

## **WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**August 22, 2008**

### **Special Meeting Board of Education – Recommendation Assistant Superintendent**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education as a whole for the purpose of recommending an Assistant Superintendent was held at the Blake Building, 25 Ogden Street, West Haven. The meeting was called to order by Mark Palmieri, Chairman of the Board at 6:00 p.m. The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark Palmieri, Chairman  
M. Toni Paine,  
Gerald Calabritto  
Andrew R. DePalma  
Eric Murillo  
Patrick Egolum  
T. Sean Maher

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Howard Horvath Jr.  
Robert Saley

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Neil C. Cavallaro, Superintendent of  
Schools

**CITY ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Mayor John M. Picard

Board Chairman Mark Palmieri stated we are here for the recommendation of Assistant Superintendent.

Superintendent Neil C. Cavallaro - you received my letter of recommendation earlier this week. I've talked to other superintendents this week and someone from the State Department of Education. When Dr. Anne Druzolowski's name came up they said it would be a good fit. That is why I am asking you to approve this appointment. The school board asked what direction we should take; after this meeting I hope you will get behind all the administrators and work together. Thank you.

Chairman Palmieri thanked Mr. Cavallaro and asked if someone would like to make a motion to accept the recommendation.

M. Toni Paine stated Mr. Chairman I would like to make a motion to accept the recommendation of Dr. Anne Druzolowski as Assistant Superintendent for the accreditation of the children.

Andrew R. DePalma seconded the motion

All in favor:

M. Toni Paine

Patrick Egolum

Gerald Calabritto

Andrew DePalma

Mark Palmieri

Those opposed: Eric Murillo

Those abstaining: T. Sean Maher

Chairman Palmieri stated that is one opposed, one abstained and 5 yes

T. Sean Maher said Mr. Chairman I would like to change my vote to agree.

Chairman Palmieri – that's 6 yes and 1 no

Discussion: Mr. Eric Murillo stated Superintendent Cavallaro and Board Members, I was very passionate about voting for Neil as Superintendent I have that same passion for Tony Cordone. That is the reason for my vote. Thank you.

Mayor John M. Picard - Eric sometimes we agree and disagree. I also had the opportunity to speak with the state. The internal candidates were excellent but Anne was incredible. I am very pleased and excited on the direction we are headed.

T. Sean Maher stated I would like to say that I agree with Mr. Murillo but I stand behind the Superintendent and look forward to working with Dr. Druzolowski.

Chairman Palmieri asked if there was any other discussion.

No further discussion

Chairman Palmieri asked for a motion to adjourn

Gerald A. Calabritto made a motion to adjourn

M. Toni Paine seconded the motion

All were in favor

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marylou C. Amendola  
Board Secretary