

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Workshop/Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
(For the July 20, 2023 Board Meeting)

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held Thursday, July 6, 2023, Waterbury Arts Magnet School, 16 South Elm Street, Waterbury, Connecticut.

PRESENT: Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, Nardozzi (arrived at 5:48 p.m.), O'Brien, Serrano-Adorno, and Van Stone.

ABSENT: President Sweeney, Commissioners Navarro and Orso.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Verna Ruffin, Chief Operating Officer Nicholas Albin, Director of Security & School Safety Daniel Barry, Chief Fiscal Officer Doreen Biolo, Provisional Director of Pupil Services Wendy Johns, Assistant Superintendent Joseph Johnson, Interim Facilities Manager Rosh Maghfour, Assistant Superintendent Juan Mendoza, Supervisor of Special Education Wendy Johns, Director of College and Career Readiness Nyree Toucet, and Supervisor of Management, Information and Technology Will Zhuta.

Vice President Hernandez called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Reports were submitted to the various committees of the Board and discussed, as per the following agenda:

AGENDA

SILENT PRAYER

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG led by Commissioner Ireland.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

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

1. Committee of the Whole/15 minutes ~ Presentation: Multi-media Interoperable Emergency Communications System – Mutualink. (Mark Hatten and Joseph Dooley)
2. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes ~ Update: Family & Community Engagement – Q. Brown-Coles.
3. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval to apply for the CSDE Family Resource Center Grants for Wilson and Reed Schools – L. Allen Brown, M. Bergin, J. Frenis. (D. Biolo)

4. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval to apply for the CSDE State Afterschool Program Grants for Hopeville and North End Middle Schools – ~~L. Allen Brown, M. Bergin, J. Frenis.~~ (D. Biolo)
5. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval to apply for the CSDE (ARPA) Dual Credit Expansion Grant – ~~L. Allen Brown, M. Bergin, J. Frenis.~~ (D. Biolo)
6. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment Two (2) to the construction contract with Pro-Mech Inc. for boiler replacement at Rotella Magnet School – N. Albini.
7. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment One (1) to the Agreement with 4 You, LLC for floor replacement at Walsh School – N. Albini.
8. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a construction contract with Tilcon Connecticut Inc. for 2023 Milling and Paving Program at various schools – N. Albini.
9. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Professional Services Agreement with The Greater Waterbury YMCA for the YMCA Summer Youth Employment Program – D. Biolo.
10. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment One (1) to Professional Services Agreement with Committee for Children for Social Emotional Learning Curriculum and Professional Development – W. Johns.
11. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Northeast Scoreboards, LLC for indoor multi-sport scoreboards with shot clocks – J. Gorman.
12. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes ~ Transportation and Facilities Operations Report – N. Albini. (D. Biolo, W. Johns)
13. Committee on Finance/5 minutes:
 - a) FYI - ARP/ESSER Update – D. Biolo.
 - b) FYI - Monthly Expenditure Report – D. Biolo.
 - c) Transfers in the 2022/23 General Fund Budget – D. Biolo.
14. Superintendent's Update ~ Dr. Ruffin.

Dr. Ruffin presented a PowerPoint sharing the following:

- Members of Waterbury Public Schools participated in an Educational Field Study Portugal. Schools were visited and there were interactions with city officials.
- The Department of Education has offered summer internships for students in conjunction with the City Departments including the Superintendent's Office.

- Kennedy High School Marching Band was invited to perform in Washington, D.C. They participated in the National Independence Day Parade on July 4.
- Safety Task Force members have been identified along with other organizations collaborating.

15. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments – N. Albini.

16. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests – N. Albini.

