

# **WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## *Committee Meeting Minutes*

Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.  
(For the November 19, 2012 Rescheduled Board Meeting)

### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at Sprague School, 1443 Thomaston Avenue, Waterbury, Connecticut, starting at 5:37 p.m.

**PRESENT:** President Stango, Commissioners Brown, Harkins, Harvey, Hayes, Morales (6:02), Rodriguez, Sweeney, and Van Stone.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner D'Amelio.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Ouellette, Chief Academic Officer Anne Marie Cullinan, Special Advisor to the Superintendent Dr. Paul Sequeira, Chief Operating Officer & Chief of Staff Paul Guidone, Director of Personnel Ron Frost, Attorney Maurice Mosley, and Education Liaison Mary Ann Marold.

Reports were submitted to the various committees of the Board and discussed, as per the following agenda, no votes were taken:

### **A G E N D A**

#### **SILENT PRAYER**

#### **PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

1. Committee of the Whole/30 minutes ~ Interim Principal's Report/~~Building Tour~~ – Mrs. Thompson. *Mrs. Thompson reported on the items she has addressed since becoming interim principal. The Board thanked her for her service.*
2. Committee on Building/5 minutes ~ Request approval of the ED042/Phase 5 for the Carrington Pre-k through 8 School project – P. Guidone, O & G. (Mark Sedensky)
3. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes ~ Discussion/approval: Carrington Pre-k through 8 School's district – A. M. Cullinan, P. Guidone, W. Zhuta. *Existing district will remain; Bilingual Center will be moved.*
4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:
  - a) Committee on Finance/10 minutes ~ Request approval of a contract with Connecticut Center for School Change to provide district transformation for teaching and learning improvement/professional development – Dr. Ouellette, A. M. Cullinan, P. Guidone. *Training will be from the Superintendent on down. This is a train to train model.*

- b) Committee of the Whole/10 minutes ~ Discussion: Focus School designation for Bucks Hill School – Dr. Ouellette, A. M. Cullinan, P. Guidone. *The district was just informed by the State that Bucks Hill was identified. State wants a plan by December.*

*The Board broke for a Special Meeting at 7:20 p.m. and returned to the Workshop at 7:26 p.m.*

5. Ad-hoc Committee on Naming of School Facilities/5 minutes ~ Committee's report of the timeline for naming the new career high school – Commissioner Sweeney. *Timeline to be announced on the website, Channel 16, school newsletters, etc.*
6. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request approval of the Board of Education's 2013 Meeting Schedule.
7. Committee on Curriculum/1 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Nancy Silva, Chase School, and 16 chaperones to take 125 students to Sturbridge, MA on November 14, 2012 to visit Old Sturbridge Village (consensus needed). *Consensus.*

**Add:** 7a. Meghan Griffin, WAMS, Metropolitan Museum of Art/Radio City.

**Add:** 7b. Scott Serafine/Leo Lavallee, WAMS, Radio City.

8. Committee on School Facilities & Grounds/5 minutes ~
- Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments.
  - Use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests.
9. Superintendent's Notification to the Board/5 minutes:
- Grant funded appointments effective immediately:  
Levi, Elaine – Pre-k Classroom Assistant, 10 months/35 hours per week, salary and benefits according to the SEIU Agreement, funded by School Readiness Grant.  
Strang, Jacqueline – Substitute Pre-k Classroom Assistant, ECEP, \$9.95 per hour, non-union/no benefits, funded by Title I.
  - Extended School Hours (ESH) Program Appointments, salary according to individual's contract:

SCHOOL	NAME	ASSIGNMENT
<b>Wilson</b>	Stephanie Wright	Psychologist
	Donna Orsetta	Clerical
<b>Hopeville</b>	Sue Ascencao	Clerical
<b>Sprague</b>	Kelly Walsh	Teacher
<b>Regan</b>	Patty Poulter	Aide

c. Teacher transfers:

<b>Teacher</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Diana Gavrilis	WSMS/5 days	Wilby/5 days	1/2/2013
Jessica Giorgi	WSMS/2.5 days NEMS/2.5 days	WSMS/5 days	1/2/2013
Stephanie Borowy	Wilby/5 days	WSMS/2.5 days NEMS/2.5 days	1/2/2013

d. Leave of absence requests:

DiFronzo, Cathy – Crosby High School English, requesting an unpaid childrearing leave of absence from November 15, 2012 through January 18, 2013.

e. Resignations:

Fleischer, Laurie – Special Education Teacher, CHS, effective 11/06/12.

**ADJOURNMENT at 7:33 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie A. Swain, Clerk  
*Board of Education*