as parents my husband and I are completely supported but we cannot teach the curriculum to our children. You are not, it’s not the board because I know the board has changed. But this board has got to take a more active role in our children’s education. You need to work with the parents and teachers, we have several parents and teachers that are actively involved and want to participate and want a voice in their children’s education. I am extremely, when I look at it over 500 children that leave our school system. At first I said maybe it’s a safety issue, maybe they don’t feel safe at the high school. When I took a closer look at it, other surrounding schools Notre Dame, Lauralton Hall. They don’t have any better facilities wise, their buildings are as old as our buildings. Their teachers are not accredited, so a light bulb went off in my head their leaving for the education, this education is what their getting and our child aren’t. I’ve heard and a strong believer that once my child was in the high school the education is there, they’ll do fine if their good kids, their gonna to do great. Well guess what, you have children in your high school that are graduating this year that are going NO WHERE. Very bright children but were not exposed to the curriculum. The SAT scores have gone down dramatically. This is a test that’s offered throughout the country. I never put a lot enicents on the CAPT because the CAPT to me was a learning tool for the administration to find out what there doing wrong and where they need to make the changes. But this is also having a huge impact on the SAT’s because the kids are not getting the material. As parents I said we could be very supportive of our homework done, do you need this done. But now you’re cutting back the curriculum. AP classes are not being offered as much. They are saying that no one is ready to take it, there are kids ready to take it, their having getting it into their curriculum. The grading system, in my opinion, I’m talking from experience, middle school is where you need to be concentrating on bringing this curriculum up to speed. Unfortunately most of you don’t know this, but I’m going to let you know this; as a parent I never had this problem because my children did very well. But, if you attend a middle school the grading is the same at Carrigan as it as Bailey and there is nothing anybody does about it year after year. First semester your child gets an “F”, second semester your child gets an “F”, third semester child gets an “F”, fourth semester your child get a “B” or a “C” guess what? They pass woohoo! What is so wonderful about that? And why can’t it be corrected? Year after year I ask the question and “We try, we try, we can’t do anything”. That horrible, that’s why when the kids get to 9th grade at the High School we have a high repetitive rate these kids cannot cope because for three years these kids can get an “F”, an “F” , an “F” then an a “C” and pass. Now, my problem is the teachers. They do a wonderful job but we are not giving them the support, we are not giving them the financial support, we are not giving them the tools. Were top heavy everything is at the administration board. These teachers need the tools...10 years, 10 years nothing as been done. I’m sick to my stomach. It’s it’s as someone stated it’s a car. You buy a bran new car, you drive the car for 10 years and you do nothing to it. Well this is what you have been giving our children. You guys need to get involved. I talk to parents regularly, I talk to teachers regularly. You can pull them aside on a QT level and say what is..”What do you guys think is going on here? We need to pull together as a community.” No one would go to this school. I’m struggling with my children. Yes, they do have wonderful activities. They have great sports programs, they have a wonderful drama department. Yes, those things are good too, because they round off our children. But we need to get back to the basics. We need core groups at the
