

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Workshop/Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the March 18, 2021 Board Meeting)

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, March 4, 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/ljMl84K2s54> 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: 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, Chief Operating Office William Clark, Assistant Superintendent Janice Epperson, Chief Academic Officer Darren Schwartz, Attorney Tara Shaw, and Director of Communications Sujata Wycoff.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Mateo Macias and Liani Diaz of Waterbury Career Academy.

Meeting began at 5:30 p.m. 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 of 14 Stanrod Avenue, Waterbury, addressed the Board regarding policing in schools, a one question survey, and about tracking of people speaking at the last public meeting.

Carol Meglio of 145 Devonwood Drive, Waterbury, thanked the Board for getting students back in school full time, expressed concern with taking resource officers out of schools, and the importance of graduation and recognizing our seniors.

1. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes ~ Waterbury Voices – Co-chairs Dr. Ruffin and Chief Spagnolo.
2. Committee on Building & School Facilities/10 minutes ~ Update: 116 Beecher Avenue Property – W. Clark. *Mr. Clark presented a PowerPoint with data on the building and district area. Dr. Ruffin asked the Board to consider this building being the International School.*
3. Superintendent's Update ~ Dr. Ruffin.
 - a) International School/Dual Language Program
 - b) Magnet Schools expansion
 - c) Full Day of School
4. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes: ~ School Reports – N. Buckley, J. Epperson. *A PowerPoint was presented.*
5. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Student Teacher Practicum Affiliation Agreement with Alternate Route to Teacher Certification (ARC) for Alternate Route to Certification Student Practicum Placement Program – J. Mendoza.
6. Committee on Finance/3 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Family and Children's Aid, Inc. to provide consulting services under the School Readiness Quality Enhancement Grant – D. Schwartz.
7. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of an Agreement with Waterford Country School, Inc. to provide special education services to students – D. Schwartz.
8. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Student Intern Affiliation Agreement with Southern Connecticut State University for Social Work Student Internships – D. Schwartz.
9. Committee on Finance/3 minutes ~ Request approval to apply for the CSDE Career and Technical Education Secondary Special Populations Recruitment and Retention Grant – L. Allen Brown, M. Merati, D. Schwartz.
10. Committee on Finance/3 minutes ~ Request approval to apply for the CSDE Promoting Financial Literacy in Middle School Statewide Grant 2021 – L. Allen Brown, M. Merati, D. Schwartz.
11. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Construction Contract with SK Mechanical, LLC for the Walsh School Boiler Replacement Project – W. Clark.

12. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment #1 to the Agreement with Stanley Convergent Security Solutions, Inc.– W. Clark.
13. Committee on Finance ~ FYI - January Monthly Expenditure Report – D. Biolo.
14. Committee on Policy & Legislation/5 minutes ~ Position statement regarding ECS funding/formula – Commissioner Sweeney.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Stango, with Commissioners Harvey and Van Stone voting “no”, it was voted to send the draft letter to the appropriations committee on March 9.

15. Committee on Policy & Legislation/5 minutes ~ Request approval of revised Policy 4000.1 – Title IX (staff) – Attorney Shaw.
16. Committee on Policy & Legislation/5 minutes ~ Request approval of new Policy 5145.44 – Title IX (students) – Attorney Shaw.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Stango, it was voted unanimously to postpone item 17 until the April 1 workshop.

- ~~17. Committee on Policy & Legislation/10 minutes ~ Discussion ~ revised and proposed policies: ~ 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).~~~~

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

a. 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	

b. Commissioner’s Network/SIG Appointments:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
Shortt, Katia	WMS	Science Instructional Tutor/SIG
Torres, Lianne	WMS	Math Instructional Tutor/SIG
Pelosi, Emily	WMS	After-school Math Teacher/Comm. Network
Meringer, Cynthia	WMS	After-school Math Teacher/Comm. Network
Banks, Melissa	WMS	Social Studies Tutor/SIG
Greene, David	WMS	ELA Instructional Tutor/SIG

c. Extended School Hours (ESH) appointments:

SCHOOL	LAST NAME	FIRST	ASSIGNMENT
Bunker Hill	Brayton	Katie	Teacher
	Santulli	Nicole	Paraprofessional
	Gannon	Danielle	Substitute Teacher
	Jones	Imani	Sub. Admin./or Sub. Teacher
	Mastrianna	Catherine	Substitute Teacher
	Sagendorf	Janet	Administrator
Tinker	Wehry	Nina	Secretary
	Ciarlo	Marion	Substitute Teacher
Duggan	Peters	Courtney	Substitute Teacher

d. Resignations:

Alberstadt, Karyn – CHS ELA, effective 02/25/21,
Carroll, Amy – Reed Special Education, effective 03/17/21.

e. Retirements:

Quattrociocchi, Domenic – WAMS Social Studies, effective 06/30/21.
Rek, Lori – WMS ELA, effective 06/30/21.
Tasimi, Donika – Generali ESL, effective 08/31/21.
Van Amburg, Sandra – Kingsbury Art, effective 03/31/21.
Warhola, Gayle – WSMS Special Education, effective 03/22/21 (date correction).
Williams, Richard – WMS Math, effective 06/30/21.

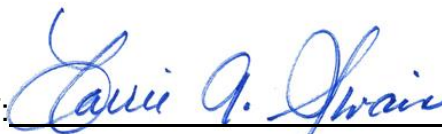
EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Board went into executive session at 9:01 p.m. for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and returned at 9:35 p.m. with no votes taken.

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

Also Present: Dr. Ruffin, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Mendoza.

ADJOURNMENT at 9:35 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Waterbury Board of Education