

West Hartford Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Regular Board Meeting  
May 2, 2017

***Unofficial Minutes – Pending Approval***

Present: Mrs. Blanks, Ms. Exum, Dr. Greenberg, Mr. Pauluk, Mr. Sarzen, Superintendent Moore, Student Representatives Hugo Barrillon (Conard), Sarah Berman (Hall)

Absent: Dr. Overmyer-Velazquez, Mr. Zydanowicz

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<p>The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm</p>	<p><i>Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance</i></p>
<p>Town-wide Curriculum Specialist Chalise Ross and Wolcott ESOL Teacher Megin Haeflich presented to the Board the ESOL Adventure Club. Twenty eight students in the ESOL classroom participated in a six week program that brought them out into the community in efforts to provide them the opportunity to connect with the town and learn through adventures and to also be an ambassador to their families. The students spoke about their experiences in the Adventure Club and the fun they had together. Students felt a sense of pride and the teacher noticed an increase in both language and confidence with an increased bond between all students and families.</p>	<p><i>Student Participation</i></p>
<p>No Public Communication at this time</p>	<p><i>Public Communication</i></p>
<p>No Unfinished Business at this time</p>	<p><i>Unfinished Business</i></p>
<p>Mr. Pauluk moved and Ms. Exum seconded:  THAT the Board of Education approve state grant applications proposed by WHPS Adult Education Program</p>	<p><i>New Business Approval of the State Grant Applications</i></p>
<p>Motion passed unanimously</p>	
<p>Ms. Exum moved and Mrs. Blanks seconded:  THAT the West Hartford Board of Education accept as a First Reading the following new policy which is proposed by the Board Policy</p>	

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Subcommittee:

2240 Educational Research in District Schools

Motion passed unanimously

Ms. Exum moved and Mr. Sarzen seconded:

THAT the West Hartford Board of Education accept as a First Reading the following policies which were revised by the Board Policy Subcommittee:

6270 – Parent Instruction of Children at Home  
6500 – Adult/Continuing Education

Motion passed unanimously

Ms. Exum moved and Mr. Pauluk seconded:

THAT the West Hartford Board of Education approve the following policies which were reviewed by the Board Policy Subcommittee:

3511- Energy Conservation  
4060 – Employee HIV/AIDS  
4170 – Tutoring-Counseling and Private Counseling

Motion passed unanimously

Superintendent Tom Moore introduced the Board to the three Teacher of the Year finalists, Luis Ramirez of Smith, Anthony Wasley of Hall, and Pamela Matway of Sedgwick. Superintendent Tom Moore mentioned several events will be held throughout the district for those wishing to attend. Superintendent Moore reported that West Hartford Public Schools has been honored with the 2017 Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. Also, West Hartford was named one of the top 100 places to have a teaching career, and Conard was named by the *US News and World Report* as a Gold Medal school.

*Superintendent's Report  
and Staff  
Communication Reports*

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Mr. Paul Vicinus presented to the Board the District Profile and Performance Report (PPR). This is a state-generated report that provides data on our schools and replaces the Strategic School Profile (SSP). Mr. Vicinus provided an overview of reporting categories and explained that a majority of content and metrics were already reported throughout the year. Like our District Development Plan, the PPR outlines progress indicators housed within the state accountability plan in which the unit for measure is schools (vs. individual students). The PPR measures districts relative to the CSDE goals and objectives to improve achievement, reduce gaps across groups, and produce college and career-ready graduates. This report is generated in the early spring and both the PPR and historical SSP reports are available on the website at <http://edsight.ct.gov>. Highlighted sections included student data enrollment; educator data with an increase in diversity in our educators; and Pupil Services data with the support of Dr. Gretchen Nelson, Director of Pupil Services, showed 73.5% of students with disabilities spent at least 80% of their day with non-disabled peers. Also mentioned was the college and career readiness and the performance and accountability data. The Board asked questions in regard to enrollment data and diversity as well as chronic absenteeism, expulsion and suspension, and racial bias. Discussion also focused on the performance indices, growth measures, and progress in closing of achievement gaps.

*WHPS District Profile  
and Performance Report  
2015-2016*

Presentation made by Chip Ward, Director of Finance and Planning

*Financial  
Report*

Mr. Sarzen moved and Mr. Pauluk seconded:

THAT the Board of Education approve the Financial Report for the period ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Motion passed unanimously

Mrs. Blanks moved and Ms. Exum seconded:

*Approval  
Of Minutes*

THAT the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting of April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The motion passed unanimously.

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Student Representative Hugo Barrillon reported that a Conard vs. Hall baseball game was held that doubled as their annual Coaches vs. Cancer game in which the athletes raise awareness of breast cancer and also raise funds to help fight it. He noted that AP exams have started this week. Grace Andrews, student at Conard, received the Karen L. List Ambassador Award. Unified Theater has begun rehearsing, with performances in early June. Conard will be holding an ice cream social. Student Representative Sarah Berman spoke on CT State Latin Day in which Hall took first place in the competition. Five hundred sandwiches were made for local food banks for Do Something Day sponsored by the Empty Bowls Club. The Northern Chapter of the National Football Foundation presented Hall student Colin Fitzsimons with the Scholar Athlete Award.

*Information and  
Reports*

Dr. Greenberg announced the following meeting dates:

1. Tuesday, May 16, 2017, Regular Board of Education meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, Legislative Chamber, room 314.
2. Tuesday, June 6, 2017, Regular Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, Legislative Chamber, room 314

*Announcement of  
Meeting Dates*

No comments from visitors at this time.

*Comments from  
Visitors*

Mr. Sarzen moved and Mrs. Blanks seconded:

THAT the Board adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

*Adjournment*

ATTEST:

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Mark Overmyer-Velazquez  
Chairperson

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Carol A. Blanks  
Secretary

*Respectfully submitted by: Mrs. C. Rogers, Clerk of the Board*

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