

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES ~ SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 8:00 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 [streamed live at https://youtu.be/758vvaVS8](https://youtu.be/758vvaVS8) or listened to via teleconference by calling 1-701-802-5303 with access code 7755337.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Verna D. Ruffin, Chief Financial Officer Doreen Biolo, Assistant Superintendent Noreen Buckley, Assistant Superintendent Janice Epperson, Interim Director of Personnel Juan Mendoza, Chief Academic Officer Darren Schwartz, Attorney Tara Shaw, and Director of Communications Sujata Wycoff.

1. SILENT PRAYER

President Pagano called the special meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. with a moment of silence.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Brown 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.

PAGANO: Here.

4. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- 4.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, it was voted unanimously to approve the Waterbury Board of Education approve the new Waterbury Public School's District Logo.



5. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

- 5.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Brown, it was voted unanimously to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Connecticut, NEAG School of Education, for a four-year period, for collaboration and facilitation of the Waterbury Teacher Fellowship.
- 5.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Brown, it was voted unanimously to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Integrated Technical Systems, Inc., for Notifier Fire Alarm Systems at Bucks Hill, Bunker Hill, Driggs, Generali, Tinker, and Washington Schools.
- 5.3 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to approve a Contract with M. J. Fahy & Sons Incorporated for Horizontal Hung Steam Coil Blower Air Handler Replacement at Sprague School.
- 5.4 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to approve a Contract with Atlantic Sport Wood Floors, Inc. for replacement of gymnasium floor systems at Kingsbury and Walsh Schools.
- 5.5 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to approve a Construction Contract with Creative Recreation, LLC, for Playground

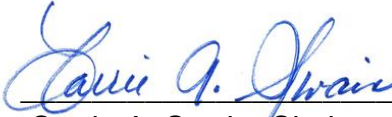
Improvement/Playground Equipment and Installation at Kingsbury and Bucks Hill Schools.

6. COMMITTEE ON POLICY & LEGISLATION

- 6.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to approve the suspension of Board Policy 5113 – Attendance Requirements for Course Credit or Promotion, for the 2020/2021 school year.
- 6.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to approve the suspension of Board Policy 5123 – Waiver Policy for Student Retention, for the 2020/2021 school year.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Brown, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education

This meeting in its entirety may be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=758v_vaVS8