

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rescheduled Workshop/Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 4, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the April 26, 2022 Rescheduled Board Meeting)

WORKSHIP/COMMITTEE MEETING

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

PRESENT: President Sweeney (electronically), Commissioners Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O'Brien, Orso, and Pagano (electronically),

ABSENT: Commissioners Brown, Serrano-Adorno and Van Stone.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Verna D. Ruffin, Chief Turnaround Officer Matthew Brown, Assistant Superintendent Jade Gopie, Assistant Superintendent Joseph Johnson, Interim Chief Operating Officer Rosh Maghfour, Assistant Superintendent Juan Mendoza, Director of Communications Belen Michelis, Director of Pupil Services Miguel Pabón, Interim Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer Darren Schwartz, Attorney Tara Shaw, Director of College and Career Readiness Nyree Toucet, Director of Equity and Inclusion Lara White, and Supervisor of Management, Information and Technology Will Zhuta.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Alexis Lowe and Florenza Omari of Crosby High School.

President Sweeney called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m. and informed the Board that Commissioner Pagano and herself are attending remotely. At this time President Sweeney turned the Chair over to Vice President Hernandez.

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 ~ Presentation from Crosby and Wilby High School Robotics. *Mr. Veronneau introduced Crosby's team who then gave a demonstration followed by Dr. Baker who introduced Wilby's team.*
2. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes ~ WPS's Transportation Services Annual Information Update – J. Hunter, R. Maghfour.
3. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes ~ WPS's Annual Bilingual Report – A. Jorge Ferguson, D. Schwartz.
4. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Modern Classrooms Project (MCP) for free training on self-paced mastery based instructional model – M. Brown.
5. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Linguistica International for Phone and/or Video On-Demand Translation Services – M. Brown. (A. Jorge Ferguson)
6. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Themes and Variations, Inc., for Themes and Variations MusicplayOnline.com Subscription – H. Maxson. (D. Schwartz)
7. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval to apply for the Tynker for Kids Spanish Language Coding Grant (**consensus needed**) – ~~L. Allen Brown, M. Eckler, A. Jorge Ferguson, D. Schwartz, D. Tomasella.~~
8. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with David Edward Therault Studios, LLC, for Digital Recording Services – W. Zhuta.
9. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of an Agreement with Environmental Systems for school security video surveillance and access – W. Zhuta. (D. Barry)
10. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of an Agreement with Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC for Comcast Voucher Program – W. Zhuta.
11. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Stanley Convergent Security Solutions, Inc. for monitoring and servicing of school security systems – R. Maghfour.
12. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Polar Electro, Inc. for Heart Rate Monitoring System – J. Gorman, D. Schwartz.

13. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment One to the Professional Services Agreement with EBS Healthcare, Inc. d/b/a Education Based Services for speech and language therapy services – M. Pabón.
14. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request approval of the revised Early College High School Course CTC101: College Success Seminar (1st year) – D. Schwartz. (S. Mosley, M. Veronneau)
15. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request approval of the revised Early College High School Course CIS110: Digital Skills for College and Career (1st year) – D. Schwartz. (S. Mosley, M. Veronneau)
16. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request approval of the revised Early College High School Course ENG110: College Writing (1st year) – D. Schwartz. (S. Mosley, M. Veronneau)
17. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request approval of the revised Early College High School Course ENG130: Literature and Composition (2nd year) – D. Schwartz. (S. Mosley, M. Veronneau)
18. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request approval of the revised Early College High School Course COM107: Introduction to Communication (2nd year) – D. Schwartz. (S. Mosley, M. Veronneau)
19. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request approval of the revised Early College High School Course LAW101: Introduction to Law (2nd year) – D. Schwartz. (S. Mosley, M. Veronneau)
20. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request approval of the new Early College High School Course MAT105: Quantitative Methods (3rd year) – D. Schwartz. (S. Mosley, M. Veronneau)
21. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request approval of the new Early College High School Course MAT120: College Algebra (3rd year) – D. Schwartz. (S. Mosley, M. Veronneau)
22. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request approval of the new Early College High School Course ACC111: Financial Accounting (3rd year) – D. Schwartz. (S. Mosley, M. Veronneau)
23. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request approval of the new Early College High School Course PSY101: Fundamentals of Psychology (3rd year) – D. Schwartz. (S. Mosley, M. Veronneau)
24. Committee on Policy & Legislation/5 minutes ~ Request approval of the revised Attendance Requirements for Course Credit or Promotion Policy - #5113 – J. Gopie, D. Schwartz.

