

# **WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

*Workshop/Committee Meeting Minutes*  
Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.  
(For the January 21, 2021 Board Meeting)

## **WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. In an effort to adhere to social distancing guidelines, this meeting will be 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/1DTJUJ2oc5k> 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 Officer William Clark, Assistant Superintendent Janice Epperson, Interim Director of Personnel Juan Mendoza, Chief Academic Officer Darren Schwartz, and Attorney Tara Shaw.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:** Reis Muccino/Kennedy High School.

Reports were submitted to the various committees of the Board and discussed, as per the following agenda, no votes were taken:

## **AGENDA**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**PUBLIC SPEAKING** (see above)

*There were no public speakers.*

1. Committee on School Personnel/15 minutes ~ Revised job descriptions for the following positions: - Dr. Ruffin, J. Mendoza, SEL Committee (Noreen Buckley, Jackie Davis, Lori Eldridge, Janice Epperson, Erika Lanza, Linda Leyhow, Jessica Ocasio, Wendy Owen, Ellen Paolino, Melina Rodriguez, Nyree Toucet)

- a) Elementary School Counselor
  - b) Middle School Counselor
  - c) High School Counselor
  - d) School Psychologist
  - e) Social Worker
2. Committee on Finance/15 minutes ~ Grants Status Report (to be distributed)  
– D. Biolo, ~~L. Riddick-Barron~~. *Commissioner Van Stone requested a more detailed report to show where the money is going, a recap.*
3. Committee on Finances ~ FYI - November Monthly Expenditure Report –  
D. Biolo. *Commissioner Orso questioned transportation status.*

**ADDED:**

- 3a. Committee on Finance: Agreement with Crown Castle Fiber for wide area fiber network – W. Zhuta. *For services at the Beecher Avenue property.*
- 3b. Committee of the Whole: - Memorandum of Agreement with Waterbury Police Department regarding School Resource Officers as required by CGS Section 10-233m – Dr. Ruffin, J. Davis, T. Shaw. *Commissioner Harvey requested a conversation be held on SROs in the schools.*
4. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments – W. Clark.
5. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests – W. Clark.
6. Superintendent's Update ~ Dr. Ruffin.
7. Superintendent's Notification to the Board/5 minutes
- a. Athletic appointments:  
Cornacchio, Mark – CHS Assistant Football, effective 01/19/21.

b. Grant funded positions:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>		<u>Rate p/hour</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Alfredson, Sarah	Parent Liaison/Generali	FT	\$15.12	NonBOE	01/11/21
Anderson, Noel	Computer Tech Children's Comm. School	PT	\$12.00	NonBOE	01/21/21
Ganesh, Rani	Secretary 2 – Bil. Dept.	FT	\$16.18	SEIU3	01/14/21
McKenley, Claudia	Tutor Children's Comm. School	PT	\$25.00	NonBOE	01/11/21
Walker, Jessica	Tutor Children's Comm. School	PT	\$33.00	NonBOE	01/21/21

c. New teacher hires:

<b>LAST NAME</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>	<b>DOH</b>
Jacobs	Tashida	KHS	Guidance Counselor	01/07/21

Rose	Valerie	Generali	Kindergarten	01/04/21
Wojtunik	Katilynn	Regan	Grade 1	01/07/21

d. Teacher transfers:

Gutierrez, Jon – from WMS Computer Education to WMS, WSMS, & NEMS Split Position - Instructional Technology Coach, effective 01/04/21.

e. Teacher transfers effective 2021/22 School Year:

<u>LAST</u>	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>FROM:</u> <u>Previous School Location</u>	<u>TO:</u> <u>New School Location</u>
D'Agostino	Jamie	Chase Gr 4	Chase Gr 3
DiFronzo	Cathy	CHS ELA HS	WCA ELA HS
Enquist	Bjorn	WMS Art	KHS Art
Heidgerd	Rohn	WCA Special Ed MS	NEMS Tech Ed- Woodshop/Information Tech
Fitzgerald	Molly	Kingsbury Gr 3	Kingsbury Gr 3
Irizarry	Angelina	Kingsbury Gr 5	Kingsbury Gr 5
Kollchaku	Nikoleta	CHS Math HS	WCA Math HS
Palladino	Mark	WSMS Math MS Gr 7	WSMS Math MS Gr 8
Perusse	Joseph	WHS Special Ed	WHS Tech Ed - Drafting, AutoCAD, Architecture
Sejdaras	Benjola	WCA Science HS	WCA Guidance Counselor
Simoes	Odet	Generali Gr K	Generali/Rotella ESL
Toma	Brenda	Carrington ELA Gr 6	WSMS Math MS Gr 6
Wainwright-Staton	Karen	CHS Math HS	WCA Math HS
Wiener	Matthew	Enlightenment ELA HS	KHS ELA HS

f. Teacher transfers effective 2021/22 School Year:

