

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Workshop/Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the September 16, 2021 Board Meeting)

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, September 2, 2021, 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://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ju814Sb8mZA> 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: Commissioners Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, Nardozi, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, Stango, Sweeney, and Van Stone.

ABSENT: President Pagano.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Verna D. Ruffin, Chief Financial Officer Doreen Biolo, Chief Turnaround Officer Matthew Brown, Assistant Superintendent Noreen Buckley, Assistant Superintendent Jade Gopie, Assistant Superintendent Juan Mendoza, Director of Pupil Services Miguel Pabón, Chief Academic Officer Darren Schwartz, Attorney Tara Shaw, and Director of Communications Sujata Wycoff.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: None.

Reports were submitted to the various committees of the Board and discussed, as per the following agenda, no votes were taken:

AGENDA

SILENT PRAYER

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC SPEAKING (see above)

There were no public speakers.

1. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes ~ Appointment of Dr. Kweku Sam as School Medical Advisor per Connecticut General Statutes 10-205 – T. Shaw.
2. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Dr. Kweku Sam to provide School Medical Advisor services – T. Shaw.
3. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~Request of Joseph Parisi, Wilby Alumni Association, to name Wilby High School Tennis Courts.
4. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment One to the Agreement with Connecticut Junior Republic Association, Inc. to provide services for students with disabilities – M. Pabón.
5. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment Two to the Agreement with University of St. Joseph (Gengas Center) to provide education services to students with disabilities – M. Pabón.
6. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment Two to the Agreement with Adelbrook, Inc. to provide education services to students with disabilities – M. Pabón.
7. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~Request approval of a Contract with Connecticut Educational Network to provide fiber lease for internet access – V. Zhuta.
8. Superintendent's Update/30 minutes ~ Dr. Ruffin.
Dr. Ruffin and staff presented a PowerPoint with updates on the following:
 - *Enrollment*
 - *Transportation*
 - *COVID Guidelines and Communication Protocol*
 - *Human Capital*
 - *ESSER funding*
9. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments – W. Zhuta.
10. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests – W. Zhuta.
11. Superintendent's Notification to the Board/5 minutes:
 - a. Before and After School Program appointments funded by Priority School District Grant:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Crane, Evan	Lead teacher	Walsh
Yaffe, Kenneth	Teacher	Walsh
Justs, Patricia	Sub. Teacher	Walsh
Riccio, Timothy	Sub. Teacher	Walsh
Lubus, Nicole	Sub. Teacher	Walsh
Anglin, Seritha	AM/PM Assistant	Walsh
Walker, Bernice	PM Assistant	Walsh
Sullivan, Donna	Teacher-Assistant	Maloney

b. Teacher new hires:

<u>Name</u>		<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>DOH</u>
Lindsay	(Sherwood) Moeller	Special Educ.	Reed	8/23/21
Thomas	Albanese	Elementary	Hopeville	8/23/21
Karyn	Alberstadt	Reading/ELA	NEMS	8/30/21
Allison	Anulewicz	Elementary	Regan	8/23/21
Diane	Arce	Math	W. Cross	8/23/21
Brianna	Barkauskas	School Counselor	W. Cross	8/23/21
Karen	Beitler	Science	WAMS	8/23/21
Katie	Besemer	Elementary	Duggan	8/23/21
Amanda	Bessette	Special Educ.	Chase	8/23/21
Eva Norinne	Betjemann	Library Media	WAMS	8/23/21
Nicole	Bolduc	Elementary	Chase	8/23/21
Connor	Boman	Technical Educ.	WCA	8/23/21
Stephanie	Bosworth	Social Studies	Kennedy	8/23/21
Allyson	Bourassa	Elementary	W. Cross	8/23/21
Vani	Brijendra Singh	Elementary	Duggan	8/23/21
Dorothea	Broughton	Fine Arts	Chase	8/23/21
Ryan	Budd	PE/Health	NEMS	8/23/21
Tyler	Caisse	Perf. Arts (Theater)	WAMS	8/23/21
Hee Jae (Clara)	Choi	Elementary	Hopeville	8/23/21
James	Christopher	Reading/ELA	Crosby	8/23/21
Siobhan	Comeau-Russell	Special Educ.	W. Cross	8/23/21
Aida	Curevac	Special Educ.	Maloney	9/7/21
Jack	Curry	Reading/ELA	WMS	8/23/21
Mimoza	Demollari	Elementary	Kingsbury	8/23/21
Molly	DePaiva	Social Studies	WAMS	8/23/21
Vanessa	Despres	Science	WAMS	8/23/21
Gregory	Doms	Social Studies	NEMS	8/23/21
Nick	Drabik	Performing Arts	Kennedy	8/23/21
Kira	Eleveld	School Counselor	Walsh	8/23/21
Shiren	Elnemr	Elementary	Generali	8/23/21
Kaitlyn	Facile	Early Childhood	Bucks Hill Annex	8/23/21
Natalie	Fagerlund	School Counselor	WSMS	8/23/21
Marny	Fappiano	Elementary	Maloney	8/30/21
Matthew	Gambardella	Performing Arts	W. Cross	8/23/21
Melissa	Geffken	Elementary	WMS	8/23/21

