

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Workshop/Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the July 15, 2021 Board Meeting)

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, July 1, 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), <https://youtu.be/AHyr4kqSo> 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 Brown, Harvey, Nardozzi, Orso, Stango, Sweeney, and Van Stone.

ABSENT: Commissioners Hernandez and Serrano-Adorno.

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

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)

There were no public speakers.

1. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes ~ Request approval of the revised 2021-2022 school year calendar and new calendars for school years 2022-23 and 2023-24 – Dr. Ruffin, W. Zhuta.
2. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request approval of an Agreement with Cly-Del Manufacturing Company for Manufacturing Externship/Pre-Apprentice Program for Waterbury Career Academy students – M. Harris, D. Schwartz.
- ~~3. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with State Education Resource Center (SERC) for Alternative Schools Pilot Program. *Removed.*~~
4. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of an Agreement with Dumouchel Paper Company of Connecticut, Inc. to provide green cleaning products – C. Harmon.
5. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval to apply for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants for the following (**consensus needed**): - L. Allen Brown, N. Buckley, D. Schwartz.
 - a) Walsh & Driggs Schools (grades 3 – 5)
 - b) Chase School (grades 3 – 5) and Bucks Hill School (grades 1-3 tentatively)
 - c) Wallace Middle School (grades 6 – 8)
6. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Empirical Resolution, Inc. (a/k/a Quill.org) for Online Grammar and Writing Program – M. Eckler, D. Schwartz.
7. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with PowerSchool Group, LLC for an online grading and data management system for secondary schools (grades 6-12) – M. Eckler, D. Schwartz.
8. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Teaching Strategies, LLC for Early Childhood Pre-school Curriculum – ~~M. Bergin~~, D. Schwartz.
9. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Cormier Consulting, LLC for Teacher and Administrator Professional Development – M. Brown.
10. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of an Agreement with AAA Nursing Services, LLC for nursing services – M. Pabon, E. Skoronski.

11. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Pediatric Services of America d/b/a Aveanna Healthcare for nursing services – M. Pabon, E. Skoronski.
12. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Connecticut Community Colleges College Facility Request/Reservation Agreement – M. Pabon, E. Skoronski.
13. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of an Agreement with Greater Waterbury Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA) for Summer Day Camp Program at Camp Mataucha (ESSER II funded) – D. Biolo, D. Schwartz.
14. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of an Agreement with Boys and Girls Club of Greater Waterbury, Inc for Summer Day Camp Program (ESSER II funded) – D. Biolo, D. Schwartz.
15. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Catapult Learning, LLC to provide Waterbury Non-Public Schools (Title I) Tutoring Services – D. Biolo.
- ~~16. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a transfer in the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year budget – D. Biolo. Will be provided at meeting on July 15.~~
17. Superintendent’s Update ~ Dr. Ruffin.
18. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments – W. Zhuta.
19. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests – W. Zhuta
20. Superintendent’s Notification to the Board/5 minutes:
 - a. Athletic appointments:
Piccolo, Carla – Assistant Volleyball Coach, WHS, effective 08/23/21.
Dipietro, Aline – Assistant Swimming Coach, WSMS, effective 11/01/21.
 - b. Summer Elementary Reading & Language Arts Curriculum Committee appointments:

Chiucarello, Lindsay	Fengler, Kelly	Johnson, Koral
Kirchberger, Alison	Marques, Lauren	Meaney, Susan
Mulhern, Jacqueline	Rhinesmith, Wendy	Rock, Stefanie
Rodrigues, Nicole	Steffero, Melissa	
 - c. Waterbury Math & Science Fellowship Committee appointments:

Della Calce, Anthony	Kumar, Usha	LaBarba, Louis
Munoz, Angela	Pedalino, Rachel	Pelosi, Emily
Purnawasi, Muniram	Seltzer, Mark	Stowe, Eileen
Trumbley, Lori Ann	Vostinak, Julie	Wainwright-Staton, Karen

d. Crosby High School Early College High School (ECHS) Summer Science and English appointments:

Angela Munoz – Science Nicholas Stefanie – Reading/English LA

e. EAS High School, EAS Middle School, and EAS Elementary School Teacher & Support Staff appointments and corrections:

Moriarty, Shea – EAS District Coordinator, Duggan (replacing Kelly Pinho).