High School. We need the math, the science, and the languages. Okay for years I have been asking for Latin. Every surrounding town, (there was a cough I couldn’t here her words) every school that I called has Latin, we can’t afford a Latin teacher, we can’t find a Latin teacher. But everyone else can find one. Let’s start thinking outside the box, maybe we can borrow a Latin teacher from Notre Dame or somebody at UNH. We have all these great collaborative efforts. Why can’t we start thinking outside the box? Why are we selling our children short? My daughter is taking three years of Spanish. So you know what? I said, oh gee, maybe she can she take Latin for 2 years? Well, we don’t offer it. For years we have heard the same excuse. The language teachers are drying up. Let’s start putting our energies towards our children. Why aren’t we the voices for our children? You know everything the administration says is not all rosy, ok? They are telling you one thing, they are telling you what they want you to hear. You need to go out and speak with the parent and these teachers and find out what we need. Obviously it’s not working. Ten years our test scores are in the toilet. Put yourself in my shoes. How would you like to send your children to a failing school? And it’s so frustrating, it really is. And the other thing I would like to tell you is; I polled the other teachers, I’ve been to many walk through with most of you through the schools. I walked through Bailey School, I think Dr, Cordone does an excellent job, excellent. And, why wouldn’t we promote within? I mean, I remember when Neil was very upset when they went outside and did this outside search. And when he was going I heard repeatedly, “If you go for an outside search I’m out of here, I’m out of here.” Well, I believe that we trust our teachers and believe in our teachers and that’s what we need to do. Through experience I’ve had an excellent repaire there. The hallways are clean, the classes are orderly. And the test scores are rather good. As someone said, I can’t believe I sit though two honors programs. We should be proud of that. We should…it’s excellent we should be striving to help our children, reward our children. But the curriculum is a huge problem and that’s why people don’t want to come here, because they are not getting it. So, getting back to the curriculum changes, I want to see, not just the bottom. We were told; 1) The classes are not going to be lumped together, so let’s stay on point there. That everybody is going to be leveled out, same learning group. So there is not going to be......at first we were told they were all going to be lumped together, all the way through. So, now they are saying “No that the courses are going to be leveled.” So we are going to be looking for that. We are going to be looking for languages to be offered to our children. We are going to be looking for these AP classes. Not going to offer them at the same time so kids can’t take it. It is wonderful that a child will graduate from the High School with 5 years of a language. Let’s be proud, let’s give our children the competitive tools out there. You know, we want to be number one, and for a child to strive and to be in the upper part of her class and not to be able to go anyway. You know, you should have gave them a reach school. You know, when your that high up and you’re well rounded, why wouldn’t you reach for the top? Why aren’t our kids getting it? Because the curriculum is not there. So now it’s affecting our kids that want to go to college bound. The other thing I want you to look at. How many kids are going to college? You’ve got 450 kids in the school system. Let’s start looking at that, lets start promoting these kids. The curriculum electives at the high school are ridiculous. I don’t want to name them but there are. We need to get curriculum courses that are helping our kids get to college. Lets start writing essays so junior year these kids are ready for their application. Let’s start doing something on the cutting edge. Let’s help these kids build an application. I’ve seen kids that can even fill out job applications that are applying for jobs this summer. How sad is that, these are products of your school system. And you need to help them; you need to look at things differently. And, as I said, I have a group of parents that are able and they are going to be working with you. I’m going to start setting up meetings with small groups of you cuz I know you all jobs. But you need to hear it from the parents, you need to hear it from the students. You have got to start listening, you’re their voices

