

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES ~ SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Sprague School, 1443 Thomaston Avenue, Waterbury, Connecticut

PRESENT: President Stango, Commissioners Brown, Harkins, Harvey, Hayes, Morales, Rodriguez, Sweeney, and Van Stone.

ABSENT: Commissioner D'Amelio.

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

1. SILENT PRAYER

President Stango called the special meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. with a moment of silence.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

3. ROLL CALL

CLERK: Commissioner Brown.

BROWN: Present.

CLERK: Commissioner D'Amelio (absent). Commissioner Harkins.

HARKINS: Present.

CLERK: Vice President Harvey.

HARVEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Hayes.

HAYES: Present.

CLERK: Commissioner Morales.

MORALES: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Rodriguez.

RODRIGUEZ: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Sweeney.

SWEENEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Van Stone.

VAN STONE: Here.

CLERK: President Stango.

STANGO: Here.

1. COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL PERSONNEL

- 1.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Hayes, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve the appointment of Michelle Baker as Elementary School Principal, Sprague School, effective immediately.**

STANGO: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT: Thank you. It gives me great pleasure to recommend to the Board of Education the approval of Michelle Baker as the Principal of Sprague Elementary School. Michelle comes to us with a Bachelors of Science in Special Education and a Masters, also. She has an 092 endorsement Administration and Supervision. Some of her leadership experience has been the Vice Principal at Wilby High School, Supervisor of Special Education, Special Education Teacher at West Side Middle School, and Special Education in Stamford. There were a total of 44 applicants that applied for the Sprague Principalship and Michelle ranked in the top three in all phases of the interview process. She also has assisted in the development of the State of Connecticut Learning Disabilities Guidelines, she was a member of the Waterbury District Improvement Plan Leadership Committee, a member of the Waterbury Juvenile Review Board, a member of the Waterbury District Technology Committee, a member of the Waterbury District Discipline Committee, and a Mentor Teacher for the State of Connecticut. She is an outstanding candidate and demonstrates a quality of excellence that we are pursuing for our team. She is really committed, a top-notch professional, and it gives me great pleasure to recommend her to the new principalship at Sprague. Thank you.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ITEM #1.1:

Yeas: Commissioners Brown, Harkins, Harvey, Hayes, Morales, Rodriguez, Sweeney, Van Stone, and President Stango – 9

(applause)

BAKER: Thank you. I would like to personally thank every Board member, Dr. Ouellette, Anne Marie Cullinan, for allowing me this opportunity. I'm so honored and deeply appreciate the opportunity to lead the educational experience of every little person that walks through that front door. I'm so excited to begin working as a team with the outstanding staff here at Sprague and although it's so exciting to look forward in this journey, I can't move forward until I acknowledge and thank my current educational family. The teachers at Wilby High School have taught me about true shared leadership and I'm so grateful to have worked with every person at Wilby High School. And words cannot express how appreciative I am to Robyn Apicella, the Principal at Wilby High School, for allowing me to work side by side with her. In closing, I'm dedicated to enhancing the educational experience for every student and every family here at Sprague. Thank you, again, so much for this opportunity.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Brown and duly seconded by Commissioner Harkins, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:26 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education