EAS High School Additional Hires:

Last Name	First Name	Assigned School	Proposed EAS HS Position
Demirs	Matthew	WAMS	Substitute Teacher
Ortiz	Alyson	WAMS	Science Teacher
Reyes	Maximina	WAMS	HS Secretary
Sawyers	Hillary	WAMS	Math Teacher
Stokes	Blair	WAMS	Science Teacher
Robalino	Alexandra	WAMS	Spanish

EAS Middle School Additional Hires:

Last Name	First Name	Assigned School	Proposed EAS MS Position
Brown	Cara	NEMS	Math Teacher
Jackson	Margaret	NEMS	Interdisciplinary
Teulings	Catherine	NEMS	Interdisciplinary
Kalach	Kevin	WSMS	ELA (replacing Lena Pratt)

EAS Elementary School Additional Hires:

Last Name	First Name	Assigned School	Proposed EAS Elem. Position
Atkinson	Jennifer	Carrington	Elem. Secretary
Bayouth	Betzaida	Reed/Carrington	ESL
Johnson	Dominque	Duggan	Elem. Secretary
Judkins	Jennifer	Duggan	Gr 1
Melendez	Doreen	Reed	Elem. Secretary

EAS Elementary School Corrections:

Last Name	First Name	Assigned School	Proposed EAS Elem. Position
Davino	Melissa	Duggan	Gr K
DeSanto	Christine	Duggan	Gr 3
Robinson	Debra	Gilmartin	Gr 2
Wells	Kelley	Duggan	Gr 3

f. ESY Teacher and Support Staff appointments and corrections:

ESY Corrections:

Last Name	First Name	Current Position	Proposed ESY Position
Bleau	Lisa	Special Educ. Teacher	Wilby BDLC
DeFeo	Dawn	Special Educ. Teacher	Carrington/ Reed ESC
Grendzinski	Katie	Special Educ. Teacher	Carrington/Rotella/ Maloney/Gilmartin Inclusion
Hartley	Jessica	Special Educ. Teacher	NEMS Resource Room
Leclerc Rodriguez	Tracy	Special Educ. Teacher	NEMS/Wilby ESC
Miller	Alexandra	Special Educ. Teacher	Bucks Hill Pre K
Osterhout	Alexa	Special Educ. Teacher	Reed Inclusion

ESY Additional Hires:

Last Name	First Name	Current Position	Proposed ESY Position
Bessette	Amanda	Para Substitute Teacher	Duggan Inclusion
Cassidy	Lauren	Special Educ. Teacher	NEMS ABA
Delano	Teresa	Special Educ. Teacher	Wilby CBT
Langdon-Watton	Sheila	Interpreter/Assessor	Maloney Sign Lang. Interpreter
Stevens	Christina	Interpreter/Assessor	Maloney Sign Lang. Interpreter

ESY Non-Certified Hires:

Alvarez	Isory	Paraprofessional	
Correa	Marlene	Paraprofessional	
Samaha	Mary	Paraprofessional	

g. Voluntary Teacher Transfers effective 2021/22 school year:

Cruz	Maria	Hopeville Bilingual Gr 1	International Dual Language School Gr 1 Spanish
Garcia	Nilsa	Hopeville Bilingual Gr K	International Dual Language School Gr K Spanish
Rizzo	Lisa	Bucks Hill Reading Teacher	Wendell Literacy Facilitator
Sullivan	Mariannina	Washington Title I Literacy	Regan Literacy Facilitator
Martinez	Kristina	Sprague Gr 1	Bucks Hill Title I Literacy

h. Retirements:

Deer, Patricia – School Counselor, CHS, effective 06/30/21 (correction).
 Hudobenko, Filomena – Vice Principal, Bucks Hill, effective 08/31/21.
 Byron, Louise – PreK, Bunker Hill, effective 06/16/21.

i. Resignations:

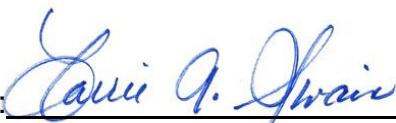
Milo, Maria – Elementary Vice Principal, Chase, effective 06/15/21.
 Zeskand, Vanessa – Literacy Title I, CHS, effective 06/16/21.

Galvin, Dina – Art, Chase, effective 06/16/21.
Paolino, Ellen – Elementary Principal, Walsh, effective 07/23/21.
Morse, Joseph – Math, WCA, effective 07/08/21.
DellaVolpe, Erica – WAMS, PE/Health, effective 07/01/21.
Moore, Megan – WAMS, PE/Health, effective 06/24/21.
Toussaint, Danielle – SMS, Grade 5, effective 07/29/21.
Pinho, Kelly – Vice Principal, Driggs, effective 07/09/21.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – the Board convened into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and returned at 6:55 p.m. with no votes taken.

Present: President Pagano, Commissioners Brown, Harvey, Nardoizzi, Orso, Stango, Sweeney, and Van Stone. Also present were Dr. Ruffin, Juan Mendoza, and Attorney Shaw.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:56 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=Tgm2mdDrk8Y&t=646s>