

West Hartford Public Schools
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
November 20, 2018
Unofficial Minutes – Pending Approval

Present: Mrs. Blanks, Dr. Greenberg, Mr. Levine, Mr. Pauluk, Ms. Polun, Dr. Thomas-Farquharson, Mr. Zydanowicz, Superintendent Tom Moore, Student Representatives Gus Bacon (Conard), Megan Striff-Cave (Hall)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

*Roll
Call/Pledge of
Allegiance*

No Revision to the Agenda Order

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Agenda Order*

No student participation at this time.

*Student
Participation*

Statement read by Dr. Greenberg regarding Rethinking School Start Times communication.

*Public
Communication*

Statement read by Mrs. Blanks regarding a recent Anti-Semitic incident at Hall High School

Meghan Culmo, 68 Fox Chase Lane, West Hartford, spoke on school start times.

Anne Donovan, 50 Linnard, West Hartford, spoke on school start times.

Marie McNamara, 56 Mountain View Drive, West Hartford, spoke on school start times.

Emma Nordquist, 175 Griswold Drive, West Hartford, spoke on school start times.

Lisa Santoro, 132 Garfield Road, West Hartford, spoke on school start times.

Tim McNamara, 56 Mountain View Drive, West Hartford, spoke on school start times.

Amy Furstein, 10 Eustace Dr, West Hartford, spoke on Board conduct.

Kelly Weber, West Hartford, spoke on school start times.

Sarah Raskin, 193, No. Quaker Lane, West Hartford, spoke on Human Rights.

David Simon, 168 Weston Ave, West Hartford, spoke on West Hartford teacher negotiations.

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Kim Jackson, 52 Gifford Road, West Hartford, spoke on the Anti-Semitic actions of a Hall High School student.

Jeremy Jackson, 52 Gifford Road, West Hartford, spoke on the Anti- Semitic actions of a Hall High School student.

Becky Azia, 16 Fairway, West Hartford, spoke on the Anti-Semitic actions of a Hall High School student.

Mr. Pauluk moved and Dr. Thomas-Farquharson seconded:

THAT Superintendent Tom Moore act as temporary Chairperson of this meeting for the purpose of electing a Chairperson for the Board of Education.

Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Greenberg nominated and Ms. Polun seconded:

THAT Carol Blanks be elected to the office of Chairperson.

Motion passed unanimously.

At this time Superintendent Tom Moore passed the gavel to Mrs. Carol Blanks, elected Chairperson.

Dr. Greenberg nominated and Mr. Pauluk seconded:

THAT Deb Polun be elected to the office of Vice Chairperson

Motion passed 5 in favor, 2 against.

Mr. Pauluk nominated and Dr. Greenberg seconded:

THAT Dr. Lorna Thomas-Farquharson be elected to the office of Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Thomas-Farquharson nominated and Mr. Pauluk seconded:

THAT Deb Polun be elected to the office of Financial Examiner for the Democratic Party

*Election of
Officers/ Board
Organization*

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Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Zydanowicz nominated and Mr. Pauluk seconded:

THAT Rob Levine be elected to the office of Financial Examiner for the Republican Party

Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Blanks moved and Ms. Polun seconded:

THAT, in light of recent events, the Board of Education table the vote to consider a change to the school start times.

Motion passed 5 in favor, 2 against.

No New Business at this time.

Superintendent Tom Moore reported to the Board how proud he was of the collection of hundreds of pounds of food collected by students and given to the less fortunate. Mr. Moore asked that we all remember those less fortunate, remember those we have lost, and asked that we all be thankful for each other

Dr. Greenberg moved and Mr. Pauluk seconded:

THAT the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting of November 7, 2018.

Motion passed unanimously.

Hall High School Student Representative Megan Stiff-Cave reported to the Board on the Hall/Conard Football game, the Boys Cross Country Team, and Boys Soccer Team Finals She also reported on a new program starting at Hall that will promote anti-hate. Conard High School Student Representative Gus Bacon reported to the Board Conard's food drive for the food pantry, the Conard/Hall Football game and Homecoming. Gus also reported on Senator Blumenthal's visit, the Model UN and Veteran's Day visitors to Conard. Mr. Pauluk reported on his visit to Wolcott Elementary International Night and Veteran's Ceremony.

Mrs. Blanks thanked the veterans for service to our country.

*Unfinished
Business
School Start
Times*

New Business

*Staff
Communications
and Reports
Superintendent's
Report*

*Routine Matters
Approval
Of Minutes*

*Information and
Reports*

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Mrs. Carol Blanks announced the following meeting dates:

1. Tuesday, December 4, 2018, Regular Board of Education meeting, Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, room 314, Legislative Chamber, 7:00 p.m.
2. Tuesday, December 18, 2018, Regular Board of Education meeting, Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, room 314, Legislative Chamber, 7:00 p.m.

Requests for future agenda item to have a presentation on district policy.

Zac Pressman, 39 Warwick St, West Hartford, spoke on school start times.

Susan Gold, 9 Timrod Lane, West Hartford, spoke on school start times

Maria Laruso, 93 Meadowbrook Rd, West Hartford, spoke on school start times.

Lance Goldberg, West Hartford, spoke on school start times.

Lauren Mahler, 43 Brookmoor Road, West Hartford, spoke on school start times.

Amy Boulter, West Hartford, spoke on school start times.

Sal Katz, student at King Philip Middle School, spoke on school start times

Mr. Pauluk moved and Mr. Zydanowicz seconded:

THAT the Board of Education adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Mrs. Carol Blanks, Chairperson Dr. Lorna Thomas-Farquharson Secretary
Respectfully submitted by: Mrs. C. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

*Future
Business:
Announcement
of Meeting
Dates*

*Request for
future Agenda
Items*

*Comments from
Visitors*

Adjournment

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