

## **WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### *MINUTES ~ SPECIAL MEETING*

Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 7:15 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/ssXgJ3w5D4k> or listened to via teleconference by calling 1-701-802-5303 with access code 7755337.*

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

**ABSENT:** President Pagano and Commissioner Van Stone.

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

### **1. SILENT PRAYER**

Vice President Harvey called the meeting to order at 8:12 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 (absent). President Pagano (absent).

#### **4. COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

- 4.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Stango and duly seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, it was voted unanimously, by roll call vote, to approve the appointment of Diurca L. Tomasella as Principal, Reed School effective immediately.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Commissioners Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, Nardozzi, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, Stango, and Sweeney – 8

#### **5. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

- 5.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Brown and duly seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, it was voted unanimously, by roll call vote, to approve the request of the Superintendent of Schools to utilize the district's building located at 116 Beecher Avenue as the site for the International School with a focus on dual language.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Commissioners Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, Nardozzi, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, Stango, and Sweeney – 8

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Stango, it was voted unanimously to convene into executive session at 8:28 p.m. for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

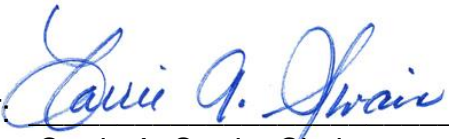
PRESENT: Commissioners Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, Nardozzi, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, Stango, and Sweeney

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Ruffin, Tara Shaw, and Juan Mendoza

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Orso, it was voted unanimously to return to the regular order of business at 9:10 p.m. with no votes taken.

***ADJOURNMENT***

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Brown and duly seconded by Commissioner Stango, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.**

ATTEST:   
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Carrie A. Swain, Clerk  
*Board of Education*

This meeting in its entirety may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mPZDO8k8ziQ>