

# WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## *Committee Meeting Minutes*

Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.  
(For the January 24, 2019 Rescheduled Board Meeting)

### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at Reed School, 33 Griggs Street, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** President Brown, Commissioners Awwad (6:02 p.m.), Harvey, Hernandez, Pagano, Serrano-Adorno, Stango, Sweeney, and Tom Van Stone (5:40 p.m.).

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Jason Van Stone.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Verna D. Ruffin, Supervisor of Pupil Services Tonya Biles, 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, 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) – Juan Mendoza. (Diorca Tomasella)

#### **PUBLIC SPEAKING** – *there were no public speakers.*

2. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval to apply for the Connecticut State Department of Education 2018 Low-performing Schools Bond Funded Grants – Round 2 (**consensus needed**) – L. Allen Brown. *President Brown asked where the district stood with technology. Consensus given.*
3. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval to apply for the Connecticut State Department of Education Grants - A. Jorge. (Darren Schwartz)
  - Title III Grant
  - Bilingual Grant
  - Immigrant Children and Youth Education Grant

4. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ November 2018 Monthly Expenditure Report – D. Biolo. *Commissioner Tom Van Stone suggested monthly reporting only be an FYI.*
5. Committee on Finance/15 minutes ~ Grants Status Report – D. Biolo, L. Riddick-Barron, D. Schwartz.
6. Committee on Curriculum/5 minutes ~ Request approval of an Agreement between WCA and Cly-Del Manufacturing Company for a Manufacturing Externship/Pre-Apprentice Program – M. Harris.
7. Committee on Curriculum/5 minutes ~ Request approval of an Agreement between WCA and Carby Corporation for a Manufacturing Externship/Pre-Apprentice Program – M. Harris.
8. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments. *Everyday use of gyms at the high schools was a concern. Waterbury schools should be top priority.*
9. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests.

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

10. Superintendent's Notification to the Board/5 minutes:
  - a. Athletic appointments:

Awwad, David – Carrington Tennis, effective 03/25/19.  
Fengler, Kelly – WHS Varsity Girls Basketball, effective 12/18/18.  
Johnson, Tennyson – Carrington Soccer, effective 03/25/19.  
Rotatori, Kayla – WCA Assistant Girls Basketball, effective 12/20/18.
  - b. Appointments:

Biles, Tonya – Supervisor of Pupil Services, effective 01/02/19.  
Clark, William – Chief Operating Officer, effective 01/02/19.  
Davis, Jackie – District Climate and Attendance Coordinator, eff. 01/03/19.
  - c. Grant Funded appointments:

Brown, Esther – Parent Educator, Wilson School, part-time, \$15.12 p/hour, non-union and without benefits, funded by Resource Center Grant.  
Coles, Karen (transfer) – Secretary I, Adult Education, full-time, benefits and salary governed by UPSEU, funded by Adult Education.  
Cutrali, Lucia – Tutor, Sacred Heart, part time, \$32 p/hour, non-union and w/o benefits, funded by Title I/Non-public.  
Diaz, Jennifer – Secretary 3, Talent & Professional Development, full-time, benefits and salary governed by UPSEU, funded by Title II Part A/Public & Non-public.  
Fusha, Rudina – Classroom Assistant, Wilson School, full-time, benefits and salary governed by UPSEU, funded by Title I/Public.  
Hayes, Debra – Asst. Tutor Homeless, part-time, \$16 p/hour, non-union and w/o benefits, funded by Education Homeless Child Grant.  
Lindardos-Tyrrell – Tutor, Reed School, part-time, \$32 p/hour, non-union and w/o benefits, funded by Title I/Public.

