

West Hartford Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Regular Board Meeting  
**December 5, 2017**

Present: Mrs. Blanks, Dr. Greenberg, Mr. Levine, Mr. Pauluk, Ms. Polun,  
Dr. Thomas-Farquharson, Mr. Zydanowicz, Superintendent Tom Moore, Student  
Representatives Grace Andrews (Conard) and Madeline Pliskin (Hall)

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

*Roll Call/Pledge of  
Allegiance*

No Student Participation at this time.

*Student Participation*

Susan Gold, 9 Timrod Lane, West Hartford, spoke in favor of late start  
time for high school students.

*Public  
Communication*

Judy Kelly, 52 Thomson Road, West Hartford, spoke in favor of late  
start time for high school students.

Lance Goldberg, 26 Fenway Drive, West Hartford, spoke in favor of  
late start time for high school students.

Mary Fleithli, 28 Brunswick Avenue, West Hartford, spoke in favor of  
late start time for high school students.

Abby Alter, 10 Shady Lane, West Hartford, spoke in favor of late start  
time for high school students.

Jane Robinson, 21 Ledyard Road, West Hartford, spoke in favor of late  
start time for high school students.

John Joyce, 170 South Main Street, West Hartford, spoke in regard to  
the three minute time limit during public communication speaking at  
Board meetings.

Bruce Putterman, 57 Pioneer Drive, West Hartford, spoke in favor of  
late start time for high school students.

No Unfinished Business at this time

*Unfinished Business*

No New Business at this time

*New Business*

Superintendent Tom Moore stated he will give his report at the next  
Board of Education meeting. Superintendent Moore introduced  
Mr. Paul Vicinus, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction  
and Assessment, and Ms. Anne McKernan, Director of Secondary  
Education, for purposes of a report on the Rethinking School Start  
Times (RSST) Committee. Ms. McKernan noted that the purpose of

*Staff Communications  
and Reports  
Superintendent's Report;  
Rethinking School Start  
Times Committee  
Update*

tonight's report is to provide the West Hartford Board of Education the first of three updates on its work during the 2017-2018 school year. The committee consists of six parents, six teachers, a school psychologist, two department supervisors, the WHEA president, two principals, the athletic director, and two high school students. The committee members are organized into eight subcommittees studying sleep research, academic impacts, lessons learned from early adopters, stakeholder impacts, professional learning, transportation, Town of West Hartford impacts, and the athletic program. The committee has met four times this fall. The committee found compelling evidence related to the physical and mental health benefits for adolescents when schools delay their start times. The Board of Education's webpage on the West Hartford Public Schools site features a Rethinking School Start Times information page. The Board thanked the committee for all of their hard work and asked questions regarding which towns are going through the same process, the impact on technology, the impact on the middle school students, as well as the impact on before and after school programs. The Board is interested in learning about the academic impact on schools which have already adjusted start times.

Dr. Lorna Thomas-Farquharson moved and Mr. Zydanowicz seconded:

THAT the Board of Education approve the Financial Report for the period ending October 31, 2017:

Motion passed.

Mr. Pauluk moved and Ms. Polun seconded:

THAT the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting of November 21, 2017

The motion passed.

Hall High School's Student Representative Maddy Pliskin reported on the upcoming statewide Wear Pajama Day to help raise money for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center, *The Answer* showing at the Blackbox, the Hour of Code week, and the beginning of fall sports. Grace Andrews, Conard High School's Student Representative, updated the Board on Homecoming, sales of caps and gowns, Computer Science being held next week, the Hour of Code created by students and teachers, and Conard High School's Instagram page.

*Routine Matters*

*Approval of the  
Financial Report*

*Approval  
Of Minutes*

*Information and  
Reports*

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Dr. Cheryl Greenberg announced the following meeting dates:

1. Tuesday, December 19, 2017, regular Board of Education meeting, Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, room 314, Legislative Chamber, 7:00 p.m.
2. Tuesday, January 16, 2018, regular Board of Education meeting, Presentation of CIP, Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, room 314, Legislative Chamber, 7:00 p.m.

Request to look in to the time allotted for public communication during Board Meetings.

Jason Buckman, 33 West ridge Drive, West Hartford, spoke on results of a sleep study survey he did as a high school student.

Marybeth Callan Serdechay, 115 Grennan Road, West Hartford, spoke on a sleep study regarding late start time for high school students.

Mrs. Blanks moved and Mr. Zydanowicz seconded:

THAT the Board move in to Executive Session

Motion passed.

Mr. Zydanowicz moved and Mrs. Blanks seconded:

THAT the Board of Education adjourn from Executive Session at 10:37 p.m.

Motion passed.

ATTEST:

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Dr. Cheryl Greenberg  
Chairperson

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Mr. Dave Pauluk  
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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