

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Committee Meeting/Workshop Minutes

Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the May 21, 2020 Board Meeting)

COMMITTEE/WORKSHOP MEETING

The Board of Education Workshop/Committee meetings were held on Thursday, May 7, 2020, virtually via ZOOM and broadcasted live on the City of Waterbury's Government Access Channel (Comcast 96/Frontier 6096), beginning at 6:06 p.m.

PRESENT: President Pagano, Commissioners Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, Stango, Sweeney, Jason Van Stone, and Tom 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, Deputy Superintendent Greg Rodríguez, and Chief Academic Officer Darren Schwartz.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Mateo Macias/WAMS.

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

1. Committee on Finance ~ FYI: March 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report – D. Biolo. (*Report does not reflect anything that has transpired since March 12 due to COVID-19.*)
2. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Stanley Convergent Security Solutions, Inc., to provide monitoring and servicing of school security systems – W. Clark. (*Sole source, funded by the General Fund. School locations questioned.*)
3. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Facility Support Services, LLC, to provide on-call environmental services and AHERA inspections – W. Clark. (*Funded by General Fund.*)
4. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Request approval of Educational Specifications for the proposed Generali School Roof Project – W. Clark. (*Need to submit with grant application to the State.*)

5. Committee on Policy & Legislation/10 minutes ~ Discussion: proposed revisions to the following policies in light of COVID-19:
- a) 6146.1 – High School Grading/QPR
 - b) 6146.11 – Elementary School Uniform Grading
 - c) 6146.111 – Middle School Uniform Grading

(Proposed language to be added to all policies:

In the event that schools are unexpectedly closed under a municipal, state or federal mandate for 10 or more consecutive school days, the Superintendent will provide equitable grading procedures in the best interest of all students that account for such a closure and communicate the changes in procedures. In the event of such a closure, the Superintendent’s grading procedures will supersede the following formulas and grading policies. These procedures will remain in effect, by decision of the Superintendent, until such time the Superintendent deems appropriate.)

6. Committee of the Whole ~ Superintendent’s Update to the Board: *(Dr. Ruffin gave a verbal report on the status of the following.)*
- a) Strategic Plan.
 - b) Teacher Appreciation Week.
 - c) Teachers of the Year – Building Level.
 - d) Presentation of Administrator of the Year, 2020.
 - e) School Closure, Distance Learning and Updates.

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

a. Teacher new hires:

<u>Name</u>		<u>Assignment</u>		<u>Effective</u>
Moro	Jeffrey	WAMS	Music	03/04/2020

b. Resignations:

- Bradley, Billie-Jo – Tinker Grade 5, effective 06/30/2020.
- DiMaio, Dante – KHS Technology Education, effective 11/06/2020.
- Faucher, Richard – W. Cross/Annex Art, effective 06/30/2020.
- Guasp, Henry – Academic Academy Math, effective 06/30/2020.
- McGrath, Mark – Walsh ES Grades K – 3, effective 06-30-2020.
- Mirles-Vasquez, Charito – Hopeville Grade 1, effective 06/30/2020.
- Rotatori, Kayla – WAMS PE/Health, effective 06/30/2020.
- Ruotolo, Richard – WHS Music, effective 06/30/2020.
- Selmanaj, Fabian – Duggan Math, effective 06/30/2020.
- Violette, Wayne – Wilby ROTC, effective 06/30/2020.
- Yuiza, Gladynell – Wilson Special Education, effective 06/30/2020.

c. Retirements:

- D’Angelo, Joann – WAMS Visual Arts, effective 04/01/2020.
- DiPaola, Nancy – WHS Allied Health, effective 6/30/2020.
- Giskin, Miriam – Chase Reading, effective 06/30/2020.
- Lepper, Mary – W. Cross Literacy Facilitator, effective 6/30/2020.
- Palleria, Lynne – WHS Business, effective 6/30/2020.

Skurkis, Teresa – Maloney Gr 4-5 Special Ed, effective 7/14/2020.
Spinella, Patricia – Walsh Pre-k, effective 06/30/2020.
Williams, Joyce – WHS Allied Health, effective 6/30/2020.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:44 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education