

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES ~ SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Wendell Cross School, 1255 Hamilton Avenue, Waterbury, CT

PRESENT: President Sweeney, Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Navarro, O'Brien, Orso, and Serrano-Adorno.

ABSENT: Commissioners Ireland, Nardoizzi, and Van Stone.

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 Jade Gopie, 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, and Director of Equity and Inclusion Lara White.

1. SILENT PRAYER

President Sweeney called the special meeting to order at 8:09 p.m. with a moment of silence.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

3. ROLL CALL

CLERK: Commissioner Brown.

BROWN: Here.

CLERK: Vice President Hernandez.

HERNANDEZ: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Ireland (absent). Commissioner Nardoizzi (absent).

CLERK: Commissioner Navarro.

NAVARRO: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner O'Brien.

O'BRIEN: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Orso.

ORSO: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Serrano-Adorno.

SERRANO-ADORNO: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Van Stone (absent). President Sweeney.

SWEENEY: Here.

4. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- 4.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Hernandez and duly seconded by Commissioner Brown, it was voted unanimously to approve to file a grant application with the Commissioner of Administrative Services for the proposed *Kennedy High School Roof Project*.
- 4.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Hernandez and duly seconded by Commissioner Brown, it was voted unanimously approve to file a grant application with the Commissioner of Administrative Services for the proposed *Sprague School Roof Project*.
- 4.3 Upon a motion by Commissioner Hernandez and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted unanimously approve to file a grant application with the Commissioner of Administrative Services for the proposed *Tinker School Roof Project*.
- 4.4 Upon a motion by Commissioner Hernandez and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted unanimously approve the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the proposed *Kennedy High School Roof Project*.
- 4.5 Upon a motion by Commissioner Hernandez and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted unanimously approve the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the proposed *Sprague School Roof Project*.
- 4.6 Upon a motion by Commissioner Hernandez and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted unanimously to approve the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the proposed *Tinker School Roof Project*.
- 4.7 Upon a motion by Commissioner Hernandez and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted unanimously approve the establishment of a building committee for the proposed *Kennedy High School Roof Project*. Such committee shall consist of LaToya Ireland, Hector Navarro, Margaret O'Brien, Rocco Orso, and Melissa Serrano-Adorno.
- 4.8 Upon a motion by Commissioner Hernandez and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted unanimously approve the establishment of a building committee for the proposed *Sprague School Roof Project*. Such committee shall consist of LaToya Ireland, Hector Navarro, Margaret O'Brien, Rocco Orso, and Melissa Serrano-Adorno.

- 4.9 Upon a motion by Commissioner Hernandez and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted unanimously approve the establishment of a building committee for the proposed *Tinker School Roof Project*. Such committee shall consist of LaToya Ireland, Hector Navarro, Margaret O'Brien, Rocco Orso, and Melissa Serrano-Adorno.
- 4.10 Upon a motion by Commissioner Hernandez and duly seconded by Commissioner Brown, it was voted unanimously to REMOVE FROM THE AGENDA an Agreement, at no cost, with Naugatuck Valley Community College for the GEAR UP Program (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs).

5. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

- 5.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, it was voted unanimously to approve of a Professional Services Agreement with Barclay Water Management, Inc. for chemical water treatment at various City schools, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.
- 5.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, it was voted unanimously to approve a Construction Contract with GMH Fence Co., Inc. for fence installation at Wendell Cross School, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.
- 5.3 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, it was voted unanimously to approve to apply for the Connecticut State Department of Education School Mental Health Workers Grant, contingent upon approval of sustaining funds by the Chief Financial Officer.
- 5.4 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, it was voted unanimously to approve a Professional Services Agreement with PowerSchool Group, LLC for the Naviance by PowerSchool program, for a three-year period, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.
- 5.5 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, it was voted unanimously to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Vista Higher Learning, Inc. for World Language Instructional Materials, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.
- 5.6 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, it was voted unanimously to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Waterbury Youth Services Inc. for Waterbury Youth Services' Reboot Pilot Program, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.

- 5.7 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, it was voted unanimously to approve a Data Sharing Agreement with Waterbury Promise Inc. and Connecticut Community Foundation as its contract service provider, for the purpose of determining students' scholarship eligibility, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.**
- 5.8 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Brown, it was voted unanimously to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Waterbury Bridge to Success to provide Before and After School Care/Boost Community School Site Coordinators, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.**
- 5.9 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, it was voted unanimously to approve Amendment One (1), at no cost, to the Contract with Mutualink, Inc. for Multi-Media Interoperable Emergency Communications System, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.**
- 5.10 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, it was voted unanimously to approve Amendment One (1), at no cost, to the Contract with Utility Communications, Inc., subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.**
- 5.11 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, it was voted unanimously to approve Amendment Two (2), at no cost, to the Contract with Environmental Systems Corp., subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.**
- 5.12 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, it was voted unanimously to approve the following transfers in the 2022/2023 budget totaling \$780,000:**

FROM:

Acct. Unit	Account	Activity	Description	Amount
60180	547000	6018080099995	Capital Improvement – BOE Unallocated (Sinking Fund)	(\$780,000)

TO:

65018	547000	6501880026196	Capital Improvement – FY21 Tinker Roof Replacement	\$220,000
65019	547000	6501980027906	Capital Improvement - FY23 Sprague Roof Replacement	\$240,000
65021	547000	6502180027916	Capital Improvement - FY23 Kennedy Roof Replacement	\$320,000
TOTAL				\$780,000 (\$780,000)

Transfer to move funds from BOE Unallocated Sinking Fund to existing roof replacement projects at Tinker, Sprague & Kennedy

- 5.13 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, it was voted unanimously to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Delta-T Group, as amended by and comprising of Amendment Two, to include the services of Certified Nursing Assistants to the Department of Education, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.
- 5.14 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, it was voted unanimously to approve the Professional Services Agreement with The Nurse Network, LLC, as amended by and comprising of Amendment One, to include the services of Certified Nursing Assistants to the Department of Education, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.
- 5.15 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Brown, it was voted unanimously to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Varsity Tutors for Schools LLC for virtual tutoring services for elementary math and reading, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.

6. COMMITTEE ON BUILDING & SCHOOL FACILITIES

- 6.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted unanimously to approve the Review of Final Plans, SCG-042, for the Bunker Hill Elementary School Elevator Project, State Project #151-0305 CV.
- 6.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted unanimously to approve the Review of Final Plans, SCG-042, for the Washington Elementary School Elevator Project, State Project #151-0304 CV.

7. COMMITTEE ON POLICY & LEGISLATION

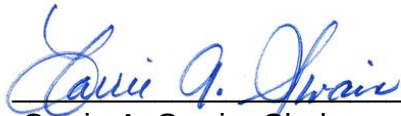
- 7.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Brown and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted unanimously to approve the submission of the following resolution proposal to CAFE:

CAFE urges the State to establish and seek available federal funding to establish a high quality paid Registered Apprenticeship for teachers which will increase collaboration across workforce and education systems.

Rationale: Connecticut is facing a severe teacher shortage and efforts to provide a variety of teacher career pathways will help recruit and retain teachers. Approved by the Federal Department of Labor, Registered Apprenticeship is an effective, high quality "earn and learn" model that provides structured, paid on the job learning experiences combined with job related technical instruction with a mentor that leads to a nationally recognized credential. Registered Apprenticeships serve as an avenue for skills- based hiring by removing potential barriers to entry level careers for qualified workers.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Brown and duly seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education

This meeting in its entirety may be viewed at <https://youtu.be/j3wzs4CJOgM>.