The other thing I would like to... is the closing of Stiles School. One of my suggestions was bring the Board of ED…..consolidate, no one wants to do that. No one for the first time of that I said on the city council came to us to ask us for anymore money. You ask for 3 million dollars. Last year we
scrambled for $500,000.00 (because) on the premise that it was going to go to the teachers. That there would be no pink slips. And what happened to the $500,000.00? It was spent on computers. I want to see the money getting into the classrooms, that’s what we are concentrating on. These teachers need help. The dynamics the social economics and everything has changed. You have got to get into these teachers to help our children. So, you know, someone came before us and said “Gee, we need another hundred and fifty to keep Stiles open. ”, We find it, cuz the city council as always put the kids first. And no one came before us and asked, the first time. I’m a little confused, how do you ask for 3 million dollars and then say its fine. Something’s didn’t add up with the budget and I’m just a little confused with it. But, if it every came to us we are willing to work with you. The children are our future and it’s very important to us. Thank you.

Chairman Palmieri asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

Harry Perdell  71 Bluff Ave. Good evening, I think I know everybody here. First I would like to give my support to Neil and all of you who work diligently at the High School have all my support there.  (Barely audible)
I am here tonight to speak about the closing of Stiles. I’d like to refer to a couple of things. First of all for 25 years I have run a non-profit organization for alcoholism and drug abuse. We’re packed, I don’t need any help, and I don’t need anymore new customers. I have enough children with self esteem problems that can’t cut it though school, putting a burden on society.
You have built a rock, built something good. I said this at the council meeting the other night if you are away of it or not. You have historic mill and waterfall in the back of your building. You have a pond and lake. Where we found 4 pound large mouth bass, most people in this town don’t know that. It’s our “Walden Pond”… A book was published call “Practicing Morality” and it talks about ….. It is a serene place it’s a beautiful place it’s an educational place. ….as a child with disabilities, as I was, it’s a wonderful world for awareness….That is the problem with our children with learning disabilities ….they are locked in a world of their own and our job is to expose the land. If we don’t get the land on them then we fail...
What we have done is build a rock that we can do better. We can utilize all those assets on the property in the back to further their education in the liberal arts. There is nothing better then to take a kid out that is having troubles and bring him out to roam outside. To walk him in the back and it’s unique to the High School or Mackrille that stiles is in walking distance of a wonderful site just exposed of an architectural dig. So much going on in one area that it would be ashamed to move it over. It’s not the right place, I know it for myself. The pair pressures, even if they are not severe they are enough. Kids with learning disabilities don’t have to be shoved into the world of horrible. They don’t have to see how fast they can suck down a beer or do anything else all the other boys and girls at the High School they can’t compete with. Should it be totally desegregation? Of course not. But believe they are different. In the program that I run works for the people …. These children belong in a serene environment working with themselves. One helping another with a problem. Same old fashioned we use to…..talking out problems and coming up with solutions. So I say to you. Leave it like it is. Build upon it and make it better. We all know if we are educated well ourselves that the negative instance is the most powerful one. If you close that school you will perform a negative instance and will affect these kids forever. So, give these kids the chance…. A word from my favorite Philosopher Andy Griffin...

Chairman Palmieri asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

Brian Desetella  10 Grand St. I am here on behalf of my father Mr. Robert Desetella 10 Grand Street West Haven. He as asked me to appear before the board to read a statement he as written on behalf of Mr. Cordone and asked that I appear personally to read it because he felt that strongly about the issue he felt should be read into the record.
“Dear Members of the West Haven Board of Education,

This letter is written in support of Dr. Cordone who is presently applying for the position of principal of West Haven High School. I have known Dr. Cordone for a numbers of years and I feel strongly that he is most suited for position of principal. Before I retire in 2006 I served as a teacher of reading, communication skills and drama at Bailey Middle School. Having started teaching at Bailey in 1971 I served under no fewer then 20 some odd administrators before the arrival of Dr. Cordone. I feel that it is this experience has given me some insight as to what is to be expected of an administrator. I feel that Dr. Cordone was an excellent administrator during my tenor at Bailey Middle School. Although we did not always see eye to eye on issues, Dr. Cordone was always willing to listen and give consideration to my views. He gave fair consideration to my ideas and believes and we worked and we worked well together. The ability to listen to learn as well as teach and to work well with members of one staff is highly desirable in any administrator. I feel that Dr. Cordone merits serious consideration for these reasons alone, however, these are not his only attributes. Dr. Cordone has previously been an administrator at the High School. He came to Bailey Middle School with background of a High School Administrator. And I would think the success in the position he previously held would be a genuine assist as he chooses to, again, return to West Haven High School. In addition to his continuing administrational duties Dr. Cordone has made the time to keep up his academic studies. He as earned his doctorate in education to reinforce his personal experience in chosen field. Based upon his formal education and experience, all with in the West Haven School System, I feel that Dr. Cordone is a most suited candidate for the position of West Haven High School Principal. Sincerely, Robert Desetella”

Thank you for your time.