Lopes, Krystal – Secretary 3, Liaison to the Homeless, part-time, \$16.39 p/hour, non-union and w/o benefits, funded by Title 1/Non-public.  
McIntosh, Peggy – Asst. Tutor Homeless, part-time, \$16 p/hour, non-union and w/o benefits, funded by Education Homeless Child Grant.

d. Waterbury Career Academy Student Selection Committee appointments:

Jill Diorio	Lisa Fenn	Lynn Ogilvy
Alberto Rodriguez	Miriam Wilson	Emily Wengertsman

e. Waterbury Career Academy STEM After-school program appointments:

Hoy, Suzanne	Yatsenick, Rodney
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f. Rotella After School Programs (Enrichment and Academics) – Session 2, January 7 through March 28, 2019 – Monday through Thursday:

Administrator: Robin Henry, Principal (Dana Wallace-sub if needed)A/V

Tech: Brian Michaud

Grants Facilitator/Clerical: Jean Zastaury

Teachers – Enrichment and/or Academics

Altieri, Christina  
Argenta, Lauren  
Barrett, Ellen  
Ledbetter, Brenda  
McLaren, Ashley  
Miller, Terri  
Monroe, Mary  
Porcaro, Stefanie  
Santovasi, Monica  
Silva, Heather  
Silva, Joseph  
Vargas, Melissa  
Walent, Cheyenne

Subs:

Heidgerd, Angela  
Lee, Ellen  
Matthews, Julia  
Ouellette, Bernadette  
Woodward, Karen

Aides/Paras

Begin, Debra  
Cicchiello, Ersilia  
DeJesus, Jennifer  
Generali, Linda  
Lombardi, Lauren  
Lopez, Elizabeth

g. Teacher hires:

<u>Name</u>		<u>Assignment</u>		<u>Effective</u>
Schrader	Jordan	Wallace	General Science Gr. 7	12/3/18
Henebry	Colleen	Crosby	Special Ed. ABA	12/6/18
Nigan	Nirupama	Kennedy	Chemistry	12/4/18
Nazario	Jonathon	Washington/Regan	Music	10/23/18
Astacio	Shirley	Districtwide	Social Worker	1/7/2019
Rose	Kimberly	Tinker	Library Media Spec.	12/10/18
Pritchard	Molly	Washington/Regan	Library Media Spec.	11/26/18

h. Academic Achievements:

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>University</u>
Abraham	Mckenzie	MA/2	MA+15/2	Quinnipiac
Allen	Tara	MA/6	MA+15/6	U of Br. & SCSU
Alonzo	Joanne	MA/9	MA+15/9	U of Br. & Dominican U of CA

Argenta	Lauren	MA +15/7	6th YR/7	SCSU
Arnstein	Malka	6 <sup>th</sup> yr./6	6 <sup>th</sup> +15/6	U of Br.
Aviles	Zuheill	MA/10	MA+15/10	U of NE & Sac. Heart
Bacote	Tiffany	MA/8	MA+15/8	Southern NH
Bao	Jaime	BA+15/8	MA/8	SCSU & U of Htfd.
Barbati	Donna	MA/12	MA+15/12	Dominican U of CA
Baumbach	Christian	MA/8	MA+15/8	SCSU
Biolo	Brooke	MA/3	MA+15/3	Louisiana State & SCSU
Bosman	Ana	MA+15/12	6 <sup>th</sup> yr./12	Central and SCSU
Brito	Mallory	MA/8	MA+15/8	Dominican U of CA
Bunko	Katherine	MA/5	MA+15/5	Post U
Calabrese	Melissa	MA+15/8	6 <sup>th</sup> /8	Fairfield U
Calabro	Marissa	MA+15/5	6 <sup>th</sup> /5	SCSU
Calderon	Piedad	MA+15/4	6 <sup>th</sup> yr./4	Sacred Heart U & U of Htfd.
Carpenter	Ryan	MA+15/8	6 <sup>th</sup> yr./8	U of Br.
Carpentier	Carli	MA/5	MA+15/5	U of Br. & Dominican U of CA
Chapman	Maria	MA/8	MA+15/8	Quinnipiac U
Crane	Erin	BA/3	MA/3	SCSU
Desiderio	Jennifer	MA+15/8	6 <sup>th</sup> /8	U of Br.
DeVeau	Nicole	MA+15/9	6 <sup>th</sup> /9	Walden U and SCSU
Dojnia	Melissa	MA/7	MA+15/7	U of Br. & Dominican U of CA
Donofrio	Alyssa	BA/4	BA+15/4	SCSU
Fidanza	Carla	6 <sup>th</sup> /9	6+15/9	U of Br.
Field	Susan	MA/9	MA+15/9	U of Br. & Dominican U of CA
Freitas	Ashley	BA/5	BA+15/5	CCSU
Galvin	Dina	BA/4	BA+15/4	The Graduate Inst.
Gendron	Courtney	BA+15/3	MA/3	U of St. Joseph
Gibson	Jaclyn	MA+15/7	6 <sup>th</sup> /7	Central & U of Br.
Gibson	Ricardo	MA/5	MA+15/5	Southern NH U of Br.
Grant	Nataine	MA/7	MA+15/7	U of West Indies & Walden U
Gregoire	Carmela	MA/7	MA+15/7	American College of Education
Griffin	Denise	MA/8	MA+15/8	U of Br. & Walden U
Grove	Melinda	MA/12	MA+15/12	U of Htfd.
Hagan	John	BA/8	MA/8	U of Br.
Hanley	Jessica	BA/4	BA+15/4	U of Br.
Hewell-Walker	Kay-Ann	MA/8	MA+15/8	U of St. Thomas & Sacred Heart U
Hubeny	Carolyn	MA+15/3	6 <sup>th</sup> /3	SCSU
Hudobenko	Tanya	BA/5	BA+15/5	U of Br.

