

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rescheduled Workshop/Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 2, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the May 16, 2022 Rescheduled Board Meeting)

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at Waterbury Arts Magnet School, 16 South Elm Street, Waterbury, Connecticut.

PRESENT: President Sweeney, Commissioners Hernandez, Ireland, Nardoizzi, O'Brien, and Van Stone.

ABSENT: Commissioners Brown, Orso, Pagano, and Serrano-Adorno.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Verna D. Ruffin, Director of Security & School Safety Daniel Barry, Chief Financial Officer Doreen Biolo, Chief Turnaround Officer Matthew Brown, Assistant Superintendent Jade Gopie, Assistant Superintendent Joseph Johnson, Assistant Superintendent Juan Mendoza, Director of Communications Belen Michelis, Director of Pupil Services Miguel Pabón, Interim Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer Darren Schwartz, Director of College and Career Readiness Nyree Toucet, and Director of Equity and Inclusion Lara White.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Dania Gray of Kennedy High School.

President Sweeney called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and informed the Board that Commissioners Brown, Orso, Pagano, and Serrano-Adorno notified her that they would not be present tonight.

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

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SILENT PRAYER

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC SPEAKING - *there were no public speakers.*

1. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes ~ Special Education Report – M. Pabón.
2. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes ~ Pupil Personnel Report – M. Pabón, M. Rodriguez.

Items three, four, and five were removed per the request of the presenters.

3. ~~Committee on Finance/10 minutes~~ ~ Food Service Report – L. Franzese, R. Maghfour.
4. ~~Committee on Finance/2 minutes~~ ~ Request approval to participate in the Healthy Food Certification Program per CGS 10-215f – L. Franzese.
5. ~~Committee on Finance/2 minutes~~ ~ Request approval of the food and beverage exemption statement for the Healthy Food Certification relative to CGS 10-221g – L. Franzese.
6. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval a Professional Services Contract with Facility Support Services LLC for On-Call Environmental Services and AHERA Inspections – M. Konopka, R. Maghfour. (D. Biolo)
7. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval a Construction Contract with SNE Building Systems, Inc. for Building Management System Upgrades and Ventilation Controller Replacement at various schools – M. Konopka, R. Maghfour. (D. Biolo)
8. Committee on Finance/2 minutes ~ Request approval to apply for the Connecticut State Department of Education CTE Secondary Supplemental Enhancement Grant 2022 – L. Allen Brown, M. Merati, D. Schwartz.
9. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of CSDE Supplemental Grant Application for Adult Education, Cooperating Eligible Entity/Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury – J. Reho.
10. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a contract with Greater Waterbury Young Men's Christian Association for a summer day camp program at Camp Mataucha – D. Schwartz.
11. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a contract with the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Waterbury for a summer day camp program at the Club's facility – D. Schwartz.
12. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a contract with Waterbury Police Activity League for a summer basketball program at PAL's facility – D. Schwartz.
13. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Connecticut Junior Republic Association, Inc. for SAFE Program and School-Based Clinic Program – J. Gopie.
14. Committee on Finance/10 minutes:
 - a. ARP/ESSER Update – D. Biolo.
 - b. FYI: March 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report – D. Biolo.
 - c. Approval of transfer in the 2021/22 FY Budget – D. Biolo.

15. Superintendent's Update ~ Dr. Ruffin.
16. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments – R. Magfour. (Darren Schwartz)
17. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests – R. Magfour. (Darren Schwartz)
18. Superintendent's Notification to the Board/5 minutes:
- a. Athletic appointments:
Geffken, Melissa – NEMS Softball Coach, effective 04/26/22.
Bandurski, Joseph Sr. – CHS Assistant Baseball Coach, effective 04/25/22.
- b. Miscellaneous appointments:
McDonnell, Cassi – Coordinator, Waterbury Summer Enrichment Program.
Zappone, Evette – Coordinator, Waterbury Summer Enrichment Program.
- c. Teacher new hires:

<u>Name</u>		<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Rodríguez Osorio	Idarmis	Elementary Teacher	Bucks Hill	4/7/2022
Fengler	Jessica	PE/Health	WMS	5/5/2022
Teel	Makenzie	Elementary Teacher	Tinker	5/5/2022
Mattera	Anthony	Special Education	WSMS	5/2/2022
Dobrinsky	Christopher	PE/Health	WHS	5/2/2022

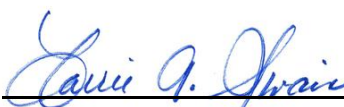
- d. Resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Fagerlund, Natalie	WSMS Guidance Counselor	06/08/22

EXECUTIVE SESSION – the Board convened into executive session at 6:38 p.m. for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and returned at 6:55 p.m. with no votes taken.

Present: President Sweeney, Commissioners Ireland, Hernandez, Nardoizzi, O'Brien, and Van Stone. Also present were Dr. Ruffin, Mr. Mendoza, and Attorney Shaw.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:36 p.m.

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