Chairman Palmieri asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

(audio is difficult to hear)

Jim Morrissey 305 Country Hill Dr. I come here tonight as a parent. As many of you know I am Democratic Town Chairman. But, I am leaving the politics at the door. I came here tonight to support Dr. Anthony Cordone as principal of West Haven High School. Dr. Cordone has been in the West Haven School System for 28 years. He as serviced as 15 years at West Haven High School which he as been assistant principle for 5 years. Dr. Cordone has been a principal at Bailey Middle School for the last 12 years. I have three children in the West Haven school system. My two daughters Katelyn and Jennifer are graduates of Bailey Middle School and are currently at West Haven High School. My son, Jimmy is a seventh grader at Bailey. I’ve seen first hand the wonderful job Dr. Cordone has done at Bailey Middle School. I also want to say there is a wonderful staff of teachers at Bailey. Many of who are here this evening supporting Dr. Cordone. Dr. Cordone state of environment is to teach children to learn and as parents that is what we expect. I want to also bring to the fact that Ron Stancil is here this evening and I want to say, that he has done a wonderful job at West Haven High School also. My two children that are there right now, as I said, adore Ron Stancil and I wish Ron all the best of luck as the new principle at Seth Haley.

Look behind me. There are probably people in the audience that you haven’t seen before. Many are parents who have children currently at Bailey Middle School and many have children right now at West Haven High School. They too have come here, not to speak, but to support Dr. Cordone as the principle of West Haven High School. Chairman Palmieri you have stated in the past that we have a great talent in the school system, and I totally agree with you. I believe that we should give internal candidate the first look. I believe that they know the system better then anyone else who can come from the outside. As I said I am proud of Dr. Cordone I feel real good in the morning when my son goes over to Bailey Middle School cuz I know he getting a first hand education. There are problems at the High School no ones fault in particular but I know Dr. Cordone will do a great job as the next principal of that school. I ask
Chairman Palmieri asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

(some segments not auditable)

Margi Maher 403 Center Street. First of all I want to than you all for giving up permission to travel to travel to Ireland last month. We had a wonderful trip. A twelve day trip with absolutely no problems, other then my husband and I left our passports behind at the High School. .... Our children remember we forgot. And it was a wonderful, wonderful trip. You all have copies of the log Sean wrote down the entire time, so the parents could see what was going on. They felt really good, especially those of first time travelers. They can see pictures of their child everyday and know what they were up to. And, know that everything was going very well. It was a wonderful trip and I thank you all very much. I hope that when I’m on the agenda in a month or two asking for approval to take another group to Hollywood next hear I hope you will consider, Oh I see some of you want to come with us,... I hope you will consider approving that as well. Also, I want to let you all know the ...competition State wide for the “WIZ” and we are very proud to tell you that stag manager Heather Sayers who as been accepted to her first choice....where she will study to become a stage manager as been nominated for her position for working backstage and our very own Amy Pimer was nominated for dance captain. We are very excited for both of them.

I don’t want to be left out in the theme of the evening which as apparently been set. I have been teaching in West Haven for 20 years. Started out with Bob Rocco who was quite a character and a joy to work for. Billy Lad who was also a joy. From there I moved up to Bailey Middle School where I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Cordone. He made it possible by rearranging my schedule so that I could try the High School to see if it was going to work for me to direct High School Students. Because he was able to do that I was able to prove myself and get that position. After that it’s been 10 wonderful years under the guidance of Mr. Ron Stancil. Whom, we all adore and thank for his guidance, and love and his strength over these years. And we wish him well going back where I started at Haley. He will not know what do to with himself... wonderful. If having the chance come up to work for Dr. Cordone once again I will be delighted to work for him.

Thank you very much.

Chairman Palmieri asked if anyone wished to address the Board.
Public Portion Closed 8:15 pm

Superintendent Cavallaro introduced;
C.1 - Shelia Krajcir Teacher at Carrigan Middle School – Presentation on consumer awareness.

Superintendent Cavallaro thanked Mr. Sagnella, Gary Palermo and the staff of Savin Rock School for dealing with the tragedy in such a professional manner.

We will not be figuring into our operating budget our moving to Yale until our questions are answered. The move is on hold.

In regards the “Swine Flu” we have been working with the West Haven Health Department, Donna Kosiorowski, nursing supervisor. Letter has been sent home to parents. No activities have been canceled we are well prepared if something should happen.

A presentation to the City Council on the new High School will be conducted on May 13, 2009.