Itano-Malstrom	Kanako	BA/5	BA+15/5	Brooklyn College; Univ of Phoenix and CCSU
Kearns	Maura	BA+15/10	MA/10	Quinnipiac U
LeFevre	Rhianne	BA+15/6	MA/6	Boston U
L'Heureux	Amy	MA/8	MA+15/8	U of Br. & Sacred Heart U
Likorama	Robert	MA+15/8	6 <sup>th</sup> /8	SCSU & U of Phoenix
Loh	Pamela	BA+15/12	MA/12	U of St. Joseph
Lokites	Alana	BA/3	BA+15/3	SCSU
Lopez	Briana	BA/4	BA+15/4	CCSU
Maldonado	Joanne	6 <sup>th</sup> /4	6+15/4	Capella U
Matiz	Joaquin	BA+15/9	MA+15/9	Post U
Morin	Keith	MA+15/8	6 <sup>th</sup> /8	U of Phoenix; U of Htfd. & SH U
Morotto	Christine	6 <sup>th</sup> /9	6+15/9	Walden U
Nowack	Carolyn	BA/3	BA+15/3	U of Htfd.
Paolino	Antonietta	MA/9	MA+15/9	U of Br., CCSU & SCSU
Parks	Michele	MA/5	MA+15/5	U of St. Joseph
Pereira	Meghan	BA+15/8	MA/8	CCSU
Perugini	Gianni	MA/10	MA+15/10	CCSU
Riley	Kara	MA+15/9	6 <sup>th</sup> /9	Western, Indiana U, U of Htfd., & Colorado State
Rizk	Lyndsey	BA/2	BA+15/2	Quinnipiac U
Romano	Lisa	6 <sup>th</sup> /5	6+15/5	U of Br.
Rosa	Jennifer	MA/5	6 <sup>th</sup> /5	U of Br. & Sacred Heart U
Rucinski	Matthew	6 <sup>th</sup> /5	6+15/5	Sacred Heart U
Salvatore	Janelle	BA/3	BA+15/3	Walden U
Sapone	Vincent	BA+15/8	MA+15/8	Mississippi State U
Shule-Sejdaras	Benjola	MA+15/5	6+15/5	Lindenwood U & CCSU
Smith	Leah	MA/7	6 <sup>th</sup> /7	Queens College & Walden U
Veronneau	Michael	MA+15/9	6 <sup>th</sup> /9	SCSU
Waters	Marissa	MA+15/6	6 <sup>th</sup> /6	CCSU
Yapa	Kumudinie	MA/12	MA+15/12	U of Htfd.

- i. Resignations:  
Hayes, Jahana – Talent & Professional Development Supervisor, eff. 01/02/19.  
Oliver-Miccio, Audra – CHS Special Ed, eff. 01/02/19.
- j. Retirements:  
Hernandez, Eva – Kingsbury Bilingual/ESL, effective 12/10/18.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

ATTEST:   
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk  
Board of Education