

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES ~ SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

Driggs School, 77 Woodlawn Terrace, Waterbury, Connecticut

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

ABSENT: Commissioner D'Amelio.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Ouellette, Assistant Superintendent Sequeira, Chief Operating Officer Paul Guidone, Director of Personnel Ron Frost, School Business Administrator Paul Mazzaccaro, Attorney Maurice Mosley, and Education Liaison Mary Ann Marold.

SILENT PRAYER

President Stango called the special meeting to order at 8:03 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.

1. COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL PERSONNEL

1.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Van Stone, it was voted unanimously, by roll call vote, to approve the appointment of Frank Purcaro as High School Vice Principal, Waterbury Arts Magnet School.

STANGO: So moved and seconded. Any discussion on that matter? Commissioner Van Stone?

VAN STONE: I think Mr. Purcaro is a fantastic choice.

STANGO: Commissioner Hayes.

HAYES: Yes, I agree. I got the opportunity to sit in on the pre-superintendent interviews and I totally concurred with her when she gave us that. It's wonderful to see someone from our system want to continue to rise up and, I believe, there's better things ahead for you. I'm sure you'll do a great job, you've done a great job for us and I appreciate your willingness to continue to work for us.

STANGO: Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT: Thank you. Commissioners, ladies and gentlemen of the community, it gives me great pleasure this evening to recommend to the Board of

Education approval of Mr. Frank Purcaro for the Supervising Vice Principal at Waterbury Arts Magnet High School. Just to give you a little bit of information about Mr. Purcaro. He comes to us with a Juris Doctorate from the University of Connecticut School of Law, he also has a Masters of Education Degree from the University of Bridgeport in Educational Leadership, he has a Bachelor of Arts from Post University - History Major/Political Science Concentration. He has several endorsements from the State of Connecticut – an 092 in Administration, 105 endorsement with 912 Supervisory Capacities, also a teaching certificate in Social Studies. Also in his leadership prior experiences in the district, he's Chairman of the Social Studies Department at John F. Kennedy High School – 2008 to present. He's currently also the Chairman of the NEASC Curriculum Committee at Kennedy. He also has been a secondary teacher at Kennedy since 1999 and he also was a teacher at the ConnCAP Program and the Workforce Connection Program at Naugatuck Valley Community College. We are very, very pleased and proud to welcome him to our administrative team and we're delighted. Thank you.

STANGO: Thank you Superintendent. Any other discussion? We have a motion and it's seconded. Can we have a roll call vote please?

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ITEM #1.1:

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

STANGO: Motion passes unanimous. We have Mr. Purcaro as the new Vice Principal of Waterbury Arts Magnet.

PURCARO: Thank you everybody, good evening. I just wanted to take a moment to thank Dr. Ouellette and the Commissioners on the Board – President Stango and Commissioner Hayes who were in on my interviews. Thank you for giving me this opportunity, I enjoy working here in Waterbury and I'm really thrilled to continue my career here as an administrator at Waterbury Arts Magnet School. So I just wanted to let you all know I appreciate that and I can't wait to get started.

STANGO: Thank you Mr. Purcaro. I'm sure you will be outstanding. Commissioner Hayes.

HAYES: I just wanted to add, I know Commissioner D'Amelio wasn't here but she fully supported you, she sat next to me when we were doing that and she was so happy to hear that you were going to be hired for that position.

PURCARO: Thank you very much.

2. COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

2.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Flaherty-Merritt and duly seconded by Commissioner Hayes, it was voted unanimously to approve that WTA grievance 11-12-11, heard by the Committee on March 5, 2012, be denied. Crosby High School will follow the Wilby High School template/model for

the Civic and Social Expectations recommendation from the NEASC Report.

STANGO: Any discussion? All in favor, any opposed, motion carries unanimously.

- 2.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Flaherty-Merritt and duly seconded by Commissioner Hayes, it was voted unanimously to approve that WTA grievance 11-12-14, heard by the Committee on March 5, 2012, be denied. Crosby High School will follow the Wilby High School template/model for the Civic and Social Expectations recommendation from the NEASC Report.**

STANGO: Any discussion? All in favor, opposed, motion carries unanimous.

- 2.3 Upon a motion by Commissioner Flaherty-Merritt and duly seconded by Commissioner Van Stone, it was voted unanimously to approve that WTA grievance 11-12-16, heard by the Committee on March 5, 2012, be denied.**

STANGO: Any discussion? All in favor, opposed, motion carries unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Brown and duly seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

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