

# **WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## *Committee Meeting Minutes*

Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the February 2, 2012 Board Meeting)

### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, January 26, 2012 at Rotella Magnet School, 380 Pierpont Road, Waterbury, Connecticut, starting at 5:38 p.m.

**PRESENT:** President Stango, Commissioners D'Amelio (left at 8:00), Flaherty-Merritt, Harkins, Harvey, Sweeney, and Van Stone.

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Brown, Hayes, and Morales.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor O'Leary (left at 7:00) Superintendent Ouellette, Assistant Superintendents Cullinan and Sequeira, Chief Operating Officer Paul Guidone, Director of Personnel Ron Frost, School Business Administrator Paul Mazzaccaro, and Education Liaison Mary Ann Marold (left at 8:15).

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

### **AGENDA**

#### **SILENT PRAYER**

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** led by Mrs. Dooling/RMS teacher.

1. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes: Superintendent's Report.
2. Committee of the Whole/30 minutes: Principal's Report/Building Tour – G. Galabrese. (Ms. Paolino, Mrs. Dooling, Ms. Parker, Ms. Monroe)

*The Board toured the building from 6:04 p.m. to 6:19 p.m.*

7. Committee of the Whole/15 minutes: Update: Hopeville School – Dr. Sequeira, T. Pannone. (Patricia Moran)
3. Committee on Finance/10 minutes: Request approval of a contract with the following to provide Supplemental Education Services (SES): A+ Learning, Catapult Learning, Connecticut Teacher's Tutoring Association, One on One Learning, Professional Tutors of America, Smarties Tutoring, and Sylvan learning Center – P. Mazzaccaro, R. Vazquez.

4. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes: Request approval for Maloney Magnet School to participate in the Japanese Language Education Assistants Program (J-LEAP) – J. Haxhi. (Kazumi Yamashita-Iverson)
- ADDED** 4a. Request approval of Amendment #4 to the Agreement with Waterbury Development Corporation – P. Guidone, B. Turbacuski.
5. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes: Discussion – Reed School district – P. Guidone. W. Zhuta, ~~et al.~~
6. Committee on Grants/ 5 minutes (if needed): Request permission to apply for the U.S. Department of Education 2012 “Upward Bound” Grant (**consensus needed**) – L. Allen Brown.
8. Committee on Curriculum/10 minutes: Discussion: Project Lead the Way – Dr. Sequeira, V. Chaudhuri. (Don Mancuso/KHS, Jeremy Rubock/WHS, Margaret O’Brien/CHS)
9. Committee on Finance/5 minutes: Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Literacy How, Inc., to provide evaluation of the literacy program and teacher training.
10. Committee on Finance/20 minutes: Request approval of the 2012-2013 Budget request – P. Guidone, P. Mazzaccaro.
11. Ad-hoc Committee on Naming of School Facilities/5 minutes: Follow-up/review of plaque inscription – Commissioner Sweeney.
12. Committee on School Activities/5 minutes:
  - a. Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments.
  - b. Use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests.
  - c. Request permission be granted to Karen Silva, MMS, and 13 chaperones to take 90 students to Lyndhurst, NJ on May 31, 2012 to attend Medieval Times. *Commissioner Van Stone questioned the educational value and also the different field trip form used.*
  - d. Request permission be granted to Debbie Benjamin, WAMS, and four chaperones to take 40 students to New York, NY on May 24, 2012 to visit Statute of Liberty, Macys Behind the Scenes Marketing Tour, and Ripley’s Believe It or Not Museum.
  - e. Request permission be granted to Paul Forcucci, CHS, and seven chaperones to take 40 students to New York, NY on May 16, 2012 to attend a performance of “Wicked”.
  - f. Request permission be granted to Joanne Hutchings, WAMS, and six chaperones to take 22 students to Quebec, Canada from May 25 through May 27, 2012 to visit various sites (see itinerary).



