

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rescheduled Workshop/Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the August 20, 2020 Board Meeting)

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, Via ZOOM and broadcasted live on the City of Waterbury's Government Access Channel (Comcast Channel 96, Frontier Channel 6096) and teleconference by calling 1-701-802-5064 with access code 2305673.

PRESENT: President Pagano, Commissioners Harvey, Hernandez, Orso, Serrano-Adorno (left at 6:04 p.m.), Stango, Sweeney, Jason Van Stone and Tom Van Stone.

ABSENT: Commissioner Brown.

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 Human Resources and Talent Management Juan Mendoza, Deputy Superintendent Greg Rodríguez, 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 (see above)

Charles Macelis, Stonefield Drive – hopes Waterbury opens up conservatively. Questioned the ventilation systems at the schools. Questioned how many new students are going to school and teacher absences.

Ms. Maxwell – stated she did not have any questions until she hears the plan of the Superintendent.

Ana Napolitano, Cindy Drive – wanted to know if there's going to be a Q & A session after the Superintendent lays out the plan for Waterbury.

1. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Student Intern Affiliation Agreement with Tufts University, at no cost, for school psychology student internships – K. Gabrielson.
2. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request approval of an Agreement with Sacred Heart University, Inc. – College of Health Professions, at no cost, for speech, language and pathology internships – K. Gabrielson.
3. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Student Teacher Affiliation Agreement, at no cost, with the following: - J. Mendoza, J. Ocasio, L. Romano.
 - a) Franklin Pierce University
 - b) Grand Canyon University
 - c) University of Bridgeport
 - d) University of Connecticut
4. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Relay Graduate School of Education for Relay Teaching Residency Alternate Route to Certification Program – J. Mendoza, T. Shaw.
5. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval to apply for the Connecticut State Department of Education “Promoting Middle School Financial Literacy Grant 2020” (**consensus needed**) – ~~L. Brown, M. Merati, D. Schwartz.~~ *Consensus given.*
6. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a College Readiness and Success Contract with CollegeBoard to provide PSAT and SAT assessments – ~~T. Battistoni,~~ D. Schwartz.
- 6a. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of an Agreement with Curriculum Associates, LLC, for Elementary Mathematics Curriculum – ~~J. Frenis,~~ D. Schwartz.

Commissioner Serrano-Adorno left the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

7. Committee on Building and School Facilities/2 minutes ~ Use of School Facilities by school organizations and/or City departments – W. Clark.
8. Superintendent's Update/20 minutes – Dr. Ruffin.
 - a) Reopening Schools Update—Long Term Recovery Committee Update (*PowerPoint presented*)
 - b) Proposed calendar for 2020-21 school year
 - c) Professional Development
9. Superintendent's Notification to the Board/5 minutes:
 - a. Grant funded appointments effective immediately:
Keith, Ryan – Accountant II, Business/Grants Office, full-time, salary and benefits governed by UPSEU.

Martinez, Alejandro – Behavior Counselor, Wilby High School, \$22.00 p/hour, 35 hours p/week, 10 month, non-union with benefits.

Ostuno, Julie – Human Resources Generalist-Grants, full-time, 35 hours p/week, \$55,000 annually with benefits.

Rozum, Brittney – Parent Educator, Wilson School, \$15.12 p/hour, 10 month, part-time, non-union and without benefits.

b. Resignations:

Caffrey, Emily – WHS Special Education, effective 07/30/2020.

Cangelosi, Danielle – Generali Special Education, effective 07/30/2020.

DeLucia, Patricia – Bucks Hill Annex, effective 7/30/2020.

Duggan, Tatiana – WMS Science, effective 07/27/2020.

Hauck, Jochlynn – Wilson grade 2, effective 07/29/2020.

Lago, Lori – WHS Special Education, effective 07/14/2020.

Linares, Christopher – Carrington PE/Health, effective 07/29/2020.

Mayes, Tristan – Reed Music, effective 08/03/2020.

Michaud, Krista – WSMS Special Education, effective 07/24/2020.

Miller, Joan – Sprague Speech Language Pathologist, effective 07/17/2020.

Ortiz, Jennifer – KHS Guidance Counselor, effective 08/01/2020.

c. Retirements:

Padua, Louis – Principal, Waterbury Career Academy, eff. 08/31/2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - the Board recessed into Executive Session at 7:51 p.m. for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and returned at 8:11 p.m. with no votes taken.

Present: President Pagano, Commissioners Harvey, Hernandez, Orso, Stango, Sweeney, Jason Van Stone, and Tom Van Stone, Superintendent Verna Ruffin, and Juan Mendoza.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:12 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education