

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES ~ SPECIAL MEETING

February 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Wallace Middle School, 3465 East Main Street, Waterbury, CT

PRESENT: President Sweeney, Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Navarro, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and Van Stone.

ABSENT: Commissioners Nardozzi and O'Brien.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Verna Ruffin, Director of Security & School Safety Daniel Barry, Attorney Joseph Britton, Interim Chief Academic Officer Janet Frenis, 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 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: Grace Henderson of Waterbury Arts Magnet School.

1. SILENT PRAYER

President Sweeney called the special meeting to order at 6:49 p.m. with a moment of silence.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Student Representative Grace Henderson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

CLERK: Commissioner Brown.

BROWN: Here.

CLERK: Vice President Hernandez.

HERNANDEZ: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Ireland.

IRELAND: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Nardozzi (absent). Commissioner Navarro.

NAVARRO: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner O'Brien (absent). Commissioner Orso.

ORSO: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Serrano-Adorno.

SERRANO-ADORNO: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Van Stone.

VAN STONE: Here.

CLERK: 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 the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) by and between the Waterbury Board of Education and the United Service Employees Union (UPSEU) Waterbury BOE Classroom Assistants Local 424 – Unit 68, for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026.**

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon a motion by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno and duly seconded by Commissioner Ireland, it was voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar, items 5.1 through 5.8, as read and listed:

- 5.1 The Committee of the Whole moves that the Waterbury Board of Education approve an Agreement with Southern Connecticut State University, through June, 30, 2024 and at no cost, for Type “A” Tuition and Fee Waiver for qualified high school students to take college level SCSU courses, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel’s Office.**
- 5.2 The Committee of the Whole moves that the Waterbury Board of Education approve an Agreement with Southern Connecticut State University, through June, 30, 2024 and at no cost, for Type “C” Tuition and Fee Waiver for qualified high school students to take college level SCSU courses, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel’s Office.**
- 5.3 The Committee on Finance moves that the Waterbury Board of Education approve Amendment Two (2) to the Construction Contract with M. J. Daly, LLC for Chiller Replacement at Maloney Magnet School, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel’s Office.**
- 5.4 The Committee on Finance moves that the Waterbury Board of Education approve Amendment Three (3) to the Contract with Environmental Systems Corp. (ESC), for an extension of time and equipment for additional schools, for School Security Video Surveillance and Access Control System Expansions and Upgrades, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel’s Office.**

- 5.5 The Committee on Finance moves that the Waterbury Board of Education approve a Construction Contract with J. A. Rosa Construction, LLC for Elevator Additions at Washington and Bunker Hill Schools, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's Office.
- 5.6 The Committee on Finance moves that the Waterbury Board of Education approve a Contract with Sarracco Mechanical Services, Inc. for boiler system replacement at International School, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's Office.
- 5.7 The Committee on Finance moves that the Waterbury Board of Education approve the following transfers totaling \$2,572,683.00 in the 2022/23 General Fund Operating Budget:

Acct. Unit	Account	Activity	Description	Amount
FROM:				
80510001	511102		Bucks Hill - Teachers	(\$250,000)
81110001	511102		Generali - Teachers	(\$250,000)
TO:				
87510302	533000		Curriculum Instruction - Professional Services	\$500,000
<i>Transfer is needed to cover cost of substitute teacher placements from our outside vendor ESS.</i>				
FROM:				
88510001	511102		Special Education - Teachers	(\$1,000,000)
TO:				
88510001	556055		Special Education - Tuition Outside	\$600,000
89510007	551000		Transportation - Pupil Services (Special Ed)	\$400,000
<i>Transfer is needed to cover cost of Special Ed Tuition & Transportation for an increase in Special Ed students being placed in outside facilities.</i>				
FROM:				
87514501	511102		District Wide Art - Teachers	(\$550,000)
80810001	511102		Wendell Cross - Teachers	(\$400,683)
TO:				
87510001	556055		District Wide - Tuition (Regular Ed)	\$950,683
<i>Transfer is needed to cover cost of regular ed students attending RESC schools.</i>				
FROM:				
88031006	511226		Operation & Maintenance - Custodians	(\$122,000)
TO:				
88031006	561507		Oper & Maint - Janitorial Supplies	\$22,000
88031006	561509		Oper & Maint - Plumbing Supplies	\$30,000
88031006	561510		Oper & Maint - Building & Ground Supplies	\$30,000
88031006	575408		Oper & Maint - Plant Equipment	\$40,000
<i>Transfer is needed to cover supplies & equipment in maintenance department.</i>				
TOTAL				\$2,572,683 (\$2,572,683)

- 5.8 The Committee on Finance moves that the Waterbury Board of Education approve the following transfers totaling \$245,000.00 in the 2022/23 Capital Improvement Budget:

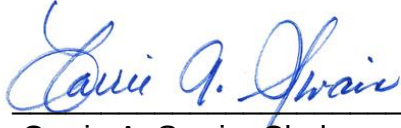
Acct. Unit	Account	Activity	Description	Amount
FROM:				
60180	547000	6018080099995	Capital Improvement - BOE Unallocated (Sinking Fund)	(\$245,000)
TO:				
60180	547000		Capital Improvement Washington School Elevator Additions	\$125,000
60180	547000		Capital Improvement Bunker Hill School Elevator Additions	\$120,000
<i>Transfer to move funds from BOE Unallocated Sinking Fund to Capital Improvement for local share of increased cost to the elevator additions at Washington & Bunker Hill Schools.</i>				
TOTAL				\$245,000 (\$245,000)

SWEENEY: Is anyone opposed to item 4a and 4b that were added to the Workshop agenda? These items did not make the Special Meeting agenda but need to get to the next Board of Aldermen meeting.

No one showed opposition.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Brown and duly seconded by Commissioner Navarro, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education