Sherrie	Gemmell	Reading/ELA	NEMS	8/23/21
Hayley	Gilmore	Elementary	Maloney	8/23/21
George	Gomes	Science	WCA	8/23/21
Andrea	Gomez	Computer Techn.	NEMS	8/23/21
Haley	Grabowski	School Counselor	WMS	8/23/21
Rebecca	Hart	Special Educ.	Generali	8/23/21
Gabrielle	Hayes	Reading/ELA	NEMS	8/23/21
Aaron	Heron	Social Studies	Kennedy	8/23/21
Lisa	Hulteen	Special Educ.	Generali	8/23/21
Sarah	Jaeger	Elementary	Driggs	9/7/21
Melissa	Johnson	PE/Health	WAMS	8/23/21
Jillian	Jusino	Math	Wilby	8/23/21
Shelly	Kemp	Technical Educ.	Wilby	8/23/21
Margaret	Kennelly	School Counselor	Sprague	8/23/21
Daria	Krizan	Elementary	Maloney	8/23/21
Maria	Labati	Elementary	International	8/23/21
Nina	LaBrie	Elementary	International	8/23/21
George	LaChance	Numeracy	WMS	8/23/21
Janine	Laurent	Special Educ.	W. Cross	8/23/21
Jennifer	Lenzen	Elementary	Washington	8/23/21
Era	Lloga	Performing Arts	Reed	8/23/21
Allison	Loiselle	Reading/ELA	WSMS	8/23/21
Jessica	Longo	Elementary	Chase	8/30/21
Thomas	Lovell	Science	NEMS	8/23/21
Molly	MacDuff	Reading/ELA	W. Cross	8/23/21
Mary	Machado	Elementary	Rotella	8/23/21
Kassidy	Manness	Reading/ELA	NEMS	8/23/21
Sarah	McCartin	Social Studies	W. Cross	8/23/21
Brian	McCauley	Special Educ.	WCA	8/23/21
Bernadette	Mecca	Elementary	Duggan	8/23/21
Rebecca	Mendela	Elementary	Bunker Hill	8/23/21
Joan	Miller	Special Educ.	Districtwide	8/23/21
Susan	Miller	Central Office	Central Office	8/23/21
Cameron	Neal	Social Studies	Crosby	8/23/21
Karena	Nguyen	School Counselor	Washington	8/23/21
Brooke	Nightingale	Fine Arts	WMS	8/23/21
Andrea	Pannoni	Special Educ.	Carrington	8/23/21
Lauren	Parenteau	Elementary	Maloney	8/23/21
Kyle	Pelletier	Social Studies	Reed	8/23/21
Sabrina	Pierce	Elementary	Rotella	8/30/21
Abigail	Porco	Math	Wilby	8/23/21
Gina	Poulin	Reading/ELA	NEMS	8/23/21
Vareesha	Rahman	School Counselor	Driggs	8/23/21
Christine	Rangel	Special Educ.	Bunker Hill	8/23/21
Kayla	Rinaldi	Elementary	Rotella	8/23/21
Pamela	Rosa	School Counselor	Reed	9/10/21
Tracy	Scarborough	Elementary	Regan	8/23/21
William	Schafer	Elementary	Hopeville	8/23/21

