

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES ~ SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 7:45 p.m.

West Side Middle School, 483 Chase Parkway, Waterbury, Connecticut

PRESENT: President Brown, Commissioners Awwad, Harvey, Hernandez, Pagano, Stango, Sweeney, and Tom Van Stone.

ABSENT: Commissioners Serrano-Adorno and Jason Van Stone.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Verna D. Ruffin, Chief Financial Officer Doreen Biolo, and Chief Operating Officer William Clark.

SILENT PRAYER

President Brown called the special meeting to order at 6:46 p.m. with a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Stango led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

CLERK: Commissioner Awwad.

AWWAD: Here.

CLERK: Vice President Harvey.

HARVEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Hernandez.

HERNANDEZ: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Pagano.

PAGANO: Present.

CLERK: Commissioner Serrano-Adorno (absent). Commissioner Stango.

STANGO: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Sweeney.

SWEENEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Jason Van Stone (absent). Commissioner Tom Van Stone.

T. VAN STONE: Present.

CLERK: President Brown.

BROWN: Present.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES THE BOARD

There were no public speakers.

1. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

- 1.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Awwad and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to approve the Department of Education's 2019/2020 Operating Budget totaling \$177,932,468 (\$158,375,000/Board Of Alderman adopted appropriation; \$15,932,468/Alliance Year 8; \$450,000/2016-17 Surplus; \$1,000,000/2015-16 Surplus; \$1,000,000/2014-15 Surplus; \$675,000/Contingency Surplus; and \$500,000/City non-lapsing contingency).

BROWN: Discussion? Commissioner Awwad.

AWWAD: So during the . . . of Monday night's budget, there is an additional, looks like six million dollars coming to the district this year and then an additional I think 13 million . . . Let's not worry about two years, let's worry about the coming school year where you got the additional six million. There is no anticipation that there will be any reduction in the general fund allocation because the Board of Aldermen voted on it tonight, correct?

BIOLO: Correct.

AWWAD: So that additional six million plus will fund the gap that we came in with as well as provide us opportunities to look at other areas to expend what will be remaining dollars at this point.

BIOLO: That is correct. So the City's contribution to the Department of Education is still at \$158,375,000 and the additional six point something million would go to the Alliance Side of ECS that will come to the district.

AWWAD: And those funds will offset our deficit?

BIOLO: It will offset the one and a half million deficit that we came in with.

AWWAD: As well as provide us some additional dollars to look at other opportunities during this coming school year.

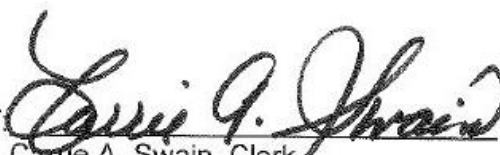
BIOLO: That's correct.

BROWN: Any other questions? All in favor, opposed. Motion carries. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Stango, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.

ATTEST


Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education