

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rescheduled Workshop/Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the April 20, 2023 Board Meeting)

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at Bunker Hill School, 170 Bunker Hill Avenue, Waterbury, Connecticut.

PRESENT: Vice President Hernandez, Commissioners Ireland, Nardozzi, Navarro, O'Brien, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and Van Stone.

ABSENT: President Sweeney and Commissioner Brown.

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, 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, and Supervisor of Management, Information, and Technology Will Zhuta.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Mary Jane Vazquez of Waterbury Career Academy.

Vice President Hernandez called the meeting to order at 5:34 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 Bunker Hill School students.*

PUBLIC SPEAKING

1. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes: School Transportation Report – J. Hunter. (N. Albini, Steve Shaunesey/Durham)

INTERIM PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ~ Maryann Thompson

Ms. Thompson presented a PowerPoint on the following:

- Social Step Program
- I-Ready March Madness Challenge

- 21st Century After School Program
- Upcoming installation of elevator and repair of portico at the main entrance
- Future playscapes
- Parent Liaison Mrs. Saavedra and the PTO coordinated many events
- Introduced Vice Principal Emily Griffin and parents present

~~2. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes: Update – Connecticut Junior Republic – M. Rodriguez.~~

3. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes: Request approval of Waterbury Arts Magnet School Operations Plan – N. Albin, J. Gopie.

4. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes: Bilingual Report – J. Frenis, A. Jorge.

5. Committee on Finance/5 minutes: Request approval of CSDE Supplemental Grant Application for Adult Education, Cooperating Eligible Entity/Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury – J. Reho.

6. Committee on Finance/5 minutes: Request approval of Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with Post University for college level courses – J. Frenis, M. Merati.

7. Committee on Finance/5 minutes: Request approval to apply for the CT Dept. of Education “School Mental Health Specialists (SMHS) Grant” (consensus needed) – L. Allen Brown, N. Toucet.

8. Committee on Finance/5 minutes: Request approval to apply for the CT Dept. of Emergency Services & Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security “School Security Grant Program-Round 6” – Louise Allen Brown, Daniel Barry, Will Zhuta. (N. Albin)

9. Committee on Finance/5 minutes: Request approval of a contract with 4 You, LLC for floor replacement at Walsh Elementary School – ~~M. Kenopka~~. (N. Albin)

10. Committee on Finance/10 minutes: Request approval of the 2022-2024 Consolidated Grant Application – L. Riddick Barron. (D. Biolo)

11. Committee on Finance/10 minutes:
a) Grants Status Report – D. Biolo, L. Riddick Barron.
b) FYI - ARP/ESSER Update – D. Biolo.
c) FYI - Monthly Expenditure Report – D. Biolo.

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 – W. Zhuta. (N. Albin)

14. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes: Use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests – W. Zhuta. (N. Albin)

15. Superintendent's Notification to the Board/5 minutes:

a. Athletic appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Gray III, Ollie	Baseball Coach	NEMS	04/03/23
Sturdivant, Jason	Boys Tennis Coach	CHS	03/20/23

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>
Baglan, Brian	Network Specialist I (10 month)	FT	\$19/hr	UPSEU 69	Title II/A District 22-24	03/02/23
Beers, Rose	SPPT Nurse	PT	\$35/hr	NON BOE	ARP ESSER SPPT 22-24	03/16/23
Gatlin, Eric	Crossing Guard Tinker	PT	\$15/hr	SCG	General Fund	03/09/23
LeVasseur, Evelyn	Tutor (Certified) Carrington	PT	\$33/hr	NON BOE	Title I/A 22-24	03/02/23
Medina, Keytza	Tutor Bucks Hill	PT	\$25/hr	NON BOE	Title I/A 22-24	03/13/23
Miller, Terri	Tutor - Children's Community School	PT	\$33/hr	NON BOE	Title I/A 21-23	03/30/23
Santos, Arnaldo	Hall Monitor Wallace	PT	\$98/day	NON BOE	Title I/A 21-23	03/23/23
Scatena, Alexandra	Tutor Tinker	PT	\$25/hr	NON BOE	Title I/A 22-24	03/16/23
Villavicencio, Winifer	Birth to Three Transition Coord.	FT	\$22/hr	UPSEU 69	IDEA 611 P & NP 22-24	03/27/23
Warren, Samantha	Network Specialist II (promotion)	FT	\$27/hr	UPSEU 69	Priority Schools	03/09/23

c. After-school Programs appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Carter, Sa-Queen	21 st Century	Academic Academy	Teacher
Gluz, Debra	21 st Century	Academic Academy	Teacher
Rendon, Miguel	21 st Century	Bucks Hill	Teacher
Perez, Oscar	SDE	Kingsbury	Rec Specialist
Gaynes, Stacey	21 st Century	Walsh	Teacher
De Santis, Paula	21 st Century	Walsh	Teacher
Poulin, Gina	21 st Century	Walsh	Teacher
Montgomery, Asia	21 st Century	Walsh	Rec Specialist
Nguyen, Karena	SDE	Washington	Teacher
Soares, Elenice	21 st Century	West Side	Administrator Sub

d. Miscellaneous appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School/Program</u>
Dunn, Brittany	Elementary Summer School Coord.	Extended Academic (EAS) Support Summer Program
Aresti, Robert	School Equity Leadership Team	DW
Banks, Melissa	School Equity Leadership Team	DW

Bell, Teresa	School Equity Leadership Team	DW
Bleau, Lisa	School Equity Leadership Team	DW
DelGobbo, Leah	School Equity Leadership Team	DW
Dossantos, Shannon	School Equity Leadership Team	DW
Greene, Lucia	School Equity Leadership Team	DW
Lyons, Jean	School Equity Leadership Team	DW
Mulhern, Jacqueline	School Equity Leadership Team	DW
Parker, Marly	School Equity Leadership Team	DW
Pierresiant, Courtney	School Equity Leadership Team	DW
Rahman, Vareesha	School Equity Leadership Team	DW
Soares, Elenice	School Equity Leadership Team	DW
Sodano, Gina	School Equity Leadership Team	DW

e. Resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Hubeny, Carolyn	State Street Special Ed 6-8	03/16/23
Mayer, Samantha	Walsh Grade 4	06/30/23
Rosado, Debra	WMS SEL Counselor	04/17/23

f. Retirements:


<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Barbosa, Elvira	Carrington Special Ed	06/30/23
Peschel, Maryann	WSMS ELA Grade 6	06/30/23

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

The Board convened into Executive Session at 6:58 p.m. for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and returned at 7:10 p.m. with the record reflecting no votes taken.

Present were Vice President Hernandez, Commissioners Ireland, Nardozzi, Navarro, O'Brien, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, and Van Stone. Also present was Dr. Ruffin.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:10 p.m.

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