

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Workshop/Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
(For the October 15, 2020 Board Meeting)

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, October 1, 2020, Via ZOOM and broadcasted live on the City of Waterbury's Government Access Channel (Comcast Channel 96, Frontier Channel 6096), streamed live at <https://youtu.be/CZhwSEzLUA8>, or listened to via teleconference by calling 1-701-802-5303 with access code 7755337.

PRESENT: Commissioners Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, Stango, Sweeney, Jason Van Stone and Tom 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, 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:

A G E N D A

SILENT PRAYER

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC SPEAKING (the public was allowed to address the Board by calling 1-701-802-5303 with access code 7755337 between 5:00 and 5:15 p.m. and providing their name.)

There were no public speakers.


1. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes: Discussion: Human Resources Staffing Report – J. Mendoza.
2. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes ~ Discussion: 2019-2020 AP Exam Results – T. Battistoni, D. Schwartz.

3. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State Education Resource Center (SERC) for professional learning to support, promote, and develop racial equity in education – J. Davis.
4. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes: Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Community Mental Health Affiliates for Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS) and Bounce Back (BB) – K. Gabrielson.
5. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes: Request approval of an Agreement with Children’s Community School, Inc. for transition services for students with disabilities – K. Gabrielson.
6. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes: Request approval of an Agreement with Belle Academy of Cosmetology, LLC for transition services for students with disabilities – K. Gabrielson.
7. Committee on Finance/5 minutes: Request approval of an Agreement with Waterbury Youth Services, Inc. for Truancy Prevention Services as required by the Youth Service Bureau Grant – K. Gabrielson.
8. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of the 2020-2022 Consolidated Grant Application – Linda Riddick Barron.
9. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a contract with Catapult Learning for tutoring services for Waterbury Non-public Schools – W. Clark.
10. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of transfers in the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget – D. Biolo, W. Clark.
11. Committee on Building and School Facilities/5 minutes ~ Request approval of the purchase of property located at 119 Southmayd Road and 116 Beecher Avenue – W. Clark.
12. Superintendent’s Update – Dr. Ruffin. *Dr. Ruffin reported on conversations to come for the Southmayd Road/Beecher Avenue property, COVID protocols, PSAT/SAT testing, and the Waterbury Voices Roundtable.*
13. Superintendent’s Notification to the Board/5 minutes:
 - a. Athletic appointments:
Blizzard, Taji – CHS Assistant Football, effective 09/21/2020.
Devine, Michael – WAMS Lead Unified Sports, effective 09/08/2020.
Weaver, Trai – WCA Assistant Football Coach, effective 09/15/2020.
 - b. Resignations:
Diaz, Natalie – Walsh/Washington School Psychologist, effective 10/09/2020.
Higgins, Lisa – CHS Special Ed, effective 10/02/2020.
Perkins, Ryan – NEMS ELA, effective 10/02/2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION the Board convened into executive session at 6:57 p.m. for discussion the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and returned at 7:13 p.m. with no votes taken.

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

ADJOURNMENT – 7:13 p.m.

ATTEST: 

Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Waterbury Board of Education