

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES ~ SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Bunker Hill School, 170 Bunker Hill Avenue, Waterbury, Connecticut

PRESENT: President Stango, Commissioners Brown, D'Amelio, Flaherty-Merritt, Harkins, Harvey, and Morales

ABSENT: Commissioners Hayes, Sweeney, and Van Stone.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Ouellette, Assistant Superintendents Cullinan and Sequeira, Chief Operating Officer Paul Guidone, and Education Liaison Mary Ann Marold.

President Stango called the special meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. with a silent prayer and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

1. COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL PERSONNEL

1.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Morales, it was voted unanimously, by roll call vote, to approve the appointment of Juan C. Mendoza as Pre-k – 8 School Principal of the Jonathan E. Reed School, effective July 1, 2012, or earlier upon mutual agreement.

STANGO: Any discussion on that? Yes, Vice President Harvey.

HARVEY: I'd just like to say that for this round of selection for the principal of Jonathan E. Reed School, I was very pleased with the pool of applicants that we had. In addition, I was watching very closely, for the addition that we made, or modification that we made, in the job specs as it relates to the qualifications and I think that as a result of that we got a very good selection to pick from. I want to thank all the applicants that applied for the Jonathan E. Reed School . . . new process and we're still working things out but I'm encouraged by what I see and, again, we have to work some kinks out but we'll get there. And, Mr. Mendoza, I just wanted to say that I was very impressed with your interview, I know about you because you did teach at Walsh School so I had some previous experience about your work. And although we haven't voted on it yet, I just want to thank you for applying here in the City of Waterbury and I look forward working with you.

STANGO: Thank you, Vice President Harvey. Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT: Thank you, Mr. President, Vice President Harvey kind of stole my thunder. I just wanted to echo her remarks this evening that it was an extensive search and a very rich pool of applicants and we certainly are blessed with the talents that Mr. Mendoza brings to Waterbury, he's returning to Waterbury. He began his education career at Walsh and so we were very impressed from the initial interview process all the way through to the site visit. Very, very impressive. Let me just tell you a little bit about Mr. Mendoza, if I may, before you vote. He has a Masters from Central Connecticut

State University, a Bachelor's degree at Central as well; he has a 92 endorsement, and a teaching certificate. He is an Assistant Principal but I truly . . . almost a co-principal at the Expeditionary Learning Academy. He was a Resident Principal . . . prestigious . . . Parkville Elementary School . . . are very pleased and I'm personally very pleased to welcome him to Waterbury.

STANGO: Thank you Superintendent. Any other discussion? Roll call vote please.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ITEM #1.1

: Yeas: Commissioners Brown, D'Amelio, Flaherty-Merritt, Harkins, Harvey, Morales and President Stango – 7

STANGO: Motion passes unanimously.

(applause)

MENDOZA: . . . being that it's very special to me, I'm from Waterbury, grew up in Waterbury and a product of Waterbury Public Schools. I'd like to start off and thank Dr. Ouellette and commend her and her administrative team on such a rigorous and thorough process, the interview process . . . I was very impressed by it, it was definitely a learning experience. I'd also like to thank the Board for their support and confidence in me. I'm really looking forward to working closely with the students, the parents, the families, and the school community, at large, in making sure that the Jonathan Reed School is one of Waterbury's high performing schools. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Brown, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

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