

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES ~ SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Waterbury Arts Magnet School, 16 South Elm Street, Waterbury, Connecticut

PRESENT: President Stango, Commissioners Awwad, Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, McEntee, Rodriguez, Sweeney, J. Van Stone, and T. Van Stone.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Kathleen Ouellette, Chief Operating Officer & Chief of Staff Paul Guidone, and Education Liaison Mary Ann Marold.

SILENT PRAYER

President Stango called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Dr. Ouellette led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

CLERK: Commissioner Awwad

AWWAD: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Brown.

BROWN: Here.

CLERK: Vice President Harvey.

HARVEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Hernandez.

HERNANDEZ: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner McEntee.

McENTEE: Present.

CLERK: Commissioner Rodriguez.

RODRIGUEZ: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Sweeney.

SWEENEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner J. Van Stone.

J. VAN STONE: Present.

CLERK: Commissioner T. Van Stone.

T. VAN STONE: Present.

CLERK: President Stango.

STANGO: Here.

1. COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL PERSONNEL

- 1.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Jason Van Stone, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve the appointment of Pamela K. Baim as Instructional Leadership Director, effective December 1, 2014.**

STANGO: Motion has been made and seconded. Discussion.

SUPERINTENDENT: I'm very pleased to recommend to the Board of Education the approval of Mrs. Pamela Baim as Instructional Leadership Director. Mrs. Baim began her 27 year teaching career here in Waterbury as an elementary teacher. After working in several district schools she was selected to become the Principal of Kingsbury Elementary School. During her tenure in the district Mrs. Baim has accomplished many things. During her principalship she could be credited with many accomplishments. They include . . . implementing a top-rated PBIS Program, increased family involvement in all areas, . . . emergency . . . now used as a model for the City. Mrs. Baim has her 6th year at Sacred Heart University, she's also certified with a 92 license. In her letters of reference colleagues describe her as an organized and effective education administrator, a constant professional, one who believes in all children and the power of learning. Mrs. Baim's educational philosophy is that we must develop students to their fullest potential within a safe learning environment and we must all believe that every child is capable of learning. This belief is embedded in the culture of Kingsbury School because of Pam Baim. I'm pleased to present to the public and to the Board of Education Mrs. Pamela Baim for the position of Instructional Leadership Director.

STANGO: Any further discussion? Roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ITEM #1.1:

Yeas: Commissioners Awwad, Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, McEntee, Rodriguez, Sweeney, J. Van Stone, T. Van Stone, and President Stango.

(applause)

BAIM: I just want to thank everyone so much for this honor. I'm a Waterbury person, I'm the daughter and granddaughter of Waterbury Firemen, I had my children here, I was educated, I went to Chase Grammar School, Kennedy High School, I came back when we were first married, we had our children here, my children for a time went to Kingsbury School where I was President of the PTO so I've kind of come full round. I just want to say, and I'll make this short and sweet, I will do everything I can to make every child have the opportunity they should and we are running a good school system here, I believe in the system. We have tremendous teachers here and we will do the best we can for the children of the City of Waterbury and I will make you proud. Thank you.

(applause)

- 1.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Jason Van Stone, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve the appointment of appointment of Michelle Baker as Instructional Leadership Director, effective December 1, 2014.**

STANGO: Motion has been made and seconded. Discussion? Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT: Again I'm very pleased to recommend to the Board and recommend to the public this evening the approval of Mrs. Michelle Baker for the position of Instructional Leadership Director. Mrs. Baker 21 year teaching career began in Stamford, Connecticut . . . as a special education teacher. She joined Waterbury Public Schools in 1998 as a special education teacher at West Side Middle School. Since that time Mrs. Baker as served as Special Education Supervisor for seven years, Vice Principal at Wilby High School for two years, most recently Principal at Sprague Elementary School. She has a pre-k through 12 perspective, she's passionate about children's education and their future. Mrs. Baker's credentials include a 6th year at Sacred Heart University, she has a remedial reading and language arts background and she also has begun her doctoral studies at Southern Connecticut State University. She has been involved in numerous committees including District Improvement Plan Committee, Technology, Discipline . . . Juvenile Review Board, Special Olympics, serving as team mentor teacher. In her letters of reference colleagues describe her has . . . professionalism as an educational administrator, an effective leader and communicator, conscientious, loyal, and a team player. So I'm pleased to present this outstanding educator to you the Board and to the public this evening. Thank you Mr. President.

STANGO: Thank you Superintendent. Further discussion? Hearing none – roll call vote please.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ITEM #1.2:

Yeas: Commissioners Awwad, Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, McEntee, Rodriguez, Sweeney, J. Van Stone, T. Van Stone, and President Stango.

(applause)

BAKER: Good evening, I just want to extend my sincerest thank you to the entire Board and let you guys know that I am looking forward to beginning my work and I'm very, very excited to start my new position. Thank you very much.

(applause)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Jason Van Stone and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:40 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education