(Neil con’t)

State paper work ED049 paper is currently being worked on by Ed Arium. It will be pending City Council approving resolutions.

In regards to approving the union contract on the agenda; I understand your concerns. It is my recommendation is to pass these contracts. The contracts are fair on both sides they are equal to any other contracts out there.

I received a call from Lou Persiani regarding the Washington School carnival, Neil will be the contact to the Board of Education. Lou has to follow a lot of rules and procedures.

Dr. Druzolowski – This is a busy time of year, we are examining curriculum, looking at content and prioritizing the curriculum. With the help of Patti Fusco we are adding to the framework on the website. Special Education and ELL teachers, Department heads, vice principals, and the principal they are learning about instructional practices that are researched based. Patti Fusco will have a technology plan by June 1st, how to utilize technology in the classroom.

We are currently involved DESAC which is required by state. Self assessment and what are needs are. This meeting will be May 21st.

C.1.b - Eric Pang – WHHS Band Concert “Americana” Thursday at 7:30
    Bye Bye Birdie at Carrigan Friday May 7th and Saturday May 8th
    All City Band at WHHS Tuesday, May 12th
    All City Chorus at WHHS Thursday, May 14th
    Take Two at WHHS Friday, May 15th

(Hard to hear audio)

C.1.c - Eric Murillo – opposed to the closing of Stiles School. Keep the focus on students who can’t handle a traditional school setting. I also want to talk about how I feel about Mr. Cordone being
principal at the high school. Very concerned as a parent to have the right person at that school and I believe he is definitely more than qualified to handle it.

Patrick Egolum – In regards to Stiles School, no decision has been made it’s just an option.

Howard Horvath – I want to express my condolences to the family and thank the Savin Rock School staff. Would like to form a committee to have a better understanding for closing Stiles School. Thank you for the weekly notes; it helps to sort through paperwork. Would like to talk more about the move to Yale. Concerned about the IT position and the responses received. Also the lack of a vote or contract.

Further discussion ensued.

David Cappetta – it’s the cities purchasing policy, once RFP put on it traditional goes to the lowest bidder. The City gives us information regarding bids. Interview was done and awarded to the lowest bidder. Why should we go backwards? We invested a lot in this company. Why should we throw out what they know about us? The work that they have put into us, we need to go forward. It was setup to utilize resources to improve education. The decision was made back in July 2008 to have this company come in and Eric was part of that decision.

Neil – trying to keep you aware of all that is going on with the weekly notes. Trying to be transparent with all information, are doors are always open. I agree with Dave to turn back now or turn on the company would be a mistake. The company has done a good job for us.

Howie – not comfortable with the week’s window on the RFP.

Neil – I checked with the City Council, we should follow the city charter.

Floyd Dugas - a contract is secondary to RFP; public process for bidding is on the town side. It is not an uncommon process for the town to follow. RFP request for proposals, accept or reject any or all proposals. This is not something we vote on. Most boards would not vote on an RFP administered by the City. It would be unusual unless in the Board bylaws. I am not familiar with one.

Howie- Stimulus – are we getting the full allotment?

Anne – the Governor still has it.

Howie – nervous about the Stimulus money and where it sits with our budget. I would like to recommend a point person to look at construction support so we don’t miss opportunities.

Further discussion ensued.

Neil – thought we could sit in groups to look at the budget. General speaking there’s not much room for movement. Stiles School could save money. We saved money on the copy center and energy ideas. Board of Education has the final say of the option of the budget. We have been working with Ed Arium; he believes we are on solid ground. We can use money to offset any money we are not getting.

Rob Saley – Thank you to Sheila. Concerned teachers at Bailey and Carrigan don’t know what other one is doing.

Anne – the teachers are in the next set of curriculum development.
Rob Saley – asked about the UI, would like a flow chart and the budget meeting to include everyone. Stiles never really affected him as a parent. He is leaning towards not closing. Regarding the IT, thought there should be a board member on the committee.

Further discussion ensued.

Neil – regarding Stiles the concern is 180 days, 900 hours of instruction, and attendance.