Evelyn	Scott	Special Educ.	Central Office	8/23/21
Sheyenne	Sgambati	School Counselor	Regan	8/23/21
Kayla	Shandra	Science	Wilby	8/23/21
Christian	Shurtleff	Social Studies	Crosby	8/23/21
Aline	Silva	Early Childhood	Bunker Hill	8/23/21
Michelle	Spencer	Early Childhood	Rotella	8/23/21
Michelle	Steuer	Elementary	Chase	8/23/21
Susan	Thierer	Elementary	International	8/23/21
Anastasia	Ugolik	Elementary	Reed	8/23/21
Jennifer	Westerville	School Counselor	Bunker Hill	8/23/21
Lara	White	Administration	Central Office	8/26/21
Yhane	Williams	School Counselor	Wilson	8/23/21
Joanna	Wojteczko	School Counselor	Gilmartin	8/23/21
Michelle	Yiznitsky	PE/Health	WAMS	8/23/21
Michelle	Zeolla	Reading/ELA	CHS	8/23/21

c. Resignation rescission:

Turecek, Rachel – NEMS Art.

d. Resignations:

- Borges, Laura – KHS Chemistry, effective 08/30/21.
- Centeno-Figueroa, Vasti – Maloney/Reed ESL, effective 08/16/21.
- Ciarlo, Ashley – NEMS Grade 6 Math, effective 08/25/21.
- Crimi-Buffa, Tara – Gilmartin Psychologist, effective 08/17/21.
- Cummings, Thomas – WMS SEL Counselor, effective 09/17/21.
- Cusano, Brooke – WMS Special Education, effective 08/20/21.
- Doiron, Nicole – WSMS ELA Grade 6, effective 09/08/21.
- Durante, Janelle – Walsh Grade 5, effective 08/19/21.
- Dzikas, Anastasia – Sprague PreK, effective 08/30/21.
- Finlay, Kelly – Generali Grade 4, effective 08/20/21.
- Hanley, Eileen – Maloney Special Education, effective 08/20/21.
- Kieran, Brian – WHS Technology Education, effective 08/23/21.
- Lerz, Darlene – Chase Grade 1, effective 08/17/21.
- Levasseur, Justine – Washington Special Education, effective 09/13/21.
- Mancini, Jacqueline – Maloney Grade 2, effective 08/20/21.
- Pearson, Jennifer – Rotella Grade 1, effective 08/20/21.
- Pepe, Thomas – CHS Science, effective 08/20/21.
- Protz, Steven – WHS Math, effective 08/23/21.
- Rodrigues, Cindy – Washington Special Education, effective 09/10/21.
- Rosenblum-Shevis, Barbara – WMS Grade 7 Math, effective 08/20/21.
- Ruggiero, Candice – Reed PreK Special Education, effective 08/08/21.
- Samuels, Julia – Enlightenment Social Worker, effective 08/31/21.
- Sheetz, Lucia – Driggs Grade 3, effective 08/25/21.
- Stotler, Natasha – WMS ESL, effective 08/25/21.
- Thompson, Kylene – Enlightenment Art, effective 08/20/21.
- Vogt, Ashley – Enlightenment Social Studies, effective 08/23/21.


White, Nancy – NEMS Special Education, effective 09/10/21.
Zanauskas, Brandon – Sprague Art, effective 08/18/21.

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 6:52 p.m. with no votes taken.

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

Also President: Dr. Ruffin, Attorney Shaw, and Juan Mendoza.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:53 p.m.

ATTEST: 

Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Waterbury Board of Education

This meeting in its entirety may be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8JUdz_g9Xyl&t=2125s