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  
John Carrano  
Joseph Esposito  
Robert Guthrie  
Anne Heffernan  
Paul Messina  
Toni Paine  
Ursula Reilly

**BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:**  
Sandy Lorusso

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**  
Superintendent Paul Tortora  
Assistant Superintendent Neil Cavallaro

**PUBLIC PORTION**
Chairman Guthrie asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

Pat Fusco reminded the Board members the Teacher of the Year dinner will be held on November 13 at the Grassy Hill Lodge.

Nanci Rossi said she is very upset with the fact that she has been complaining about the expulsion process for the past two and a half years and nothing has changed. She said parents have told her they do not bother to attend the hearings because no one listens to them when they do attend.

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 following:

A Policy Meeting has been tentatively scheduled for November 10th.

Despite all the State cuts in funding we have received $200,000 from the Federal Government for Special Education.

Chairman Guthrie asked the status of construction at Mackrille. Mr. Tortora said to date he has not received any information but will keep the Board informed of any information he receives.

Neil Cavallaro reported a Curriculum Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
REPORTS-Continued

John Carrano asked if it is a common practice for military recruiters that are visiting the high school to obtain addresses and phone numbers of our students. Mr. Tortora said he is not sure and will check with the administrator at the high school.

Anne Heffernan announced on November 15 the Touch Down Club will hold a craft fair at the High School from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Joseph Esposito said the Athletic Committee met and approved dedicating a Flag Pole at Ken Strong Stadium in memory of Tom Hunt.

A MOTION was made by Joseph Esposito, SECONDED by Ann Heffernan to add to the agenda Dedication of a Flag Pole in Memory of Tom Hunt at Ken Strong Stadium to the Agenda. The MOTION was unanimous.

D.1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Building Committee, October 16, 2003
Regular Board Meeting of October 20, 2003
Food Service Committee Meeting October 20, 2003
Athletic Committee Meeting on October 29, 2003

A MOTION was made by Ursula Reilly, SECONDED by John Carrano to approve D.1 The MOTION CARRIED 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, 2003, 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.2. APPOINTMENTS-Non-Certified

03-205 Lorena Castiblanco, 138 Fourth Avenue, Milford, Bilingual Aide Position at West Haven High School, effective November 5, 2003
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APPOINTMENTS-Non-Certified

03-206  Nita M. Diaz, 460 Russell Street, New Haven, Bilingual Aide Position at Molloy School, effective November 5, 2003

03-207  Jean Tuinman, 17 Isadore Street, West Haven, Medical Paraprofessional at Forest School, effective November 5, 2003

03-208  Deborah Ward, 102 Richards, West Haven, 10 month clerk, Carrigan Middle School effective November 5, 2003

03-209  Elisa Kelsey-Predom, 34 Longmeadow Avenue, Hamden, Medical Special Education Paraprofessional, effective November 5, 2003

A MOTION was made by Raymond Collins, SECONDED by John Carrano to approve Item D.2. as presented and SO VOTED unanimously.

D.3. RESIGNATION-Non-Certified

03-210  John Talamelli, Assistant Coach at West Haven High School, effective November 19, 2003

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

INFORMATIONAL

There were no questions.

A MOTION was made by Paul Messina, SECONDED by John Carrano to enter Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. The MOTION was unanimous.

A MOTION was made by Paul Messina, SECONDED by John Carrano to come out of Executive Session. The MOTION carried unanimously.

G. 03-211  A MOTION was made by Ann Heffernan to approve a Flag Pole memorial at the Frank Fitzgerald Complex in memory of former Athletic Director Tom Hunt. The MOTION was unanimous.

A MOTION was made by Ursula Reilly, SECONDED by Joseph Esposito adjourn at 8:11. The MOTION was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bernardi

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