

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Workshop/Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
(For the August 19, 2021 Board Meeting)

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, August 5, 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://youtu.be/8-whdqU0--U> 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 Pagano, Commissioners Harvey, Hernandez, Nardozzi, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, Stango, and Van Stone.

ABSENT: Commissioners Brown and Sweeney.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Verna D. Ruffin, Chief Financial Officer Doreen Biolo, Assistant Superintendent Juan Mendoza, Director of Pupil Services Miguel Pabon, 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:

AGENDA

SILENT PRAYER

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC SPEAKING (see above)

Robert Goodrich (RACCE) of 14 Stanrod Road, Waterbury addressed the Board about ARP ESSER funding and the districts' plan to utilize the funds. He also offered recommendations for the use of the funds.

1. Committee of the Whole/15 minutes ~ Presentation: SLAM Collaborative – W. Zhuta. (Phil Conte, Kristen Furtak, and Kemp Morhardt of SLAM)
2. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~Request approval of a Student Teacher Affiliation Agreement with The University of Hartford for Student Teaching Opportunities – J. Mendoza.
3. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~Request approval of an Affiliation Agreement with the University of Connecticut for their Teacher Education/Residency Program – J. Mendoza.
4. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Contract with West State Mechanical, Inc. for installation of heat pump and air conditioning system at 32 Hillside Avenue – C. Harmon.
5. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of the submission of the Connecticut State Department of Education “Bridge” Funding – Education of Homeless Children & Youth Grant – L. Allen Brown.
6. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Sue Vivian for Consultant Services under the School Readiness Quality Enhancement Grant – M. S. Hincks, D. Schwartz.
7. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Easterseals Rehabilitation of Greater Waterbury to provide consulting services under the School Readiness Quality Enhancement Grant – M. S. Hincks, D. Schwartz.
8. Committee on School Personnel/5 minutes ~ Request approval of job specifications for the new position of Supervisor of Technology for Teaching and Learning – J. Mendoza, D. Schwartz.
9. Committee on Curriculum/10 minutes ~ Request approval of the new high school course African American/Black and Puerto Rican/Latino Courses of Study – D. Schwartz. (Veda Harris)
10. Superintendent’s Update/30 minutes ~ Dr. Ruffin.
 - a) American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Presentation.
11. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments – W. Zhuta.

12. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests – ~~W. Zhuta.~~

13. Superintendent’s Notification to the Board/5 minutes:

a. Various Summer School Program appointments:

Name	Program	Position
Bardhollari, Rudian	ESY	NEMS Resource Room
Burrus, John	High School Summer School	Hall Monitor
Schepis, David	EAS Middle School Summer	Hall Monitor
Crimi Buffa, Tara	ESY	Paraprofessional
Wilson, Marines	ESY	Essential Skills
King, Linell	ESY	Paraprofessional
Turner, Mary	ESY	Paraprofessional

b. Retirements:

Barbieri, Katharine – MMS Special Education, effective 08/03/21.

Harvey, Anne – Hopeville Grade 3, effective 06/16/21.

Lopez, Doreen – WAMS Library Media, effective 07/01/21.

c. Resignations:

Accomando, Taylor – MMS PreK Special Education, effective 07/28/21.

Aviles, Zuheill – Bucks Hill Bilingual Kindergarten, effective 07/15/21.

Avxhiu, Bjanka – Bunker Hill Grade 3, effective 07/23/21.

Brady, Joseph – WAMS Math, effective 07/13/21.

Broggi, Jessica – MMS PreK Special Education, effective 08/02/21.

Burns, Dorothy – Duggan Co-taught Kindergarten, effective 07/30/21.

Cadelina, Carissa – Rotella Kindergarten, effective 07/22/21.

Cieslewski, Sarah – WSMS Special Education, effective 07/29/21.

Devine, Mike – WAMS PE/Health, effective 07/26/21.

Fess, Michael – KHS Social Studies, effective 08/02/21.

Geary, Caitlin – Districtwide SLP, effective 08/03/21.

Kozma, Tarra – WAMS Math, effective 07/29/21.

Negron, Emily – MMS Grade 3, effective 08/02/21.

Newman, Michael – Reed Music, effective 07/25/21.

Noss, Alysha – Wilson PreK, effective 07/29/21.

Parisot, Lindsay – NEMS English Grade 8, effective 07/14/21.

Pasnick, Sarah – State Street Special Education, effective 07/26/21.

Perkins, Melissa – WSMS Guidance Counselor, effective 07/30/21 (date change).

Richard, Taylor – WCA Health Services, effective 08/02/21.

Sawyers, Hillary – WAMS Math, effective 07/14/21.

Velleco, Jake – Bunker Hill Special Education, effective 07/14/21.

Viegas, Stacy – Wilson Art, effective 07/28/21.


Xavier, Carlos (First Sergeant) – WHS JRROTC, effective 08/29/21.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – the Board convened into executive session at 7:41 p.m. for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and returned at 8:05 p.m. with no votes taken.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Ruffin, Mr. Mendoza, and Attorney Shaw.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:06 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=udd38Yk1148>