<u>LAST</u>	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>FROM: Previous School</u> <u>Location/Temp.</u>	<u>TO: New School</u> <u>Location/Perm.</u>
Accettura	Kailyn	WMS Science Gr 6	WMS Science Gr 6
Acosta	Elisia	Tinker Gr 5	Tinker Gr 5
Aguirre-Galan	Ashley	CHS Special Ed HS	CHS Special Ed HS
Andreycak	Ashley	Sprague Gr 3	Sprague Gr 3
Azab	Jaime	Walsh Gr 5	Walsh Gr 5
Baechler	Stefanie	Regan/Washington Art	Regan/Washington Art
Bleau	Lisa	State Street Special Ed - Resource Gr 4-5	State Street Special Ed - Resource Gr 4-5
Boland	Haley	W. Cross Gr 3	W. Cross Gr 3
Boland	Cathleen	WSMS Science Gr 6	WSMS Science Gr 6
Calcavecchio	Ellen	Driggs Special Ed - Resource	Driggs Special Ed - Resource
Casas	Effren	WHS ROTC - Marines	WHS ROTC - Marines
Chavarry Ysla	Jose	WHS Bilingual Science HS	WHS Bilingual Science HS
Cipriano	Jennifer	KHS ELA HS	KHS ELA HS
Craft	Rochelle	Rotella Gr 2	Rotella Gr 2
Cuadrado	Andrea	WHS ELA HS	WHS ELA HS
Culver	Sarah	W. Cross/Annex Art	W. Cross/Annex Art
Cusano	Brooke	WMS Special Ed	WMS Special Ed
Davis	Chad	WHS Special Ed - BDLC	WHS Special Ed - BDLC
Della Volpe	Erica	WAMS PE/Health	WAMS PE/Health
Dickinson	Rebecca	WMS ELA Gr 7	WMS ELA Gr 7
DiNicola	Deborah	Hopeville Gr 1	Hopeville Gr 1
Donato	Chelsey	WHS Math HS	WHS Math HS
Durkin	Lynda	Kingsbury/Tinker ESL	Kingsbury/Tinker ESL
Erdmann	Michael	WHS Special Ed	WHS Special Ed
Ey	Lauren	Duggan Special Ed –	Duggan Special Ed –

