

# **WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## *Committee Meeting Minutes*

Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the March 21, 2019 Board Meeting)

### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, March 7, 2019, Bucks Hill School, beginning at 5:34 p.m.

**PRESENT:** President Brown, Commissioners Awwad, Harvey, Hernandez, Pagano, Serrano-Adorno, Stango, Sweeney, Jason Van Stone, and Tom Van Stone.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Verna D. Ruffin, Chief Financial Officer Doreen Biolo, Assistant Superintendent Michelle Baker, Director of Special Education Melissa Baldwin, Assistant Superintendent Noreen Buckley, Chief Operating Officer William Clark, Assistant Superintendent Janice Epperson, Deputy Superintendent Greg Rodríguez, and Chief Academic Officer Darren Schwartz.

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**

1. Committee of the Whole/20 minutes ~ Principal's Report (no backup) – Dr. Delia Bello-Davila.
2. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes ~ Waterbury Teachers Association (WTA) (no backup) – K. Egan. *WTA President Kevin Egan spoke along with Mayor O'Leary.*

#### **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Danielle Albert – spoke about the statement regarding the flag, significance of dates, and the history curriculum.

Kenneth Cook/Wendy Tyson Wood – requested Commissioner Tom Van Stone step down from the Curriculum Committee Chair.

Jimmie Griffin – asked for Commissioner Tom Van Stone's resignation.

- ~~3. Committee of the Whole/15 minutes ~ State Department of Education Accountability Report (to be distributed) — T. Battistoni, Dr. Rodriguez, D. Schwartz. *Deferred to next meeting.*~~
4. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval for Waterbury Public Schools, via the Mayor’s Task Force Against Substance Abuse, to apply for the Local Prevention Council Program funds through the Housatonic Valley Coalition Against Substance Abuse, Inc. (consensus needed) – J. Gorman. *Consensus given.*
5. Committee on Finance/15 minutes ~ Proposed 2019/2020 Department of Education Budget (to be distributed) – D. Biolo, Dr Ruffin.
6. Committee on Finance ~ FYI – January 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report.
7. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request approval of an Occupancy Agreement with StayWell (to be distributed) – W. Clark.
8. Committee on School Personnel/5 minutes ~ Request approval of the job specifications for the position of ESL Facilitator/Adult Education – W. Clark.
9. Committee on Policy & Legislation/5 minutes ~ Discussion: Revisions to the Bylaws of the Board (9010) – A. Sweeney. *First reading of bylaw change.*
10. Committee on Building & School Facilities/5 minutes ~ Accept as complete the following projects (no backup) – W. Clark.
  - West Side Middle School Code Violation – 151-0258 CV
  - Wilson School Code Violation – 151-0262 CV
  - Barnard School Code Violation – 151-0261 CV
11. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments – W. Clark.
12. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests – W. Clark.

## **SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE TO THE BOARD**

13. Superintendent’s Notification to the Board/5 minutes:
  - a. Athletic appointments:

Palladino, Erica – WSMS Unified Sports Coach, effective 02/05/19.  
Hagley, Katlyn – KHS Assistant Outdoor Track Coach, effective 03/16/19.
  - b. Grant funded appointments:

Demers, Heather – Substitute Teacher, 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-school Program, Washington, salary per WTA contract.  
Dolan, Robert – Tutor, St. Peter and Paul, \$32 p/hour, non-union and w/o benefits, funded by Title I Non-public.

- Farley, Matthew – Recreation Specialist, various locations, 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-school Program, \$12 p/hour, non-union and without benefits.  
 Irizarry, Jorge – Robotics Teacher, 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-school Program, Hopeville, salary per WTA contract.  
 Philips, Cheryl – Coordinator, Wilson FRC Books and Basketball Before School Program, Monday through Thursday, 7 – 8 a.m., beginning 02/19/19, funded by Wilson FRC Grant.

c. Teacher hires:

<u>Name</u>		<u>Assignment</u>		<u>Effective</u>
Bizati	Liridona	Sprague	Gr. 1	2/1/2019
Braica	Amy	Driggs/Kingsbury	Music	2/19/2019
Ciaramella	Nicole	State Street	Special Ed.	3/4/2019
Conlon	Taylor	Duggan	Pre-K	3/4/2019
Goodman	Jillian	Reed	English Gr. 7	12/31/2018
Marquez	Chakira	Bunker Hill	Gr. 5	12/20/2018
McCorry	Kelly	Wallace	English Gr. 7	1/31/2019
Sawyers	Hillary	WAMS	HS Math	1/28/2019
Thomas	Richard	WAMS HS	Math Gr. 9-12	2/7/2019
Wojcik	Jennifer	Tinker	Music	2/25/2019

d. Resignations:

- Pagnoni, Philip – NEMS Math Numeracy, effective 02/15/19.  
 Biles, Tonya – Supervisor of Pupil Services, effective 02/22/19.  
 Santos, Alexandra – Generali Grade 2, effective 02/22/19.  
 Pelletier, Matthew – State Street Art, effective 02/28/19.  
 Lundquist, Jessica – WMS ELA, effective 03/26/19.  
 Bramble, Michelle – Reed Math, effective 04/24/19.

e. Retirements:

- Behlman, Pia – Maloney Media/Library, effective 06/30/19.  
 Beshi, Medali – CHS Math, effective 06/30/19.  
 Bramble, Teresa – Bucks Hill Grade 1, effective 06/30/19.  
 Carvalho, Rosemarie – CHS French, effective 06/30/19.  
 D’Agostino, Elisa – WAMS Reading/ELA, effective 06/30/19.  
 DeCarlo, Teresa – Bucks Hill, Speech Pathologist, effective 06/30/19.  
 Fann-Pierce, Cassandra – KHS Family & Consumer Science, eff. 03/01/19.  
 Irizarry, Jorge – WSMS Math, effective 06/30/19.  
 Julian, Rosemary – Carrington Art, effective 06/30/19.  
 Kostka, Candice – WSMS, Assistant Principal, effective 06/30/19.  
 Lopez, Robert – KHS Spanish, effective 06/30/19.  
 Magda, Matthew – WHS Social Studies, effective 06/30/19.  
 Malgari, Mary Ann – Washington Kindergarten, effective 06/30/19.  
 McDermott, Marie Ann, NEMS Social Studies, effective 06/30/19.  
 Moffo, Laurie Ann – Chase Literacy Facilitator, effective 06/30/19.  
 Moriarty, Gail Regan – State Street Special Education, effective 04/23/19.  
 Moynihan, Mary – Driggs Special Education/RR, effective 06/30/19.  
 Normandin, Susan – Rotella Special Education, effective 06/30/19.  
 O’Leary, Kathryn – Sprague PreK, effective 06/30/19.

Phelan, Susan – State Street Special Education, effective 06/30/19.  
Sica, Alan – Adult Education History, effective 06/30/19.  
Swan, Sandra – WAMS Language Arts, effective 06/30/19.  
Trocolla, Lillian – KHS Bilingual Science, effective 06/30/19.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – none.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 8:14 p.m.

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