

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Maloney Magnet School, 233 South Elm Street, Waterbury, CT

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

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, Interim Chief Academic Officer Janet Frenis, 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: Eva Pineda, Kennedy High School.

1. SILENT PRAYER

President Sweeney called the special meeting to order at 7:59 p.m. with a moment of silence.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Nardozzi 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.

NARDOZZI: Here.

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.

VAN STONE: Present.

CLERK: President Sweeney.

SWEENEY: Here.

4. COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL PERSONNEL

- 4.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Hernandez and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Trevira Boatright as College and Career Readiness Supervisor, effective June 26, 2023.

5. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

- 5.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Ireland, it was voted unanimously to approve transfers in the General Fund budget as totaling \$2,650,000.00 as listed:

FROM:

Accounting Unit	Account	Description	Amount
\$0510001	511102	Bucks Hill - Teachers	(\$250,000)
\$0610001	511102	Bunker Hill - Teachers	(\$45,000)
\$1310001	511102	Hopeville- Teachers	(\$90,000)
\$1410001	511102	Kingsbury - Teachers	(\$200,000)
\$1510001	511102	Maloney - Teachers	(\$75,000)
\$1710001	511102	Reed - Teachers	(\$225,000)
\$2010001	511102	Sprague - Teachers	(\$115,000)

TO:

\$7510302 533000 Curriculum Instruction - Professional Services \$1,000,000

Transfer is needed to cover cost of substitute teacher placements from our outside vendor ESS.

FROM:

Accounting Unit	Account	Description	Amount
\$8510002	511108	Special Education - School Psychologists	(\$245,000)
\$8510002	511109	Special Education - Social Workers	(\$118,000)
\$3210001	511102	Enlightenment - Teachers	(\$150,000)
\$2610005	511101	Gilmartin - Administrators	(\$300,000)
\$6210001	511102	Crosby - Teachers	(\$95,000)
\$2410001	511102	Wilson - Teachers	(\$142,000)
\$6410001	511102	Kennedy - Teachers	(\$100,000)

TO:

\$8510001 556055 Special Education - Tuition Outside \$850,000

\$8510001 556056 Special Education - Purchased Services \$300,000

Transfer is needed to cover cost of Special Ed Tuition for Special Ed students being placed in outside facilities, and costs for purchased services.

FROM:

Accounting Unit	Account	Description	Amount
82110001	511102	Tinker - Teachers	(\$165,000)
82210001	511102	Walsh - Teachers	(\$115,000)
82310001	511102	Washington- Teachers	(\$145,000)
82610001	511102	Gilmartin - Teachers	(\$75,000)

TO:

88031006	551000	Operations - Natural Gas	\$500,000
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Transfer is needed to cover overage in Natural Gas

TOTAL \$2,650,000 (\$2,650,000)

- 5.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted unanimously to approve transfers in the Capital Improvement budget totaling \$161,317.00, as listed:**

FROM:

Accounting Unit	Account	Activity	Description	Amount
60180	547000	6018080099995	Capital Improvement - BOE Unallocated (Sinking Fund)	(\$161,317)

TO:

60180	575411	6018080027115	Education Capital - HVAC Repairs & Replacement	\$161,317
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TOTAL \$161,317 (\$161,317)

Transfer to move funds from BOE Unallocated Sinking Fund to Capital Improvement which is needed to address HVAC repairs in various schools

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 Kennedy High School Roof Replacement Project, State Project #151-0307 RR.**
- 6.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, it was voted unanimously to approve the Review of Final Plans, SCG-042, for the Sprague School Roof Replacement Project, State Project #151-0308 RR.**
- 6.3 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, it was voted unanimously to approve the Review of Final Plans, SCG-042, for the Tinker School Roof Replacement Project, State Project #151-0309 RR.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

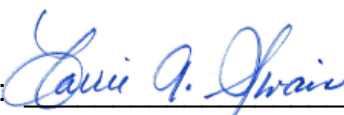
Upon a motion by Commissioner Hernandez and duly seconded by Commissioner Navarro, it was voted unanimously to convene into Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and return to the regular order of business at 9:31 p.m. with no votes taken.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Verna Ruffin (left at 9:25 p.m.).

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:31 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education

This meeting in its entirety may be viewed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/5t4-l8qn5EI>