

West Hartford Public Schools
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
November 21, 2017

Unofficial Minutes – Pending Approval

Present: Mrs. Blanks, Ms. Exum, Dr. Greenberg, Dr. Overmyer-Velazquez, Mr. Pauluk, Mr. Sarzen, Mr. Zydanowicz, Superintendent Tom Moore, Student Representatives Grace Andrews (Conard) and Madeline Pliskin (Hall)

<p>The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm</p> <p>Dr. Overmyer-Velazquez moved and Ms. Exum seconded:</p> <p>THAT the order of the agenda be changed to put the following agenda items before Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognition of outgoing Board Members• Induction of newly-elected Board Members• Brief Recess• New Board Members will take seats at the Board table• Election of Officers/Board Organization <p>Motion passed.</p> <p>Board members each took a moment to honor, recognize and thank Ms. Tammy Exum, Mr. Jay Sarzen, and Dr. Mark Overmyer-Velazquez for their invaluable service and commitment to the Board.</p> <p>Wanda Correa, 66 Linnard Road, West Hartford, thanked the Board members for their hard work and commitment.</p> <p>Dr. Cheryl Greenberg, Mr. Robert Levine, Ms. Deb Polun and Dr. Lorna Thomas-Farquharson were inducted to the Board of Education by Ms. Essie Labrot, Town Clerk.</p> <p>Dr. Greenberg moved:</p> <p>THAT Superintendent Tom Moore act as temporary Chairperson of this meeting for the purpose of electing a Chairperson for the Board of Education. Superintendent noted that a second does not apply.</p> <p>Motion Passed.</p> <p>Ms. Blanks moved:</p> <p>THAT Dr. Cheryl Greenberg be nominated to the office of Chairperson of the Board of Education.</p>	<p><i>Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance</i></p> <p><i>Revision to the Agenda Order</i></p> <p><i>Recognition of Outgoing Board Members</i></p> <p><i>Public Communication</i></p> <p><i>Induction of Newly-Elected Board Members</i></p> <p><i>Election of Officers/ Board Organization</i></p>
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Motion Passed.

At this time Superintendent Tom Moore passed the gavel to Dr. Cheryl Greenberg, elected Chairperson.

Mr. Pauluk moved:

THAT Ms. Carol Blanks be nominated to the office of Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Education.

Motion passed.

Dr. Lorna Thomas-Farquharson moved:

THAT Mr. Dave Pauluk be nominated to the office of Secretary of the Board of Education.

Motion passed.

Ms. Deb Polun moved:

THAT Mr. Dave Pauluk be nominated to the office of Financial Examiner of the Board of Education.

Motion passed.

Mr. Robert Levine moved:

THAT Mr. Mark Zydanowicz be nominated to the office of Financial Examiner of the Board of Education.

Motion passed.

No Student Participation at this time.

*Student
Participation*

No Unfinished Business at this time

Unfinished Business

No New Business at this time

New Business

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Superintendent Tom Moore reported to the Board on federal funding under ESA for exams for students of free and reduced lunch. This year the State of Connecticut will be funding this and the following year we will be using a Title IV grant. Next Monday, Charter Oak International Academy will be recognized as a present and future architecture school. Superintendent Tom Moore also thanked Tracey Gove, Police Chief of West Hartford, for his service to the West Hartford community.

Dr. Andrew Morrow, Assistant Superintendent, presented to the Board on the early release package of plans and specifications for Hall High School Science Laboratory Classrooms. Dr. Morrow was joined by: Mr. Doug Roberts, JCJ Architecture; Mr. Chris Cykley, Construction Solutions Group; and Mr. Robert Palmer, Director of Plant and Facilities. The team spoke regarding changes to the design from a two-story to a one-story building, noting this will not impact the educational goals for the project. Community education and feedback meetings were held to address any concerns. In addition, the plan was approved by West Hartford TPZ with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Robert Palmer spoke on the first of three phases of the project. Mr. Doug Roberts spoke on the existing site changes that will be made including 14 next generation science classrooms, enhancements to the bus route for a more direct access to buses which will provide a safe environment for students, the changing of parking spots to provide adequate space for busing, and updated science classrooms with shared prep rooms. Also mentioned were the exterior elevations and images of new science classrooms. FUSCO, as the selected Construction Manager for the project, will provide site logistics and provide a safe environment to students during construction. The Board asked questions regarding the early release package, the temporary bus lane, the walkway area to the cafeteria, and the new completion timeline. The Board also asked questions on the impact on students during the construction, provisions on student updates, as well as amount of space for growth.

Ms. Blanks moved and Mr. Zydanowicz seconded:

THAT the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting of November 8, 2017

Motion passed. Three abstentions.

*Staff Communications
and Reports
Superintendent's Report*

*Approval of Early
Release Packages of
Plans and Specifications
for Hall High School
Science Laboratory
Classrooms*

Routine Matters

*Approval
Of Minutes*

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Hall High School's Student Representative Maddy Pliskin reported on the upcoming Madrigal concerts, Black Box events, the Cross Country's 9th place in the New England Final and winter sports. Grace Andrews, Conard High School Student Representative, updated the Board on the progress of the student recovering from an accident, the community involvement, and the start-up of a Go Fund Me page. Grace also reported on winter athletics and the annual Dodgeball Tournament.

*Information and
Reports*

Dr. Cheryl Greenberg announced the following meeting dates:

*Announcement of
Meeting Dates*

1. Tuesday, December 5, 2017, regular Board of Education meeting, Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, room 314, Legislative Chamber, 7:00 p.m.
2. Tuesday, December 19, 2017, regular Board of Education meeting, Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, room 314, Legislative Chamber, 7:00 p.m.

No comments from visitors at this time.

*Comments from
Visitors*

Mr. Pauluk moved and Ms. Blanks seconded:

Adjournment

THAT the Board adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

The motion passed.

ATTEST:

Dr. Cheryl Greenberg
Chairperson

Mr. Dave Pauluk
Secretary

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

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