

## **WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

*Workshop/Committee Meeting Minutes*  
Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.  
(For the March 16, 2023 Board Meeting)

### **WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at International Dual Language School, 116 Beecher Avenue, Waterbury, Connecticut.

**PRESENT:** President Sweeney, Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, O'Brien, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and Van Stone.

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Nardozzi and Navarro.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent of Schools Dr. Verna Ruffin, Director of Security & School Safety Daniel Barry, Chief Fiscal Officer Doreen Biolo, Attorney Joseph Britton, Chief Academic Officer Janet Frenis, Assistant Superintendent Joseph Johnson, Interim Facilities Manager 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 Supervisor of Management, Information, and Technology Will Zhuta.

*President Sweeney called the meeting to order at 5:32 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 International Dual Language School students.*

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

#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** ~ Diurca Tomasella

*Ms. Tomasella commented on the following:*

- Year in Review/Parental Involvement
- Three Pillars/Goals of Dual Language Education
  - Steering Committee
  - Professional Learning
  - Instructional Approaches & Programs
- Upcoming Events
- Video Highlights

~~**EXECUTIVE SESSION** for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee. (there was no executive session)~~

1. Committee on Finance/5 minutes: Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Critical Response Group, Inc. for Digital School Mapping – D. Barry, W. Zhuta.
2. Committee on Finance/5 minutes: Request approval of Amendment Three (3) to the Professional Services Agreement with Connecticut Communications, LLC for Mitel Voice Over IP Solution – D. Barry, W. Zhuta.
3. Committee on Finance/5 minutes: Request approval of an Agreement with Crown Castle Fiber, LLC for Wide Area Network – W. Zhuta.
4. Committee on Finance/5 minutes:
  - a) FYI - ARP/ESSER Update – D. Biolo.
  - b) FYI - Monthly Expenditure Report – D. Biolo.
  - c) Request approval of budget transfer – D. Biolo.
5. Superintendent's Update: Dr. Ruffin.
6. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes: Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments – W. Zhuta.
7. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes: Use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests – W. Zhuta.
8. Superintendent's Notification to the Board/5 minutes:

a. 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, Aisha	Behavior Counselor Crosby	FT	\$23.72/hr	UPSEU 69	SIG 5 CHS 21-23	02/09/23
Cintron, Cameron	Adult Ed Maintenance Person	PT	\$15.54/hr	NON BOE	Ad Ed Prov 22-23	02/16/23
Frank, Richard	Adult Ed Certified Instructor	PT	\$33/hr	NON BOE	Ad Ed Prov 22-23	02/23/23
Jannetto, Joseph	Adult Education Security	PT	\$20/hr	NON BOE	Ad Ed Prov 22-23	02/27/23
Sidella, Judith	Tutor/Children's Community School	PT	\$33/hr	NON BOE	Title I/A 21-23	02/27/23
Simms, Marcia	Classroom Assistant Rotella	FT	\$14/hr	UPSEU 68	Title I/A 22-24	02/09/23

b. After-school Programs appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Rivera , Michael	ARP ESSER	Carrington	Administrator Sub
Brown, Charlene	ARP ESSER	Duggan	Teacher
D'Alessio, Jennifer	ARP ESSER	Duggan	Administrator Sub
Finkenzeller, Frances	ARP ESSER	Duggan	Teacher

Hart, Richard	ARP ESSER	Duggan	Teacher
Carter, Sa-Queen	SDE	Wallace	Teacher
Garcia, Sharyn	SDE	Wallace	Teacher
Cusack, Tara	21st Century	Walsh	Administrator Sub

c. Miscellaneous appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Program</u>
Caruso, Anthony	KHS	Mastery Based Learning Panel
Crane, Monique	WAMS	530 Club Teacher

d. Resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Arons, Emily	Bunker Hill Social Worker	03/10/23
McKusick, Kirstin	Bucks Hill Special Education	03/07/23
Montes De Oca, Delmaliz	Bucks Hill Social Worker	03/17/23

e. Retirements:


<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
April, Deborah	Enlightenment Special Education	06/30/23
Blake, Zita	Driggs Grade 2	06/30/23
Kuncas, Justine	Driggs Grade 5	06/30/23

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** for discussion concerning self-evaluation as referenced in Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Freedom of Information Act.

*The Board convened into executive session at 6:20 p.m. for discussion concerning self-evaluation as referenced in Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Freedom of Information Act and returned at 7:35 p.m. with no votes taken.*

*Present: President Sweeney, Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, O'Brien, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and Van Stone.*

**ADJOURNMENT** at 7:36 p.m.

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