

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Workshop/Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the May 18, 2023 Board Meeting)

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held Thursday, May 4, 2023, 5:30 p.m., Duggan School, 38 West Porter Street, Waterbury, Connecticut.

PRESENT: President Sweeney, Commissioners Brown, Hernandez (5:49 p.m.), Ireland, Nardozi, O'Brien (6:02 p.m.), Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and Van Stone.

ABSENT: Commissioner Navarro.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Verna Ruffin, Interim Chief Operating Officer Nicholas Albini, Director of Security & School Safety Daniel Barry, Chief Fiscal Officer Doreen Biolo, Attorney Joseph Britton, Assistant Superintendent Jade Gopie, Assistant Superintendent Joseph Johnson, Interim Facilities Manager Rosh Maghfour, Assistant Superintendent Juan Mendoza, Director of Communications Belen Michelis, Director of Pupil Services Miguel Pabon, 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, Crosby High School.

President Sweeney called the meeting to order at 5:44 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 Duggan School's Student Council.*

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ~ Melissa DiGiovanni

Ms. DiGiovanni introduced Student Council Representatives and thanked them for leading the school tour, acknowledged staff members and family members present, and introduced and thanked Vice Principal Carla Fidanza.

A PowerPoint was presented showcasing the following:

- *Various celebrations this year – Hispanic Heritage Month, Black History Month.*

- *Duggan is a member of the Boost Program sponsored by Waterbury Bridge to Success.*
- *English Learners had an ice cream party and iReady and MClass student successes were celebrated.*
- *Student Council held a Spirt Week.*

President Sweeney and Dr. Ruffin introduced and acknowledged Waterbury Career Academy Boys Basketball Team and Coach O'Leary for winning the 2023 CIAC Division III Boys Basketball State Championship.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Kevin Egan, WTA, 562 Lakewood Road – Mr. Egan addressed the Board regarding the mandated PD at Crosby High School; many Teacher Appreciation Day luncheons and ceremonies had to be shifted. It was requested to be done virtually; no one could hear or see anything. He is concerned about safety in schools; a layer of protection needs to be added for the entire staff and students. The schools have been told there are too many arrests but the safety of the students and teachers is never spoken about.

1. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes ~ Update: Connecticut Junior Republic programs – J. Gopie, ~~M. Pabón~~, CJR (Katie Guest, Katie Pelletier, Joanne Medina, Ana Flamengo) *Update on Wellness Center and SAFE Program.*
2. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with StayWell Health Care, Inc. for Mobile Dental Services – A. McGuckin/Director of Health. (Director of Community Strategy Albana Lame)
3. Committee on Finance/2 minutes ~ Request approval to participate in the Healthy Food Certification Program per CGS 10-215f – L. Franzese.
4. Committee on Finance/2 minutes ~ Request approval of the food and beverage exemption statement for the Healthy Food Certification relative to CGS 10-221q – L. Franzese.
5. Committee on Finance/3 minutes ~ Request approval to apply for the CSDE Career and Technical Education Supplemental Enhancement Grant (consensus needed – *no objection*) – ~~L. Brown, J. Frenis, M. Merati.~~ (D. Schwartz)
6. ~~Committee of the Whole/10 minutes – Special Education Report – M. Pabón.
Removed.~~
7. ~~Committee of the Whole/10 minutes – Pupil Personnel Report – M. Pabón.
Removed.~~
8. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment One (1) to the Professional Services Agreement with RE-Center Race & Equity in Education, Inc. for equity strategic plan and professional development – ~~J. Frenis,~~ L. White. (D. Schwartz)

9. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Police Activity League of Waterbury, Inc. for PAL Summer 2023 Basketball Program – J. Frenis. (D. Schwartz)
10. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with The Greater Waterbury YMCA for YMCA Summer Camp – J. Frenis. (D. Schwartz)
11. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Waterbury, Inc. to provide Boys and Girls Club Summer Enrichment Program – J. Frenis. (D. Schwartz)
12. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment One (1) to the Professional Services Agreement with Rubicon West, LLC to provide Online Curriculum and Lesson Planning Warehouse – M. Eckler, J. Frenis.
13. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Seven Angels Theatre, Inc. to provide Seven Angels Theater Classes – J. Frenis, H. Maxson. (D. Schwartz)
14. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with LiveGirl, Inc. as a partnership for Confidence Club – J. Gopie.
15. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Construction Contract with Scholar Painting, LLC for painting and wallpaper services – N. Albini.
16. Committee on Finance/5 minutes:
 - a) FYI - ARP/ESSER Update – D. Biolo.
 - b) FYI - Monthly Expenditure Report – D. Biolo.
 - c) Request approval of transfers in the General Fund Operating budget – D. Biolo.
17. Superintendent's Update ~ Dr. Ruffin.
18. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments – N. Albini.
19. Superintendent's Notification to the Board/5 minutes:

a. Athletic appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Boland, Donald	Freshmen Baseball	KHS	04/17/23

b. Grant funded appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>FT/PT</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Brown Sr., Michael	Adult Ed Security Guard	PT	\$20/hr	NON BOE	Ad. Ed. Prov. 22-23	05/08/23
DeFelice, Taylor	Classroom Assist. Maloney	FT	\$15/hr	UPSEU 68	Magnet 22-23	04/17/23
Grant, Cheryl	Hall Monitor Wallace	PT	\$98/day	NON BOE	Title I/A 22-24	04/17/23

Maldonado, Lorenzo (external)	Rec. Specialist 21st Century Walsh	PT	\$15/hr	NON BOE	21st Cent Walsh/Driggs 22-23	04/3/23
Pizarro, Camila (external)	Rec. Specialist 21st Century Bucks Hill	PT	\$15/hr	NON BOE	21st Cent BucksH/Chase 22-23	04/3/23
Walker, Jordan	Hall Monitor Crosby	PT	\$98/day	NON BOE	Title I/A 22-24	03/30/23
Wengertsman, Sarah	Crisis Interv. Team Youth Clinician	PT	\$35/hr	NON BOE	ESSER III 21-24	05/04/23
Williams, Rinaldi (external)	Rec. Specialist 21st Century Bucks Hill	PT	\$15/hr	NON BOE	21st Cent BucksH/Chase 22-23	04/17/23

c. After-school Programs appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Salcito, Arianne	21st Century/SDE After School	Walsh	Teacher

d. Extended Academic Support (EAS) Summer School appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Geffken, Melissa	Math Teacher	WSMS
Kalach, Kevin	Interdisciplinary	WSMS
Mancini, Dana	Site Administrator	WSMS
Pratt, Lena	ELA teacher	WSMS
Albert, Kristen	Interdisciplinary	NEMS
Brown-Spencer, Cara	Interdisciplinary	NEMS
Cremens, Lauren	SEL Counselor	NEMS
Garcia, Zulma	Bilingual Teacher	NEMS
Munoz, Kelly	Math	NEMS
Poulin, Gina	ELA	NEMS
Power, Stephanie	Bilingual Teacher	NEMS
Rotella, David	ELA	NEMS
Terenzi, Adriana	Site Administrator	NEMS
Mead, Christine	Site Administrator	WMS

e. Extended School Year (ESY) Summer School appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Calderone, Paula	Site Administrator	TBD
Labagh, Michael	Site Administrator	TBD
Pesce, Margaruite	Site Administrator	TBD

f. Miscellaneous Summer School Programs appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location/Program</u>
Ferreira, Dan	Site Administrator	WAMS Encore
Magliaro, Alicia	Teacher	WAMS Encore
Maxen, Heather	Teacher	WAMS Encore
Schulte, Scott	Teacher	WAMS Encore
Vagnini, Marianna	Teacher	WAMS Encore
McDonnell, Cassi	Coordinator	Summer Enrichment
Williams, Chelcey	Coordinator	Summer Enrichment

g. Academic achievements effective March 2023:

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Degree From</u>	<u>Degree to</u>	<u>University</u>
Aftowski	Michael	6 yr/14	6+15/14	Lindenwood University
Basile	David	6 yr/13	6+15/13	University of Bridgeport
Bleau	Lisa M.	MA15/5	6 yr/5	CCSU; Dominican U of CA
Bolduc	Nicole	BA/4	MA/4	Eastern CT ST University
Boll	Deana	MA15/5	6 yr+15/5	University of Bridgeport
Bosworth	Stephanie	BA/4	MA/4	Sacred Heart University
Cassidy	Lauren	BA/15	MA/15	University of Hartford
Catricala	Julia	MA/5	MA+15/5	Goodwin University
Chabot	Albert	MA15/14	6+15/14	Lindenwood University
Cusack	Tara	6 yr/6	6+15/6	Bridgeport; Okl. Christian U
Deveau	Heather	MA/8	MA+15/8	Southern New Hampshire Univ.
Digiovanna	Lisa M.	6 yr/22	6+15/22	Loyola, So. New Hampshire Un
Divito	Johnna	MA15/22	6yr/22	American College of Education
Donohue	Kelly	MA15/9	6 yr/9	University of New England
Fiore	Patience	6th yr/14	6+15/14	University of New England
Foote	Andre	MA15/9	6 yr/9	University of New England
Forsberg	Megan	6 yr/18	6+15/18	Florida Institute of Technology
Gagnon	Jos	MA/14	MA15/14	Walden University
Gjolle	Besmira	BA/5	MA/5	CCSU
Gosturani	Marinela	MA15/8	6 yr/8	CCSU
Grant	Nataine	6+15/12	PhD/12	Walden Un
Gruner	Laureen A.	MA/13	MA15/13	American College of Education
Lawrence	Diana	BA/13	MA15/13	The City College of New York
LeBlanc	Danielle	BA/7	MA/7	Western Governors U
Mamudi	Shipe	BA/5	MA/5	Western Governors U
McAulay	Jordan	MA15/6	6 yr/6	Graduate Ins; So. New Hamp. U
Mendello	Joseph	MA/15/8	6 yr/8	University of Bridgeport
Miller	Keisha	6 yr/8	6+15/ 8	Lindenwood University
Mucciacciaro	Kathryn	6 yr/9	6+15/ 9	Colorado St University
O'Leary	Ronan	6 yr/8	6+15/ 8	Lindenwood University
O'Neill	Patrick	BA/5	MA/ 5	South Eastern Oklahoma St
Pierresaint	Courtney	6 yr/9	6+15/ 9	Sacred Heart U; Loyola
Pratt	Colin	MA15/9	6 yr/9	Dominican Un of CA
Rendon-Moreno	Miguel	BA/6	MA/ 6	Un of St. Joseph
Rodriguez Velez	Nanichi	BA/7	MA/ 7	Un of St. Joseph
Sanchez	Maria	BA/6	MA/ 6	WCSU
Sapone	Vincent	MA15/13	6+15/ 13	Mississippi St; Lindenwood Un
Sciascia	MaryAnn	6 yr/13	6+15/ 13	Un of Bridgeport
Taft	Nancy	MA15/18	6 yr/ 18	American College of Education

h. Resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Amato, Carl	7/8 Math/Carrington	05/04/23
Betts, Shannon	Library Media/Reed	04/21/23

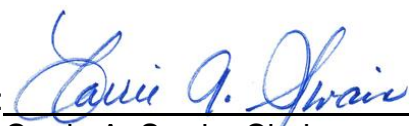
Miller, Susan	Curriculum Supervisor-Secondary Math	06/30/23
Pabón, Miguel	Director of Pupil Services	06/30/23

i. Retirements:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Cooley, Elizabeth J.	Kindergarten/Washington	06/30/23
Lehane, Danielle	Social Worker/Gilmartin	04/28/23

~~**EXECUTIVE SESSION** for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.~~

ADJOURNMENT at 7:28 p.m.

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

This meeting in its entirety may be viewed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/HCP-c2ssrM>.