

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES ~ SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

In an effort to adhere to social distancing guidelines, this 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 96, Frontier 6096), streamed live at <https://youtu.be/Ju814Sb8mZA>, and available via teleconference by calling 1-203-590-9756. .

PRESENT: Commissioners Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, Nardozzi, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, Sweeney, Stango, and Van Stone.

ABSENT: President Pagano.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Verna D. Ruffin, Chief Financial Officer Doreen Biolo, Chief Turnaround Officer Matt Brown, Assistant Superintendent Jade Gopie, Assistant Superintendent Juan Mendoza, Director of Pupil Services Miguel Pabon, Chief Academic Officer Darren Schwartz, and Attorney Tara Shaw.

1. SILENT PRAYER

Vice President Harvey called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silence.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Vice President Harvey led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. ROLL CALL

CLERK: Commissioner Brown.

BROWN: Here.

CLERK: Vice President Harvey.

HARVEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Hernandez.

HERNANDEZ: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Nardozzi.

NARDOZZI: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Orso.

ORSO: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Serrano-Adorno.

SERRANO-ADORNO: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Stango.

STANGO: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Sweeney.

SWEENEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Van Stone.

T. VAN STONE: Present.

CLERK: President Pagano (absent).

4. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

4.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Brown and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted unanimously, by roll call vote, to approve the appointment of Dr. Kweku Sam as School Medical Advisor per Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-205.

4.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Brown and duly seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, it was voted unanimously to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Dr. Kweku Sam to perform School Medical Advisor services as required by Connecticut General Statutes.

4.3 Upon a motion by Commissioner Brown and duly seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, it was voted unanimously, by roll call vote, to adopt the findings of fact of the impartial hearing officer and the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to non-renew the teaching contract of Suzanne Hoy for the 2021-2022 school year.

5. COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL PERSONNEL

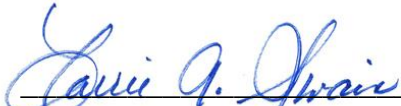
5.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Stango and duly seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, it was voted unanimously, by roll call vote, to approve the lateral transfer request of Michelle Eckler from Reading/English/Language Arts Supervisor 6 – 12 to Supervisor of Technology for Teaching and Learning, effective immediately, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

6. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

6.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, it was voted unanimously to approve an Agreement with Connecticut Education Network, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office, for installation of dark fiber, lease and internet access.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hernandez and duly seconded by Commissioner Brown, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education