

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Workshop/Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
(For the February 20, 2022 Board Meeting)

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. In an effort to adhere to social distancing guidelines, the meeting was held without normal in-person public access. However, the meeting was broadcasted live on the City of Waterbury's Government Access Channel (Comcast Channel 96, Frontier Channel 6096), streamed live at https://youtu.be/KkM5_3TGd3Q or listened to via teleconference by calling 1-203-590-9756.

The public was offered the opportunity to address the Board during the public portion of the meeting by calling 1-203-590-9756 between 5:00 and 5:15 p.m. and provide your name, address, and phone number. You will then need to participate via the above teleconference call information at 5:30 p.m. The Board President will call upon you to address the Board during the public speaking portion of the meeting.

PRESENT: President Sweeney, Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi, O'Brien, Orso, Pagano, Serrano-Adorno, and Van Stone.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Verna D. Ruffin, Chief Financial Officer Doreen Biolo, Chief Turnaround Officer Matthew Brown, Assistant Superintendent Jade Gopie, 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: Gianni Bonval and Tenly Dessalines of Wilby High School.

President Sweeney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

A.G.E.N.D.A

SILENT PRAYER

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Isa and Julio Alves, 83 Mildred Avenue, appreciates everything the Waterbury School District has done. Happy to see students going back to school full day. Carrington now has a Math and ELA teacher.

1. Committee on Finance/15 minutes:
 - a) ARP/ESSER Update – D. Biolo.
 - b) Grants Status Report – D. Biolo, L. Riddick Barron. *All schools are Title I.*
 - c) Budget Timeline & Development Process – D. Biolo.
 - d) FYI: December 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report – D. Biolo.
2. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Temporary Limited Property Access and Use Agreement with Mohegan Basketball Club, LLC, at no cost, to provide basketball clinics at Wendell Cross School – J. Gorman.
3. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the State Education Resource Center (SERC), at no cost, to support programming for racial equity in education – L. White.
4. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Legends of Learning, Inc. for subscription to the Legends of Learning Game Based Learning platform for elementary schools – K. Nardozzi.
5. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment #1 to the Professional Services Agreement with The National Center on Education and the Economy (NCEE) to provide professional development services – J. Gopie.
6. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Digital Theatre US LLC to provide subscription-based online teaching and learning resources for theater and drama curriculum – H. Maxson. *All students have access not just those enrolled in Theater Arts.*
7. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with The Art of Education University, LLC to provide leadership support regarding the CT Acceleration Learning Framework – H. Maxson.
8. Superintendent's Update ~ Dr. Ruffin.
 - a) Update on data impacted by COVID-19 and staffing shortages – D. Schwartz.
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.
11. Superintendent's Notification to the Board/5 minutes:

a. Extended School Hours appointments:

<i>School</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Assignment</i>
Driggs	Connolly, Mauralee	Sub. Teacher
International	Tucker, Alexis	Para

b. Wallace Middle School Commissioner Network “We Are Wallace” appointments:

Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) Team:
 Debra Rosado Lianne Torres Kyle Ungar

c. Resignations:


<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Effective</i>
Aguirre-Galan, Ashley	CHS Special Education	03/10/22
Cornacchio, Mark	CHS Social Studies	01/21/22
Farella, Michelle	Regan/Washington	02/11/22
Gemmell, Sherrie	NEMS ELA	02/28/22
Hidri, Erjona	WSMS Computer	02/25/22
Lawson, Stephanie	Driggs/Reed School Psychologist	02/18/22 (correction)
Lins, Alexandra	WHS Social Studies	02/08/22
Marcal, Kekky	Gilmartin Grade 4	02/11/22
Murphy, Jessica	Reed ELA Grade 6	01/28/22
Prisco, Teresa	State Street Special Ed	02/10/22
Sickles, Meghan	W. Cross Kindergarten	02/18/22
Singley, Paul	WHS ELA	02/04/22
Woodward, Karen	Rotella Grade 1	12/10/21

d. Retirements:

Barbieri, Nikki – Generali Grade 2, effective 06/30/22.
 Zuraitis, Jeanette – WHS Special Education, 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 6:51 p.m.

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