

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Workshop/Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
(For the August 18, 2022 Rescheduled Board Meeting)

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at Waterbury Arts Magnet School, 16 South Elm Street, Waterbury, Connecticut.

PRESENT: President Sweeney, Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, O'Brien, Orso, and Van Stone (left at 6:38 p.m.).

ABSENT: Commissioners Nardozzi, Pagano and Serrano-Adorno.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Verna Ruffin, Chief Financial Officer Doreen Biolo, Assistant Superintendent Joseph Johnson, Interim Chief Operating Officer Rosh Maghfour, Director of Communications Belen Michelis, Director of Pupil Services Miguel Pabón, Deputy Superintendent Darren Schwartz, Director of Equity and Inclusion Lara White, and Supervisor of Management, Information, and Technology Will Zhuta.

President Sweeney called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and informed the Board Commissioners Nardozzi, Pagano, and Serrano-Adorno will be absent.

Reports were submitted to the various committees of the Board and discussed, as per the following agenda:

AGENDA

SILENT PRAYER

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC SPEAKING - *there were no public speakers.*

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hernandez and duly seconded by Commissioner Brown, it was voted unanimously to add item #6b, job specifications for the position of Assistant Director of Pupil Services, to the agenda.

1. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Kingsley Enterprises, LLC d/b/a UsedFitnessSales.com for fitness center equipment, installation and training – ~~J. German~~, D. Schwartz.
2. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment One (1) to the College Readiness and Success Contract with College Board for PSAT/SAT testing. – ~~T. Battistoni~~, D. Schwartz.

3. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval to apply for the Connecticut State Department of Education's Family Resource Center "extension" grant for Wilson and Reed Schools – ~~M. Bergin, L. Allen Brown~~, D. Schwartz.
4. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with The Greater Waterbury YMCA for before and after school day care (McKinney Vento) – S. Paris. (R. Maghfour)
5. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Committee for Children for social emotional learning curriculum and professional development – M. Rodriguez., ~~N. Toucet~~.
6. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Automated Logic Contracting Services, Inc. for temperature control and ventilation project upgrades – R. Maghfour.
- 6a. Committee of the Whole/15 minutes: District Strategic Plan – Executive Cabinet. *Mr. Schwartz presented a PowerPoint.*

ADD:

- 6b. Committee on School Personnel: – Request approval of job specifications for the position of Assistant Director of Pupil Services. (Dr. Ruffin)
7. Committee on Finance/5 minutes:
 - a) ARP/ESSER Update – D. Biolo.
 - b) Transfer in the 2021/22 Budget – D. Biolo.
8. Superintendent's Update ~ Dr. Ruffin.

Dr. Ruffin shared a PowerPoint with the Board and spoke on the following:

- The first day of school is August 30.
 - There will be a virtual forum on August 29, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with information including school updates and school safety; COVID protocols; Virtual Academy; and Waterbury Promise.
 - Waterbury students interned this summer with our IT Department repairing approximately 571 Chromebooks saving the District in replacement costs.
 - Presentation from Director of Communications Belen Michelis on the Communication's Department accomplishments and goals.
9. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments – R. Maghfour.
 10. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests – R. Maghfour.

Commissioner Van Stone left at 6:38 p.m.

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

a. Before and After School Program appointments funded by Priority School District Grant:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Anglin, Seritha	AM/PM Assistant	Walsh
Crane, Evan	Lead teacher	Walsh
Justs, Patricia	Sub. Teacher	Walsh
Lubus, Nicole	Sub. Teacher	Walsh
Riccio, Timothy	Sub. Teacher	Walsh
Swartz, Samantha	Sub. Lead Teacher	Walsh
Walker, Bernice	PM Assistant	Walsh
Yaffe, Kenneth	Teacher	Walsh
Sullivan, Donna	Teacher-Assistant	Maloney

b. Extended School Hours (Early Start) appointments:

<u>School</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	
Chase	Eldridge	Lori	Administrator	
	Hernandez	Ivan	Admin.-Sub	
	Selenica	Sonja	Admin.-Sub	
	Nido	Savannah	Teacher	
	Strumi	Manuela	Teacher	
	Cianfagna	Traci	Teacher-Sub	
	Melendez	Doreen	Parent-Liaison	
	Turner	Gina	Para	
	DelMora	Denise	Para	
	Arroyo	Ivet	Para-Sub	
Gilmartin	Lopez	Marlene	Para-Sub	
	Moore	Christina	Administrator	
	Trudeau	Lorraine	Teacher	
	Dwyer	Catherine	Teacher	
	Rodriguez	Jessica	Para	
	Garafola	Denise	Para	
	Lehane	Danielle	Social Worker	
	Guerrera	Marnie	Para	
	International	Tomasella	Diurca	Administrator
		Cruz	Maria	Teacher
Garcia		Nilsa	Teacher	
Rock		Stefanie	Teacher	
Kingsbury	McCombs	Lisa	Para	
	Knighton	Drewena	Para	
Walsh	Wilson	Maureen	Administrator	
	Bilbrough	Allyson	Teacher	
	Justs	Patricia	Teacher	

c. Resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Brown, Harriet	Maloney Special Educ.	07-29-22
Gallati, Jean	WCA Human Services	07-29-22
Galpin, Lindsay	NEMS Grade 8 ELA	07-26-22
Loh, Pamela	WHS ESL	07-29-22
Meyer, Doug	WHS Tech Ed	07-26-22
Monagas Soto, Diana	CHS Spanish	08-01-22
Porcaro, Stefanie	RMS Art	08-01-22
Scalo, Karla	Kingsbury Grade 2	07-21-22
Schiavo, Alicia	Sprague STEM Coach	08-01-22
Spinella, Christine	Tinker Grade 5	07-28-22
Spizzoucco, Ann Grace	WMS ELA	07-28-22

d. Retirements:


<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Marino, Carol	Chase School Psychologist	08-31-22
Napolitano, Kathleen	Sprague Reading	07-23-22

EXECUTIVE SESSION – the Board convened into Executive Session at 6:39 p.m. for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and returned at 7:00 p.m. with no votes taken.

Present: President Sweeney, Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, O'Brien, and Orso.

Also Present: Dr. Ruffin.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:06 p.m.

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