Toni Paine – deepest sympathy to the family and thank you to the Savin Rock staff for their upmost respect handling the situation. Career Day at Carrigan was excellent. I am asking all letters sent home for new policy or concern be sent home to the Board Members as well so when parents ask them they will know what they are talking about. Mr. Chairman, I am asking for a workshop of confidentiality for the board by CABE. At our special meeting on April 6, it was asked by the board attorney that all printed materials be handed back in concerning deliberation and within hours all points of meeting the information was made public.

Mark Palmieri – we had this discussion once before I will call CABE.

Andy DePalma – I will not repeat it all. I am not fond of the closing of Stiles School for personal reasons. For minimal savings, I say let it stay.

T. Sean Maher – I conquer with Mrs. Paine and support the workshop for confidentiality. We received comments in Ireland that our kids were the most courteous, polite, and well behaved group they ever had.

Mr. Calabritto – sympathy for the tragedy at Savin Rock. Thank you to Al Sagnella, Gary Palermo, and the staff at Savin Rock. In regards to Stiles, the building is brick and concrete. What are important is the children and not where we educate them but how we educate them. I haven’t heard a plan yet. I agree with Mrs. Paine that we need a workshop on ethics.

Mark Palmieri – regarding the tragedy at Savin Rock I would like to express my sympathy to the family, my prayers go out to them. On the agenda I would like to recognize Mr. David Orio, President of AFSCME and Ms. Lori Hill, from 2706. I would like to thank them for their time and effort on working together to come to an agreement. I would like to thank them personally. I would also like to thank Mr. Stancil on the progress report from NEAS (copy with agenda) we are headed in the right direction.

Eric Murillo- when will committee sub groups take place?

Neil – probably next week

Eric Murillo- would like to have a whole meeting regarding the budget. A special meeting with a break down per line item of what we spend money on.

Further discussions ensued.

D.1 Approval of minutes:
   Motion - Gerald Calabritto
Second – Toni Paine  
Move to Approve

D2 through D6

D.2 Resignations: 09-30 Suzanne Flores, ESL/Bilingual Teacher - WHHS  
09-31 Jeff Gull, Head Varsity Coach, Boy's Lacrosse Team – WHHS

D.4 Leave of Absence: 09-32 Breanna Wajnowski – Math Teacher – WHHS

D.5. New Hire: 09-33 Tim Nixon, 200 Elm St, Apt 418, West Haven, Ct. 06561 – Baseball coach – Carrigan

D.6. New Hire : (Non-Certified) 09-34 Thomas Lipsett, 12 Coyle Dr, West Haven, Ct 06516  
Electrician Tradesman

Motion – Gerald Calabritto  
Second - Andy DePalma  
Move to Approve

D.7. New Business: 09-35 Request approval of School Readiness Grant Program for the fiscal years of  

Motion – Gerald Calabritto  
Second – Rob Saley  
Move to Approve

09-36 Request approval of the July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012 Agreement between the West Haven Board of Education and the Non-Certified School Employees Local 2706 Council #4 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL/CIO

Motion- Gerald Calabritto  
Second – Patrick Egolum

Motion to table for further discussion - Andy DePalma

*ADDENDUM

*09-37 Request approval of the July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012 Agreement between the West Haven Board of Education (Cafeteria) and AFSCME COUNCIL 4 Local 1303-410

Motion to table for further discussion

Floyd Dugas – Mr. Chairman let me just remind folks of one thing that under the law we have 44 days from the date of the hand shake with the union, that was on April 6th. A rough estimation when you have to act on this by the 13th.

Chairman Palmieri – everyone understands we will have to have a special meeting. Hopefully everyone has the contract.
Roll call-
Mr. DePalma – table
Mr. Maher – yes
Mr. Murillo – yes
Mr. Egolum – no
Mr. Horvath – yes
Mr. Saley – yes

Tabled till next week.

Motion to adjourn: 9:17 p.m.

Motion – Gerald Calabritto
Second – T. Sean Maher