

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Workshop/Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 3 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the December 17, 2020 Board Meeting)

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, December 3, 2020, 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/-YGQyuuuJr4> 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, Devan, Harvey, Hernandez, 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, Attorney Tara Shaw, and Director of Communications Sujata Wycoff.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: None.

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 Finance/3 minutes ~ Request approval to apply for the Connecticut State Department of Education 2020 Carl D. Perkins Grant (**consensus needed**)– L. Allen-Brown, M. Merati, D. Schwartz. *Consensus given.*

2. Committee on Finance/3 minutes: Request approval a Professional Services Agreement with Sue Vivian for Consultant Services under the School Readiness Quality Enhancement Grant – M. Hincks, D. Schwartz.
3. Committee on Finance/3 minutes: Request approval a Professional Services Agreement with Easterseals Rehabilitation Center for Consultant Services under the School Readiness Quality Enhancement Grant – M. Hincks, D. Schwartz.
4. Committee on Finance/3 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment 1 to the Agreement with EdAdvance for transition services to a student with disabilities – K. Gabrielson.
5. Committee on Finance/3 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment 3 to the Agreement with Connecticut Institute for the Blind, Inc., d/b/a Oak Hill for students with disabilities in accordance with the student’s individualized education program (IEP) – K. Gabrielson.
6. Committee of the Whole/2 minutes ~ Request approval of a Student Affiliation Agreement with Southern Connecticut University for School Counseling Student Internships – K. Gabrielson.
7. Committee of the Whole/2 minutes ~ Request approval of an Agreement with Brass City Charter School, Inc. for transition services for students with disabilities – K. Gabrielson.
8. Committee of the Whole/2 minutes ~ Request approval of a Student Affiliation Agreement with Central Connecticut State University for student teaching opportunities – J. Mendoza. *HR has been contacting universities.*
9. Committee on Policy & Legislation/5 minutes ~ Request approval of the new One-to-One Device Program Policy (6141.3291) – W. Clark, W. Zhuta.
10. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests – W. Clark. *Placeholder for 2021.*
11. Superintendent’s Update: Status of the District – Dr. Ruffin.
12. Superintendent’s Notification to the Board/5 minutes:

a. Grant funded positions:

Name	Position/Location		Rate p/hour	Union	Effective
Dolan, Robert	Tutor/Sac. Heart MS	PT	\$33.00	NonBOE	11/05/2020
Taluri, Anila	Assessor Manager	FT	\$20.78	SEIU3	11/05/2020
Mboya, Hellen	Tutor/Duggan	PT	\$25.00	NonBOE	11/05/2020
Fappiano, Marny	Tutor/Carrington	PT	\$33.00	NonBOE	11/12/2020
Lafrance, Sara	Tutor/Kingsbury	PT	\$25.00	NonBOE	12/03/2020

b. New teacher hires:


LAST NAME	FIRST	SCHOOL	ASSIGNMENT	DOH
Cipriano	Jennifer	KHS	English/LA	12/10/2020
Norman	Khadijah	Districtwide	School Psychologist	01/07/2021
Jones	Michael	CHS	English/LA	01/04/2021

- c. Teacher transfers:
Zupperoli, Robert – from WMS Art to WMS Literacy Facilitator, eff. 12/18/2020.
- d. Resignations:
Carbone, Mikaela – CHS ELA, eff. 12/16/2020.
Murrell, Kereme – KHS Guidance, eff. 11/25/2020.
Tripoli, Chrissy – Generali Speech-Language Pathologist, eff. 12/20/2020.
- e. Retirements:
George, Laurie – WMS Speech-Language Pathologist, eff. 01/29/2021.
Iorio, Jan – NEMS Special Education, eff. 12/31/2020.
Reed, John – Supervisor of Science, eff. 12/31/2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION the Board convened into executive session at 6:12 p.m. for discussion the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and returned at 6:43 p.m. with no votes taken.

Present: President Pagano, Commissioners Brown, Devan, Harvey, Hernandez, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, Stango, Sweeney, and Van Stone. Also present were Dr. Ruffin, Attorney Shaw, and Mr. Mendoza.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:44 p.m.

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