

## **WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### *MINUTES ~ SPECIAL MEETING*

Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.  
Waterbury Arts Magnet School Café  
16 South Elm Street, Waterbury, CT

**PRESENT:** President Sweeney (virtual), Commissioners Brown (virtual), Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi (virtual), O'Brien, Orso, and Serrano-Adorno.

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Pagano and Van Stone.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent of Schools Dr. Verna Ruffin, Director of Security & School Safety Daniel Barry, Chief Financial Officer Doreen Biolo, Chief Turnaround Officer Matthew Brown, Assistant Superintendent Joseph Johnson, Interim Chief Operating Officer Rosh Maghfour, Assistant Superintendent Juan Mendoza, Director of Pupil Services Miguel Pabón, Deputy Superintendent Darren Schwartz, Director of College and Career Readiness Nyree Toucet, Director of Equity and Inclusion Lara White, and Supervisor of Management, Information, and Technology Will Zhuta.

### **1. SILENT PRAYER**

Vice President Hernandez called the special meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with a moment of silence.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Commissioner O'Brien led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **3. ROLL CALL**

CLERK: Commissioner Brown.

BROWN: Here (virtual).

CLERK: Vice President Hernandez.

HERNANDEZ: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Ireland.

IRELAND: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Nardozzi

NARDOZZI: Here (virtual).

CLERK: Commissioner O'Brien.

O'BRIEN: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Orso.

ORSO: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Pagano (absent). Commissioner Serrano-Adorno.

SERRANO-ADORNO: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Van Stone (absent). President Sweeney.

SWEENEY: Here (virtual).

#### **4. COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

**4.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Nardozzi and duly seconded by Commissioner Brown, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve the appointment of Chayna Nath as Supervisor of Special Education, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, effective immediately.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O'Brien, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and President Sweeney – 8

**4.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Nardozzi and duly seconded by Commissioner Ireland, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve the appointment of Kimberly DiVergilio as Supervisor of Special Education, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, effective immediately.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O'Brien, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and President Sweeney – 8

**4.3 Upon a motion by Commissioner Nardozzi and duly seconded by Commissioner Ireland, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve the appointment of Carli Carpentieri as Talent and Professional Development Supervisor, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, effective immediately.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O'Brien, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and President Sweeney – 8

#### **5. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**5.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno and duly seconded by Commissioner Brown, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve an Independent Client Agreement with International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), at no cost, to provide to professional learning to staff, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O'Brien, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and President Sweeney – 8

**6. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

- 6.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Ireland, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Kami Limited to provide Kami Cloud-Based Document Viewer and Notation Too Subscription, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O'Brien, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and President Sweeney – 8

- 6.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Ireland, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Nearpod Inc. to provide Slides-Based Interactive Teaching and Formative Assessment System, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O'Brien, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and President Sweeney – 8

- 6.3 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Rubicon West, LLC, to provide Online Curriculum and Lesson Planning Warehouse, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O'Brien, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and President Sweeney – 8

- 6.4 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve Amendment One (1) to the Partner Agreement with Relay Graduate School of Education, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O'Brien, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and President Sweeney – 8

- 6.5 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Ambassador Wheelchair Services, Inc. to provide transportation services for medically fragile students and/or students with disabilities and/or McKinney-Vento eligible students, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O'Brien, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and President Sweeney – 8

- 6.6 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve a Master**

**Professional Services Agreement with EDM Architecture & Engineering, PC, to provide School Building HVAC and Mechanical Solutions/Assessment, Design and Engineering Services, on an as-needed basis, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O'Brien, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and President Sweeney – 8

**6.7 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve Amendment One (1) to the Maintenance Services Agreement with SNE Building Systems, Inc., to provide maintenance services for building management system, system support services and temperature control at various schools, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O'Brien, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and President Sweeney – 8

**6.8 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Ireland, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve a Construction Contract with Sarracco Mechanical Services, Inc. to provide mechanical upgrades at three high schools (Crosby, Kennedy, and Wilby), subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O'Brien, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and President Sweeney – 8

**6.9 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve a Construction Contract with SK Mechanical, LLC, for B.W. Tinker Elementary School Boiler Replacement, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O'Brien, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and President Sweeney – 8

**6.10 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve a Professional Services Agreement with H.F. Lenz Company to provide architectural/engineering design services for assessment of mechanical system alterations for the Waterbury Arts Magnet School (WAMS) and the Palace Theater, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O'Brien, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and President Sweeney – 8

**6.11 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve a contract with Utility Communications Inc., to provide school security video surveillance**

**and access control system expansions and upgrades, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O'Brien, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and President Sweeney – 8

**6.12 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve an Agreement with Kajeet, Inc., to provide mobile hot spot devices and controlled internet access to qualifying students, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O'Brien, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and President Sweeney – 8

**6.13 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve a Contract with Mutualink, Inc., to provide multi-media interoperable emergency communications system, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.**

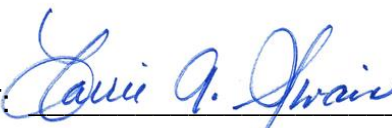
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O'Brien, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and President Sweeney – 8

**6.14 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve to apply for the Connecticut State Department of Education 2022 Low-Performing Schools Bond Funded Grants.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O'Brien, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and President Sweeney – 8

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno and duly seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.**

ATTEST:   
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk  
Board of Education