25. Committee on Policy & Legislation/5 minutes ~ Request approval of the revised Electronic Participation Policy - #9005 – T. Shaw.
26. Committee on School Personnel/5 minutes ~ Request approval of the job specifications for the new position of Facilities Operation Manager – J. Mendoza. (R. Maghfour)
27. Committee on School Personnel/5 minutes ~ Request approval of the job specifications for the new position of Data Analyst – J. Mendoza. (D. Schwartz)
28. Committee on Finance/10 minutes:
 - a) ARP/ESSER Update – ~~D. Biolo.~~
 - b) FYI: February 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report – ~~D. Biolo.~~
 - c) Request approval of transfers in the 2021/22 Fiscal Year Budget – ~~D. Biolo.~~
 - d) Request acceptance of ARP ESSER Funds – ~~D. Biolo.~~
29. Superintendent's Update ~ Dr. Ruffin.
30. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments – R. Maghfour.
31. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests – R. Maghfour.
32. Superintendent's Notification to the Board/5 minutes:
 - a. Athletic appointments:

Harris, Marquis – WHS Assistant Outdoor Track Coach, effective 03/29/22.
Morrison, Terrance – KHS Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, effective 12/01/22.
Shurtleff, Christian – CHS Assistant Indoor Track Coach, effective 11/28/22.
Shurtleff, Christian – CHS Girls Tennis Coach, effective 03/21/22.
 - b. Miscellaneous appointments:

Ferrare, Patricia – ESY Summer Program Administrator.
Fidanza, Carla – EAS Elementary School Summer Program Site Administrator/Duggan.
Finley, Alison – Extended School Year (ESY) Summer Program Coordinator.
Gomez, Bridgett – EAS Elementary School Summer Program Site Administrator/Carrington.
Irrera, Ray – Extended Academic Support (EAS) High School Summer Program Coordinator.
Lavoie, Sharyn – WMS's Commissioners Network After School (STAR) Program.
McGuire, Elona – EAS Elementary School Summer Program Site Administrator/Reed.
Rosa, Jennifer – EAS Middle School Summer Program Coordinator.
Sanzone, Ashley – ESY Summer Program Administrator.
Sazo, Gustavo – WMS's Commissioners Network After School (STAR) Program.
Vargas, Melissa – EAS Elementary School Summer Program Site Administrator/Gilmartin.
Wallace, Dana – Rotella EAS Site Administrator/Rotella.

c. Grant funded appointments:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position/Location</i>	<i>FT/PT</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Union</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Effective</i>
Kalen Marshall	Behavior Counselor/WHS	FT	\$25.00/hr	Follows UPSEU 69	SIG 5 Wilby 21-23	01/20/22
Pamela Worthy	Tutor/Children's Community	PT	\$25.00/hr	NonNOE	Title I Part A 20-22	02/03/22
Janett Paguay	Parent Liaison/WMS	FT	\$15.88/hr	UPSEU69	Title I Part A 21-23	02/03/22
Brandon Scott	Network Spec./ Bucks Hill	FT	\$19.00/hr	UPSEU69	Title II Part A District 21-23	02/03/22
Evelyn Ortiz	Parent Liaison/ Driggs	FT	\$15.88/hr	UPSEU69	Title I Part A 21-23	02/3/22
Kimberly Pabey-Rivera	Tutor/ International	PT	\$25.00/hr	NONBOE	Title II Part A District 20-22	02/3/22
Brian Hackett	Maintenance/ Adult Education	PT	\$15.54/hr	NONBOE	Adult Educ. Provider 21-22	02/17/22
Alexsandra Gouveia-Ribeiro	Lang. Assessor/ Bilingual Dept	FT	\$17.00/hr	UPSEU69	Title III 20-22	03/03/22
Antonio Coles	Audio, Lighting & Video Tech/RMS	FT	\$21.00/hr	NONBOE	Op Grant 21-22	03/10/22
Luis Castro	Hall Monitor/ WAMS	PT	\$91.00/day	NONBOE	Op Grant 21-22	03/17/22
Kierstin Eraybar	Behavior Counselor WSMS	FT	\$27.50/hr	Follows UPSEU 69	Title I Part A 21-23	03/03/22
Ashley Skipp	School Social Worker	PT	\$33.00/hr	NONBOE	Title I Part A 20-22	02/15/22
Michael Monroe	Hall Monitor/WHS	PT	\$91/day	NONBOE	ECS- Alliance 21-22	03/28/22

d. Resignations:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Effective</i>
Scapeccia, Stacey	W. Cross Science	04/08/22
Casas, Efren (1 st Sergeant)	Wilby Senior ROTC	06/30/22
Fortier, Joseph	WAMS School Counselor	04/24/22
LaBrie, Nina	International Grade 1 English	06/30/22
Langner, Amanda	Duggan Grade 8 ELA	04/01/22

e. Retirements:

Kirschner, Suzanne – WAMS Art, effective 09/30/22.


Miller, Terri – Rotella Grade 3/TVP, effective 06/30/22.

Shungu, Alex – WCA Science, effective 04/29/22.

Sterling, Phillip – WAMS Music-Instrumental, effective 06/30/22.

~~**EXECUTIVE SESSION** for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee~~

ADJOURNMENT at 7:02 p.m.

ATTEST: 

Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Waterbury Board of Education

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