

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Workshop/Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the November 16, 2022 Rescheduled Board Meeting)

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on November 3, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at Walsh School, 55 Dikeman Street, Waterbury, Connecticut.

PRESENT: President Sweeney, Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland (left at 6:35 pm), Navarro, O'Brien, Serrano-Adorno, and Van Stone.

ABSENT: Commissioner Nardoizzi and Orso.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Verna Ruffin, Director of Security & School Safety Daniel Barry, Chief Turnaround Officer Matthew Brown, Assistant Superintendent Jade Gopie, Assistant Superintendent Joseph Johnson, Assistant Superintendent Juan Mendoza, 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.

President Sweeney called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and introduced newly appointed Commissioner Navarro. Reports were submitted to the various committees of the Board and discussed, as per the following agenda:

AGENDA

SILENT PRAYER

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - *led by Walsh School students.*

PUBLIC SPEAKING - *There were no public speakers.*

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - *Principal Jessica Ocasio introduced staff members present and Walsh's "Owls" who gave Board members a tour of the school. Ms. Ocasio undated the Board, along with Vice Principal Maureen Wilson, on various events and happenings at the school including floor replacement and library upgrades.*

1. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request of Richard White to name Wendell Cross' Library in honor of Mary S. White.
2. Committee on Finance ~ Request approval of a license agreement with The MT Pit for use of recording in live stage performance – N. Albini. (M. Brown)

3. Committee of the Whole/20 minutes ~ Academic Office Reports – D. Schwartz, et. al.:
 - a) Mastery Based Learning Credit (M. Brown, J. Gopie, Great Schools Partnership Representatives)
 - b) 2022 Summer Learning Updates (B. Dunn, R. Irrera, J. Johnson, C. McDonnell, J. Miller, J. Rosa, E. Zappone)

Commissioner Ireland left at 6:35 p.m.

4. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Report: October 1, 2022 Enrollment (ED006) – W. Zhuta.
5. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request approval to file a Connecticut's New Indoor Air Quality Reimbursement Program grant application for the following proposed projects (no backup) – R. Magfour: (M. Brown, D. Schwartz, K. Eldridge)
 - a) Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF)/HVAC System installation at Bunker Hill Elementary School.
 - b) Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF)/HVAC System installation at Driggs Elementary School.
 - c) Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF)/HVAC System installation at Hopeville Elementary School.
 - d) Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF)/HVAC System installation at Kingsbury Elementary School.
 - e) Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF)/HVAC System installation at Sprague Elementary School.
 - f) Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF)/HVAC System installation at Tinker Elementary School.
 - g) Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF)/HVAC System installation at Walsh Elementary School.
 - h) Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF)/HVAC System installation at Wilson Elementary School.
6. Committee of the Whole ~ Request approval of the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the following proposed projects – R. Magfour: (M. Brown, D. Schwartz, K. Eldridge)
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- h) Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF)/HVAC System installation at Wilson Elementary School.
7. Committee of the Whole ~ Request approval of the formation of a Building Committee for the following proposed projects – ~~R. Maghfour~~: (M. Brown, D. Schwartz, K. Eldridge)
- a) Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF)/HVAC System installation at Bunker Hill Elementary School.
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8. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a transfer in the 2022-23 budget – ~~D. Biele~~. (M. Brown, D. Schwartz)
9. Committee on Finance ~ Request approval of Amendment One (1) to the Construction Contract with Creative Recreation, LLC for playground equipment and installation at International School – ~~R. Maghfour~~. (M. Brown, D. Schwartz)
10. Committee of the Whole/3 minutes ~ Request approval of a Student Intern Affiliation Agreement with The University of Connecticut for Social Work Student Internships – M. Pabon.
11. Commissioner of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with The Hispanic Coalition of Greater Waterbury – L. White.
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. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests – ~~R. Maghfour~~.
15. Superintendent's Notification to the Board/5 minutes:
- a. School Counseling Mentor Program stipend appointments:

Dana Cancro	Diana Dane	Melissa Desjardins
Lisa Hayes	Ashley Moutinho	Craig Poulter
Benjola Shule Sejdaras	Caryn Stellmach	

b. Extended School Hours appointments:

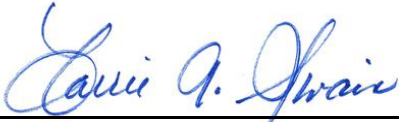
<i>Wendell Cross</i>	Accetura	Kailyn	Teacher-Sub
	Batista	Sierra	Teacher
	Boland	Hailey	Teacher
	Bourassa	Ally	Teacher
	Capobianco	Marnee	Teacher
	Cullen	Donna	Admin
	Drewry	Ann	Admin
	Field	Lauren	Teacher
	Gambardella	Matthew	Teacher
	Rizzo	Lisa	Lead Teacher
	Rocco	Margaret	Clerical
	Steffero	Melissa	Teacher
<i>Reed</i>	Mays	Kimberly	Administrator
	Sam	Hannah	Administrator-Sub
	Olenius	Jennifer	Teacher
	Reynolds	Erin	Teacher
	Jester	Kristin	Teacher
	Nazario	Katherine	Teacher
	Giron	Jenny	Paraprofessional
	Martinez	Latasha	Recreation/Teacher

c. Resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Borrusso, Christine	W. Cross SS Middle School	11/04/22
Burgess, Susan	Bucks Hill Grade 4	10/14/22
MacDuff, Molly	W. Cross ELA Grade 6	11/10/22

EXECUTIVE SESSION – *there was no executive session.*

ADJOURNMENT at 7:00 p.m.

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

This meeting in its entirety may be viewed at <https://youtu.be/85eutwOHhjE>