

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 8, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the March 15, 2010 Regular Board Meeting)

COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee Meetings were held on Monday, March 8, 2010 at Chase School, 40 Woodtick Road, Waterbury, Connecticut, starting at 5:32 p.m.

PRESENT: President Hayes, Commissioners D'Angelo, Flaherty-Merritt, Harvey, Morales, O'Leary, Stango, Sweeney, Theriault (left at 6:52 p.m. and returned at 8:27 p.m.), and White.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Snead, Assistant Superintendents Cullinan and Sequeira, Chief Operating Officer Paul Guidone (left at 7:30 p.m.), Director of Personnel Ron Frost, Attorney Maurice Mosley (8:05 p.m.), 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:

AGENDA

SILENT PRAYER

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

1. Committee of the Whole/3 minutes: Superintendent's Report – Dr. Snead.
2. Committee of the Whole/30 minutes: Principal's Report/school building tour – C. Piccochi. (A. Yost, K. Renna)

The Board toured the building from 6:30 p.m. until 6:51 p.m.

Commissioner Theriault excused himself at 6:52 p.m. to attend the Board of Aldermen Meeting.

3. Committee on Building/20 minutes: Presentation: Pre-k through 8 Redistricting Plan – P. Guidone, et al. (W. Zhuta, G. D'Agostino)

Mr. Guidone excused himself at 7:30 p.m. to attend the Board of Aldermen Meeting.

4. Committee on Building/10 minutes: Request approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with The Waterbury Development Corporation for project management services – P. Guidone, O & G.

5. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes: Presentation: Carrington School's 21st Century Learning Center – Dr. Sequeira, et al. (Dr. Connors, J. Piccirillo, Ms. O'Rourke, Mr. Gomola, Ms. Fisher, ...)
6. Committee of the Whole/20 minutes: School Safety and Climate Committee presentation – A. M. Cullinan, et al. (W. Zhuta, J. Amato, M. Yamin, A. Begley, J. Phillips, L. Brown, J. Gorman)

Commissioner Theriault returned at 8:27 p.m.

7. Committee on Rules & Regulations/15 minutes: Discussion: Ceremonies and Observances Policy - M. White. (*CABE's policy and Dr. Snead's directive letter to be combined – will not be listed on Consent Calendar.*)
8. Committee on Legislation/10 minutes: Request approval of 2010 Legislative Priorities for submittal to Waterbury's delegation – A. Sweeney.
9. Committee on Legislation/10 minutes: Request adoption of a resolution supporting Connecticut Districts for Diversity and Equity – A. Sweeney. (*Will not be on Consent Calendar.*)
10. Ad-hoc Committee on Naming of School Facilities/5 minutes: Request to name WHS's basketball court.
11. Committee on Finance/10 minutes: Request approval of an Agreement with Ikon Office Solutions, Inc., to provide copy machine purchase, installation, supplies, and maintenance – P. Guidone, P. Mazzaccaro.
- 11a. Committee on School Personnel/10 minutes: Request approval of the following job specifications and positions of: SDE Data Coordinator/After-school program; SDE Grant Coordinator/After-school program; and SDE Lead Teacher/After-school program – P. Connors.
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 M. Scialla, KHS, to take four students to Springfield, MA from April 9 through April 11, 2010, to attend the New England District Conference of Key Clubs.
 - d. Request permission be granted to K. Ludwig, KHS, and three chaperones to take 35 students to Cambridge, MA on April 30, 2010 to visit the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
 - e. Request permission be granted to R. Haxhi, WHS, and four chaperones to take 50 students to Philadelphia, PA from May 26 through May 28, 2010 to visit various historical sites.
 - f. Request permission be granted to L. Galanti, Kingsbury School, and 15 chaperones to take 70 students to Boston, MA to visit the Freedom Trail.

- g. Request permission be granted to V. Barone, KHS, and three chaperones to take 40 students to Orlando, Florida from May 26 to May 30, 2010, to visit Disney World.

13. Superintendent's Notification to the Board/5 minutes:

- a. Athletic resignations effective immediately:
Martinez, Carlos – Assistant Football Coach, KHS, effective immediately.
- b. Athletic appointments effective immediately:
Ring, Katherine – Assistant Girls Softball Coach, KHS.
Rodriguez, Alberto – Softball Coach, WSMS.
Thibodeau, Michael – Assistant Football Coach, WHS.
- c. Grant funded appointments effective immediately:
Gittings, Stacey – Substitute Teacher, MMS's After School Program, effective immediately.
Trawick-Speaks, Nancy – Non-public K-12 Literacy Facilitator, ten months per year, 18 hours per week at \$30 per hour, no benefits.
- d. Teacher new hires:
Taveras, Maria – Bilingual Grade 3, Hopeville School, MA/3, effective 11/04/09.
- e. Resignations:
Brinn, Pamela – Math Teacher, WSMS, effective 02/19/10.
- f. Retirements:
Bergin, Angela P. – Internal Reading Facilitator, Bunker Hill School, effective 09/30/10.
Bergin, Gary R. – Math Teacher, CHS, effective 06/30/10.
Cassullo, Annette L. – Reading Consultant Teacher, Chase School, effective 06/30/10.
DeVylder, Nancy – Grade 5, Tinker School, effective 06/30/10.
Elsemore, Lorraine – Readiness Kindergarten, Walsh School, effective 06/30/10.
Lindquist, Marlene – Math Resource Teacher, RMS, effective 06/30/10.
Marano, Catherine – Kindergarten Teacher, Bunker Hill School, effective 06/30/10.
O'Connell, Susan D. – Speech/Language Pathologist, Hopeville School, effective 06/30/10.
Ponzillo, Marie Ann – Family Consumer Science (Young Parent Program), Crosby High School, effective 06/30/10.
Stemmer, Victoria – Pre-k Teacher, Sprague, effective 06/30/10.
Thomas, Joan M. – Kindergarten Teacher, Chase School, eff. 06/30/10.
Tirado, George – Bilingual Teacher and Athletic Director, WHS, effective 06/30/10.
- g. Leave of absence requests:

Difronzo, Cathy – CHS English, requesting an unpaid childrearing leave of absence from February 26 through April 1, 2010.

Executive Session/Adjournment: The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 10:08 p.m. for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee. Present were President Hayes, Commissioners D'Angelo, Flaherty-Merritt, Harvey, Morales, O'Leary, Stango, Sweeney, and White. Also present were Dr. Snead, Dr. Sequeira, Mrs. Cullinan, Mr. Frost, and Attorney Mosley. No votes were taken. Executive Session ended at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education