17. 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 Source</u>	<u>Eff.</u>
Bosley-Boyce, Annette	College and Career Coordinator	FT	\$30/hr	F UPSEU 69	ESSER II 21-23	08/28/23
Bush, Charneil	College and Career Coord.	FT	\$30/hr	F UPSEU 69	ESSER II 21-23	08/28/23
Colon, Natalie	Communications Assistant	FT	\$20/hr	F UPSEU 69	All. District 22-23	06/29/23
Garcia Orta, Emily	Parent Liaison International (job change)	FT	\$15.88/hr	UPSEU 69	Title I/A 22-24	06/15/23
Lent, Matthew	Parent Liaison Chase	FT	\$15.88/hr	UPSEU 69	Title I/A 22-24	08/28/23
McColl, John	Behavior Couns. Duggan	FT	\$25/hr	F UPSEU 69	Title I/DW 23-25	08/28/23
Pisaturo-Pelatowski, Tara	Grants Coord. IDEA and Mental Health	FT	\$65,000/yr	F UPSEU 69	IDEA 611 - Public & NP 22-24	06/12/23
Reese, Frank	Network Specialist (10 month to 12 month)	FT	\$19.00/hr	UPSEU 69	Title II/A	06/01/23

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Beveridge	Gabrielle (external)	Elementary
Doolan	Heidi	4 th grade
Galette	Thalia (external)	Teacher
Garafola	Denise (external)	Teacher
Matthews	Nora (external)	Teacher
McCue	Erin	2 nd grade
Munoz	Victoria (external)	Teacher
Oulette	Katelynn	2 nd grade
Poulter	Dennis	Math
Rendon-Moreno	Miguel	Teacher
Rivera	Anna	Teacher
Thomas	Richard	Math
Aceto	Christopher (external)	Social Studies

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

<u>WTA Teachers</u>	<u>Paraprofessionals</u>	
Donahue, Rachel	Beamon, Jamar	Mcintyre, Hannah
Cacho-Zuniga, Lurbin	Bermudez, Jarielitz	Quito-Guadalupe, Jennilee
Hulteen, Lisa	Byrd, Shana	Sanchez, Gwendoline
	Lajara, Anairis	Stewart Blake, Tamalee
	Lewis, Mi'nasia	Williams, Sade
	Martinez, Sally	Zafar, Ghazala
<u>Coordinator</u>	<u>WTA Support Staff</u>	<u>External Teacher</u>
Erdmann, Michael	Romano, Lisa	Zullo, Jennifer

d. Miscellaneous Summer School Programs appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location/Program</u>
Abuhamed, Hoda	Teacher	WMS Academic Academy
Bruno, Lenore	Teacher	WMS Academic Academy
Gilday, Michael	Teacher	WMS Academic Academy
Kumar, Usha	Lead Teacher	WMS Academic Academy
Miranda, Cynthia	Teacher	WMS Academic Academy
Shortt, Katia	Teacher	WMS Academic Academy
Rousseau, Jonas	SEL Teacher	WCA Summer Transition
Thomas, Martha	Classroom Assistant	RMS Summer Program
Fricks, Benjamin	English Teacher	KHS Summer Transition

e. Summer Curriculum Committee appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Velez, Crystal	Science Curriculum
Banks, Melissa	Social Studies Curriculum
Braun, Brooklyn	Social Studies Curriculum
Joyce, Angela	Social Studies Curriculum
McCarthy, Erica	Social Studies Curriculum
McCartin, Sarah	Social Studies Curriculum
Neal, Cameron	Social Studies Curriculum
O'Tootle, John	Social Studies Curriculum
Albert, Kristen	Library/Media Curriculum
Lin, Amanda	Library/Media Curriculum
Neff, Michele	Library/Media Curriculum

f. Voluntary teacher transfers effective 08/23/23:

<u>LAST</u>	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>
Kontulis-Trentacosta	Krista	Driggs grade 5	DW Elementary STEM Coach

g. Involuntary teacher transfers effective 08/23/23:

<u>LAST</u>	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>
O'Brien	Kathleen	WSMS Spec. Ed – Scope	WSMS Spec. Ed Co-Taught Gr 7
Ring	Katherine	WSMS Spec. Ed – BDLC	WSMS Spec. Ed Scope
Santiago	Emanuel	WSMS Spec. Ed Co-Taught Gr 6	WSMS Spec. Ed – BDLC
Varecka	Irena	WSMS Spec. Ed – BDLC	WSMS Spec. Ed – Resource Gr 7

h. Food Service Summer 2023 appointments:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Positions</u>	<u>Site-Location</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Sherl Knight	Site Supervisor	Bags Foundation	\$15.56
Ciara Pedraza	Site Supervisor	Boys/Girls Club	\$17.24

