

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Workshop/Committee Meeting Minutes

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

(For the April 15, 2021 Board Meeting)

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, April 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), streamed live at <https://youtu.be/ssXqJ3w5D4k> or listened to via teleconference by calling 1-701-802-5303 with access code 7755337.

The public was offered the opportunity to address the Board during the public portion of the meeting by calling 1-701-802-5303 with access code 7755337 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, Nardozzi, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, Stango, Sweeney, and Van Stone.

ABSENT: President Pagano.

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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Fatima Aly and Ashley Gallego-Calle of Waterbury Career Academy.

Reports were submitted to the various committees of the Board and discussed, as per the following agenda:

AGENDA

SILENT PRAYER

A moment of silence of observed in honor of Robert Henry, former Deputy Superintendent, who passed away on March 27, 2021.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC SPEAKING (see above)

There were no public speakers.

1. Committee of the Whole/15 minutes ~ Waterbury Promise – Mayor O’Leary, Dr. Ruffin.
2. Superintendent’s Update ~ Dr. Ruffin.
 - a) International School/Dual Language School Program and recommendation of site for the same. (*D. Schwartz, A. Jorge Ferguson*)
 - b) Update: Reimagining Education Think Tank – Dr. Ruffin, et al.
 - c) Update: Strategic Plan – Dr. Ruffin.
3. Committee on Finance/2 minutes ~ Request approval to participate in the Healthy Food Certification Program per CGS 10-215f – L. Franzese.
4. Committee on Finance/2 minutes ~ Request approval of the food and beverage exemption statement for the Healthy Food Certification relative to CGS 10-221q – L. Franzese.
5. Committee on Finance/2 minutes ~ Request approval to apply for the FY 2021-22 School Readiness Continuation Funding Grant Application – D. Schwartz.
6. Committee on Finance/2 minutes ~ Request approval to apply for Connecticut State Department of Education State Funded Afterschool Grant Program – L. Allen Brown, D. Schwartz.
7. Committee on Finance/2 minutes ~ Request approval to apply for the Individual with Disabilities Act (IDEA) 2022 Grant – D. Schwartz, E. Skoronski.
8. Committee on Finance/3 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Milestone C, LLC to provide Aerospace, Engineering and Computer Science Curriculum. – M. Merati.
9. Committee on Finance ~ FYI: Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2021.
10. Committee on Finance/3 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement Integrated Technical Systems, Inc. for Notifier Fire Alarm Systems at various schools – W. Clark, C. Harmon.
11. Committee on Policy & Legislation/10 minutes ~ Review of revised and recommended polices from the January 28, 2021 Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting (previously discussed at February 4, 2021 Workshop) - Commissioner Sweeney, Attorney Shaw.
 - a) 9010 – Bylaws (revised)

- b) 9012 – Powers, Purposes, and Duties
 - c) 9222 – Resignation/Censure
 - d) 9270 – Conflict of Interest/Code of Ethics
 - e) 9314 – Suspension of Polices
 - f) 9325 – Quorum/Parliamentary Procedure/Rules of Order
 - g) 9327 – Electronic Mail Communications
 - h) Appendix A – Board of Education Member Handbook
12. Committee on Policy & Legislation/10 minutes ~ Discussion – revised and proposed policies from the February 25, 2021 Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting - Commissioner Sweeney, Attorney Shaw.
- a) Suggested revisions to Policy 9010/ Bylaws of the Board (from Policy & Legislation Committee meeting of 2/25/21).
 - b) Draft 2 of proposed new policy 9012/Powers, Purposes, and Duties (from Policy & Legislation Committee meeting of 2/25/21).
 - c) Draft 2 of proposed Appendix A/Board of Education Member Handbook (from Policy & Legislation Committee meeting of 2/25/11).
13. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments – W. Clark.
14. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests – W. Clark.
15. Superintendent’s Notification to the Board/5 minutes:
- a. Athletic appointments:
Johnson, Tennyson – CHS Boys Tennis Coach, eff. 03/27/21.
Morhous, Jennifer – CHS Girls Tennis Coach, eff. 03/27/21
Paradis, Sara – WCA Spring Strength & Conditioning Coach, eff. 03/27/21.
Poulter, Craig – KHS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, eff. 03/15/21.
Sylvester, David – WCA Assistant Baseball Coach, eff. 03/27/21.
Wiener, Matthew – KHS Girls Tennis Coach, eff. 03/27/21.
 - b. Waterbury Career Academy STEM After-school Program appointments:

<i>Administrator:</i>	Jade L. Gopie	Jennifer Franceskino
(alternate)		
<i>Teachers:</i>	Christina Tietz	Ericka Boutote
<i>Administrative Assistant:</i>	Sydney Molina	
 - c. Walsh School’s Before and After School Program appointments:

Crane, Evan – Lead Teacher	Lubus, Nicole – Sub. Teacher
Maldonado, Joanne – Sub Teacher	Andino, Carmen – Paraprofessional
Figueroa, Mariemjelly – Sub. Para.	Gary, Chandra – Sub. Para.
Bardhollari, Rudain – Sub. Para.	

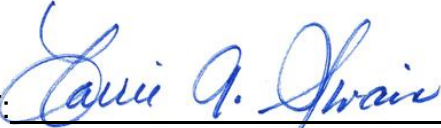
d. Teacher transfers:
Calabrese, Melissa – from Washington Kindergarten to Chase Literacy Facilitator, effective immediately.

e. Teacher new hires:

<i>Name</i>		<i>Position</i>		<i>Effective</i>
Sterner	Matthew	West Side MS	Special Ed	03/25/21
Tragni	Peter	North End MS	SEL Counselor	03/25/21
Spiegel	Felice	Wallace MS	Computer/Business	04/08/21

f. Resignations:
Cook, Nicole – Generali Special Education/Autism, effective 04/16/21.
Mata, Crystal – WMS ELA Grade 6, effective 03/24/21.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:11 p.m.

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

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