

West Hartford Public Schools
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
October 2, 2018

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)

<p>The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm</p>	<p><i>Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance</i></p>
<p>No Student Participation at this time.</p>	<p><i>Student Participation</i></p>
<p>Members of the American Legion Post 96 presented an award to the Board of Education for outstanding service.</p>	<p><i>Public Communication</i></p>
<p>No Unfinished Business at this time.</p>	<p><i>Unfinished Business</i></p>
<p>Mr. Zydanowicz moved and Mrs. Blanks seconded:</p>	<p><i>New Business Authorization for Child Nutrition Agreement</i></p>
<p>THAT the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign the Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs and to sign claims for reimbursement.</p>	
<p>Motion passed.</p>	
<p>Ms. Polun moved and Mr. Zydanowicz seconded:</p>	
<p>THAT the Board of Education authorize the Director of Finance and Planning to sign claims for reimbursement in the absence of the Superintendent.</p>	
<p>Motion passed.</p>	
<p>Ms. Polun Moved and Mr. Zydanowicz seconded:</p>	<p><i>Ratification of the West Hartford Board of Education Professional Employees Contract</i></p>
<p>THAT the Board of Education ratify the negotiated re-opener agreement between West Hartford Board of Education Professional Employees SEIU, CSEA, Local 2001 AFL-CIO and the Board of Education for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021</p>	
<p>Motion passed.</p>	

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Superintendent Tom Moore spoke on the recent and unexpected passing of Ms. Tammy McPherson, administrative assistant in the IT Office. Congratulations went out to Juan Melian, principal at Charter Oak International Academy on the Build No Fences Award, as well as the High School National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists from both Hall and Conard, and to Yash Nair, this year's state AP Scholar.

*Staff Communications
and Reports
Superintendent's Report*

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Paul Vicinus gave a brief report on the State Assessments Results (SAT) noting this report can be viewed on our website. Background information included a brief overview of the history and redesign of the school-day administration of the SAT. Results in both Literacy and Mathematics showed that overall, we are extremely competitive with our DRG-B. In Literacy the number of West Hartford students reaching benchmark was at 83%, where the DRG-B showed 84% and the state 62%. West Hartford falls in the top 25% of all districts. Mathematics was relatively flat from last year where the DRG dropped 8 points and the state fell 40%. West Hartford is in the top 20% state-wide. Achievement gap analysis shows we observe a significant gap in performance between our High Needs group versus those not meeting the High Needs criteria, and we continue to focus significant efforts toward this concern. The Board thanked Mr. Vicinus and asked questions relating to the Literacy section of the SAT, the achievement gap and methods used to close this gap, as well as any introduction of teaching methods or resources for students and families.

*State Assessment
Results*

Mrs. Blanks moved and Mr. Zydanowicz seconded:

THAT the Board of Education approve the Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2018.

Motion passed.

*Routine Matters
Approval of the
Financial Report*

Mr. Pauluk moved and Mrs. Polun seconded:

THAT the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting of September 4, 2018.

Motion passed.

*Approval
Of Minutes*

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Student Representative Gus Bacon reported on Conard's LinkCrew Orientation, Open House, The CT Children's Medical Center's upcoming Toy Drive, and fall sports. Student Representative Megan Striff-Cave reported on Hall's Curriculum Night, athletics, the senior Common App workshop, the Student Government Voter Registration Drive and the Blackbox Theatre's upcoming show; *A Wrinkle In Time*.

Information and Reports

Mrs. Blanks reported on CREC Council Meeting. Mr. Pauluk reported on attending Wolcott's Curriculum Night, Duffy's Ice Cream Social, Charter Oak's Peace Day Celebration, and his visit to Conard's Auto Tech Program. Dr. Thomas-Farquharson participated in the Witness Stones Project. Mr. Zydanowicz reported on the Witness Stones Project from the viewpoint of an 8th grade student. He also reported on King Philip's 8th grade Curriculum Night, thanking the administration and staff at King Philip.

Dr. Cheryl Greenberg announced the following meeting dates:

*Future Business:
Announcement of Meeting Dates*

1. Tuesday, October 16, 2018, Regular Board of Education meeting, Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, room 314, Legislative Chamber, 7:00 p.m.
2. Wednesday, November 7, 2018, Regular Board of Education meeting, Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, room 314, Legislative Chamber, 7:00 p.m.
3. Tuesday, November 20, 2018, Regular Board of Education meeting, Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, room 314, Legislative Chamber, 7:00 p.m.

No requests for future agenda items.

Request for future Agenda Items

No comments from visitors at this time.

Comments from Visitors

Mrs. Blanks moved and Mr. Pauluk seconded:

Adjournment

THAT the Board of Education adjourn at 9:00 p.m.
Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Dr. Cheryl Greenberg, Chairperson Dave Pauluk, Secretary
Respectfully submitted by: Mrs. C. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

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