		Gr K Co-Taught Sped	Gr K Co-Taught Sped
Fess	Michael	KHS Social Studies	KHS Social Studies
Fox	Rachel	WHS ELA HS	WHS ELA HS
Galanos	Eleni	Reed Library Media	Reed Library Media
Garcia	Ryan	NEMS Social Studies Gr 7	NEMS Social Studies Gr 7
Giddings	Jennifer	Driggs/Chase Art	Driggs/Chase Art
Girolamo	Jamie	WAMS Visual Arts	WAMS Visual Arts
Grosso	Nicolas	Enlightenment PE Health	Enlightenment PE Health
Hernandez	Isabella	Carrington Art Gr K-8	Carrington Art Gr K-8
Hofler	Gregory	WAMS Dance Gr 6-12	WAMS Dance Gr 6-12
Hull	Deborah	WHS Psychologist	WHS Psychologist
Jaksina	Denis	WCA Tech - Ed Manufacturing	WCA Tech - Ed Manufacturing
Jamilkowski	Jaclyn	WHS Special Ed - Resource/Inclusion	WHS Special Ed - Resource/Inclusion
Jando	Christina	Carrington PE/Health	Carrington PE/Health
Kiernan	Brian	WHS Tech Ed - Drafting, AutoCAD, Architecture	WHS Tech Ed - Drafting, AutoCAD, Architecture
Lavernoch	Julia	Bunker Hill Music	Bunker Hill Music
Marquis	Hailey	Driggs Gr 3	Driggs Gr 3
Maunsell	Michael	Duggan Math MS Gr 7 & 8	Duggan Math MS Gr 7 & 8
Meringer	Cynthia	WMS Math Gr 8	WMS Math Gr 8
Miller	Alexandra	Bucks Hill Annex Pre-K Sped	Bucks Hill Annex Pre-K Sped
Miller	Justin	WHS PE/Health	WHS PE/Health
Minton	Anna	Academic Academy ELA/Social Studies Gr 5-6	Academic Academy ELA/Social Studies Gr 5-6
Moore	Megan	WAMS PE/Health	WAMS PE/Health
Morrow	Olivia	WHS Music	WHS Music
Mustafaraj	Megi	Wilson Gr 2	Wilson Gr 2
Nazario	Katherine	Bucks Hill Gr 5	Bucks Hill Gr 5
Newman	Michael	Reed Music	Reed Music
Nido	Savannah	Chase Gr 2	Chase Gr 2
Nisbet	Grace	WMS Special Ed	WMS Special Ed
Nocera	Lauren	State Street Special Ed Gr 2-3	State Street Special Ed Gr 2-3
Nott	Timothy	Wilson Special Ed - BDLC	Wilson Special Ed - BDLC
Oliver	Audra	WHS Special Ed - BDLC	WHS Special Ed - BDLC
Paglia	Marissa	Tinker Gr K	Tinker Gr K
Patnaude	Nicholaus	WSMS ELA Gr 7	WSMS ELA Gr 7
Peters	Courtney	Duggan ELA Gr 7	Duggan ELA Gr 7
Petta	Mikaela	Rotella Gr 4	Rotella Gr 4
Piccolo	Carla	WHS Special Ed - ABA/Autism	WHS Spec. Ed - ABA/Autism
Piselli	Damon	WCA Social Studies	WCA Social Studies
Quinn	James	Carrington/Gilmartin Tech Ed - Woodshop	Carrington/Gilmartin Tech Ed - Woodshop
Quispe	Magda	OEC Pre-K Sped	OEC Pre-K Sped
Rangel Garcia	Alicia	Chase Bilingual Gr K	Chase Bilingual Gr K
Reddinger	Megan	Sprague Gr K	Sprague Gr K
Reeves	Kenneth	Bunker Hill Special Ed Elem - BDLC	Bunker Hill Special Ed Elem - BDLC
Ring	Katherine	WSMS Special Ed	WSMS Special Ed
Rivera	Ana	Bucks Hill Annex Pre-K Sped	Bucks Hill Annex Pre-K Sped
Rivera	Mirta	Bucks Hill Bilingual Gr 1	Bucks Hill Bilingual Gr 1
Rosa	Christine	Sprague Library Media	Sprague Library Media
Rosenblum-Shevis	Barbara	WMS Math Gr 7	WMS Math Gr 7
Russo	Christopher	Carrington Gr 4	Carrington Gr 4
Salinas	Reginald	WSMS Music - Instrumental	WSMS Music - Instrumental
Samaroo	David	CHS PE/Health	CHS PE/Health
Santiago	Meagan	Tinker Gr 3	Tinker Gr 3
Santos	Rosalina	WMS PE/Health	WMS PE/Health


Schultz	Olivia	Carrington Gr 5	Carrington Gr 5
Scurso	Steven	WHS Math HS	WHS Math HS
Shortt	Katia	Academic Academy Science Gr 6-8	Academic Academy Science Gr 6-8
Sileo-Pettway	Renee	Enlightenment/State Street Guidance Counselor	Enlightenment/State Street Guidance Counselor
Solla	Daniel	WCA Business	WCA Business
Spellman	Adriana	Wilson Special Ed Resource Gr 3-5	Wilson Special Ed Resource Gr 3-5
Spinella	Christine	Tinker Gr 5	Tinker Gr 5
Stokes	Blair	WSMS Science Gr 7	WSMS Science Gr 7
Tata	Lauren	Regan/Washington Library Media	Regan/Washington Library Media
Thompson	Barbara	Bunker Hill Special Ed Elem	Bunker Hill Special Ed Elem
Thompson	Jessica	Chase Pre-K Reg. Ed	Chase Pre-K Reg. Ed
Torres	Lianne	WMS Math Gr 8	WMS Math Gr 8
Tulley	Jordan	WMS Music	WMS Music
Valletta	Kimberly	Reed Gr 3	Reed Gr 3
Van Wyk	Cornelius	WHS Science HS	WHS Science HS
Velleco	Jake	Bunker Hill Special Ed Elem	Bunker Hill Special Ed Elem
Veronesi	Caterina	CHS ROTC	CHS ROTC
Viegas	Stacy	Wilson Art	Wilson Art
Virdee	Robin	Bunker Hill Gr 2	Bunker Hill Gr 2
Wallace	Lisa	Driggs ESL	Driggs ESL

- g. Resignations:  
Moroz, Barbara – Reed Special Education, eff. 12/18/2020 (correction from retirement).
- h. Retirements:  
Paris, Ana – Walsh Kindergarten, effective 12/29/2020.  
Peck, Lori – WHS Vice Principal, effective 06/30/2021 (revised).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – The Board convened into executive session at 6:43 p.m. for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and returned at 6:54 p.m. with no votes taken.

Present in Executive Session: President Pagano, Commissioners Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, Nardozzi, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, Stango, Sweeney, and Van Stone. Also present was Dr. Ruffin and Juan Mendoza.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 6:55 p.m.

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