

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Workshop/Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the December 15, 2022 Rescheduled Board Meeting)

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on December 1, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at Generali School, 3196 East Main Street, Waterbury, Connecticut.

PRESENT: President Sweeney, Commissioners Brown, Ireland, Nardoizzi, Orso, and Van Stone.

ABSENT: Commissioners Hernandez, Navarro, O'Brien, and Serrano-Adorno.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Verna Ruffin, Director of Security & School Safety Daniel Barry, Chief Financial Officer Doreen Biolo, Chief Turnaround Officer Matthew Brown, Assistant Superintendent Joseph Johnson, Interim Chief Operating Officer Rosh Maghfour, Assistant Superintendent Juan Mendoza, Director of Communications Belen Michelis, Director of Pupil Services Miguel Pabón, Deputy Superintendent Darren Schwartz, Director of College and Career Readiness Nyree Toucet, Director of Equity and Inclusion Lara White, and Supervisor of Management, Information, and Technology Will Zhuta.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Mickal Holmes and Florenza Omari of Crosby High School.

President Sweeney called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Reports were submitted to the various committees of the Board and discussed, as per the following agenda:

A G E N D A

SILENT PRAYER

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - *led by Generali students.*

PUBLIC SPEAKING - *There were no public speakers.*

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – *Interim Principal Kristen Gaudiosi introduced staff present and updated the Board, along with Family Support Liaison (DCF) Donata Calabrese and grade 4 Teacher Amy Neibel, of various events and happenings at the school including construction of a new roof, new furniture, a relaxation station, and a collaboration with Wintergreen Magnet School in North Haven.*

Item #4a, Amendment to the Construction Contract with M. J. Daly, LLC for boiler replacement at Kingsbury School, was added to the Agenda.

1. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes: Discussion: 2023-2026 Waterbury Teachers Association (WTA) Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) – Attorney Emily Cadman, J. Mendoza, D. Schwartz.
2. Committee on Finance/5 minutes: Request approval to apply for the Japanese Language Education Assistants Program (J-LEAP) for Maloney Interdistrict Magnet School – K. Yamashita-Iverson. (D. Bakewell)
3. Committee on Finance/5 minutes: Request approval of Amendment One to the Professional Services Agreement with Brightly Software, Inc. f/k/a Dude Solutions, Inc. – ~~M. Kenepka~~, R. Maghfour.
4. Committee on Finance/5 minutes: Request approval of Amendment to the Construction Contract with M. J. Daly, LLC for chiller replacement at Maloney School – R. Maghfour.

- ADD:**
- 4a. Committee on Finance/5 minutes: Amendment to the construction contract with M. J. Daly, LLC for boiler replacement at Kingsbury School.
 5. Committee on Finance/5 minutes: Request approval of a Construction Contract with Duct & Vent Cleaning of America, Inc. for air duct cleaning at various schools – R. Maghfour.
 6. Committee on Finance/5 minutes: Request approval of Amendment #2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Connecticut Communications, LLC for Mitel Voice Over IP Solution – W. Zhuta.
 7. Committee on Finance/5 minutes: Request approval of an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Empirical Resolution, Inc. (a/k/a Quill.org) for an Online Grammar and Writing Program – J. Sarja, D. Schwartz.
 8. Committee on Finance/5 minutes: Request approval of an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Phi Delta Kappa International (PDK), Inc., d/b/a Educators Rising for teacher preparation courses – M. Merati, D. Schwartz.
 9. Committee on Finance/5 minutes: Request approval of an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Kingsley Enterprises, LLC for fitness center equipment, installation and training – J. Gorman, D. Schwartz.
 10. Committee on Finance/5 minutes:
 - a) ARP/ESSER Update – D. Biolo.
 - b) Monthly Expenditure Report – D. Biolo.
 11. Committee of the Whole/15 minutes: Update: Early Childhood Education – D. Schwartz, ~~et al.~~ (Maureen Bergin)
 12. Superintendent's Update: Dr. Ruffin.
 13. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes: Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments – R. Maghfour.

14. Superintendent's Notification to the Board/5 minutes:

a. Athletic appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Poulter, Craig	Assistant Swimming	NEMS	12/01/22
Katrenya, Wesley	Unified Sports	NEMS	10/31/22
Sturdivant, Jason	JV Girls Basketball	WCA	11/28/22

b. Miscellaneous appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Program</u>
Sullivan, Carly	KHS	SAT Math Test Prep Class (530 Club)
Pelosi, Emily	WMS	MTSS Team Member
Gomes, George	WCA	Teacher – STEM Afterschool Program
Franceskino, Jennifer	WCA	Administrator – STEM Afterschool Program
Riley, Kara	WCA	Sub-Administrator – STEM Afterschool Program
Alexander, Lisa	RMS	Sub-Secretary – Afterschool Program
Cassidy, Haley	RMS	Teacher – Afterschool Program
Cruess, Carla	RMS	Sub-Teacher – Afterschool Program
Cruess, Carla	RMS	Administration (split) – Afterschool Program
Hanlon, Rebecca	RMS	Enrichment Teacher – Afterschool Program
Heckmann, Stephanie	RMS	Enrichment Teacher – Afterschool Program
Heidgerd, Angela	RMS	Sub-Teacher – Afterschool Program
Heidgerd, Angela	RMS	Administration (split) – Afterschool Program
Henry, Robin	RMS	Administration (split) – Afterschool Program
Matthews, Julia	RMS	Sub-Teacher – Afterschool Program
Monroe, Mary	RMS	Teacher – Afterschool Program
Montero, Greta	RMS	Paraprofessional – Afterschool Program
Santovasi, Monica	RMS	Teacher – Afterschool Program
Simoes, Odet	RMS	Sub-Teacher – Afterschool Program
Wallace, Dana	RMS	Administration (split) – Afterschool Program
Wiggins, Shonda	RMS	Secretary – Afterschool Program

c. Involuntary transfers:

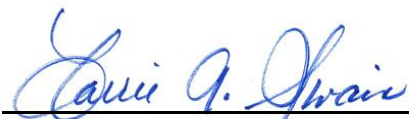
Gawlak, Peter – from WAMS Math Grade 6 to WSMS Physical Education.

d. Resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Harper, Carson Lee	Reed Social Studies	11/08/22
Edgar, Chad	WMS ELA Grade 8	11/10/22
Kowalski, Erik	WMS Tech Ed	11/23/22

EXECUTIVE SESSION – *there was no executive session.*

ADJOURNMENT at 7:01 p.m.

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