Sylvia Lebron	Site Supervisor	Bucks Hill Annex	\$15.56
Marcelina Ramos	Site Supervisor	Carrington	\$15.56
Barbara Slogeris	Site Supervisor	Carrington	\$15.56
Carmen Gonzalez	Site Supervisor	Carrington	\$15.56
Kim Plude	Site Supervisor	Crosby/Wallace	\$15.56
Mayra Acuna	Site Supervisor	Crosby/Wallace	\$15.56
Hayat Abouanni	Site Supervisor	Crosby/Wallace	\$15.56
Elizabeth Guisto	Site Supervisor	Duggan	\$15.56
Terri Brooks	Site Supervisor	Duggan	\$15.56
Bibi Ganesh	Site Supervisor	Duggan	\$15.56
Diane Martone	Site Supervisor	Gilmartin	\$15.56
Marilyn Smith-Pittman	Site Supervisor	Gilmartin	\$15.56
Monica Ramos	Site Supervisor	Gilmartin	\$15.56
Bernadette Donnelly	Site Supervisor	Kennedy	\$15.56
Dalyes Sagarra	Site Supervisor	Kennedy	\$15.56
Lubna Azam	Site Supervisor	Kennedy	\$15.56
Rose Sarandrea	Site Supervisor	Lighthouse Daycare	\$15.56
Agnelys Negron	Site Supervisor	Lion of Judah	\$15.56
Sue Lugo	Site Supervisor	Reed	\$15.56
Nola Santiago	Site Supervisor	Reed	\$15.56
Mandi Dreher	Site Supervisor	Reed	\$15.56
Ivelisse Conception	Site Supervisor	Rivera Memorial	\$15.56
Caroline Thorpe	Site Supervisor	Rotella Magnet School	\$15.56
Mamie Parker	Site Supervisor	Rotella Magnet School	\$15.56
Donna Synott-Hassinger	Site Supervisor	Waterbury Pal	\$15.56
Marcela Visciano	Site Supervisor	WCA	\$15.56
Maria Rivera	Site Supervisor	WCA	\$15.56
Rosa Quinonez	Site Supervisor	West Side M.S.	\$15.56
Agnes Colon	Site Supervisor	West Side M.S.	\$15.56
Anele Genova	Site Supervisor	Wilby/North End M.S.	\$17.24
Coleen Dutton	Site Supervisor	Wilby/North End M.S.	\$15.56
Paula Mucci	Site Supervisor	Wilby/North End M.S.	\$15.56
Marry Leopizzio	Site Supervisor	Wilby/North End M.S.	\$15.56
Yesenia Martorony	Site Supervisor	Willow Plaza	\$15.56
Seritha Anglin	Site Supervisor	WOW	\$15.56
Maria Rego	Monitor	WAMS	\$17.24
Patricia Lowe	Monitor	WAMS	\$17.24
Amy Daugerdas	Monitor	WAMS	\$17.24
Elaine Lepore	Monitor	WAMS	\$17.24
Linda Generali	Prep	WAMS	\$15.56
Terra Saunders	Prep	WAMS	\$15.56
Chasity Hernandez	Prep	WAMS	\$15.56
Alice Pinto	Prep	WAMS	\$15.56
Robin Capozio	Prep	WAMS	\$15.56
Tasha Curry	Prep	WAMS	\$15.56
Debbie Finke	Program Manager	WAMS	\$35.00
Isabel DeSousa	Program Coordinator	WAMS	\$30.00

i. Resignations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Davino, Melissa	Bunker Hill K	08/04/23
Ey-D'Agostino, Lauren	Duggan Special Ed Co-taught K	06/15/23
Thompson, Barbara	Reed Special Education	06/15/23
Williams, Yhane	Wilson School Counselor	06/15/23

EXECUTIVE SESSION The Board convened into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and returned at 7:05 p.m. with the record reflecting no votes taken.

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

ADJOURNMENT at 7:06 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/ibcu5TxqCYY>