

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rescheduled Workshop/Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the September 21, 2023 Board Meeting)

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, September 14, 2023, 5:30 p.m., Kennedy High School, Café, 422 Highland Avenue, Waterbury, Connecticut.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Ireland.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Verna Ruffin, Chief Operating Officer Nicholas Albini, 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.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Grace Henderson, Waterbury Arts Magnet School.

President Sweeney 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 Grace Henderson

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Wendy Tyson Wood, Greater Waterbury NAACP: Spoke regarding the School Safety and Security Task Force.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ~ Robert Johnston

1. Committee of the Whole/20 minutes ~ School Safety and Security Task Force Report – Vice President Hernandez, Dr. Ruffin. (Dr. Rydell Harrison)
2. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request of Representative Geraldo Reyes, Jr. to rename International Dual Language School "Roberto Clemente Dual Language School". (Representative Geraldo Reyes)

3. Committee on Finance/3 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment One (1) to the Professional Services Agreement with Waterbury Bridge to Success for Before and After School Care/Boost Community School Site Coordinators – J. Gopie.
4. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Partners for Education Leadership Inc. to provide Educational Leadership Coaching – J. Gopie, J. Johnson.
5. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of an Agreement (template) with various agencies for Sub-Grantee Services under the School Readiness Program – K. Pisano.
6. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of College Board's College Readiness and Success Agreement (CB-00034829) to provide PSAT and SAT assessments – T. Battistoni. (Jan Frenis)
7. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of the 2023-2025 Consolidated Two-year Federal Grant Application – L. Riddick-Barron.
8. Committee on Finance/3 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment One (1) to the Professional Services Agreement with Seven Angels Theatre, Inc. to provide Seven Angels Theater Classes – J. Frenis.
9. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment two (2) to the Partner Agreement with Relay Graduate School of Education for Relay Teaching Residency Alternate Route to Certification Program – G. Thazhampallath.
10. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Robert Davis d/b/a Summit Support Services for Board Certified Behavior Analyst Services – W. Johns.
11. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Valley Communications Systems, Inc. for Lightspeed Audio Classroom Solution – W. Zhuta. (W. Johns)
12. Committee on Finance/5 minutes:
 - a) FYI – ARP/ESSER Update – D. Biolo.
 - b) FYI – Final Expenditure Report 2022/23 – D. Biolo.
13. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment One (1) to the Professional Services Agreement with Automated Logic Contracting Services, Inc. for temperature control and ventilation project upgrade – N. Albini.
14. Superintendent's Update ~ Dr. Ruffin.
 - a) New School Year Registration & Opening Status – N. Albini.
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</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Aidoo, Syreeta (transfer)	Behavior Counselor Duggan	FT	\$28.77/hr	F UPSEU 69	Title I/A 23-25	09/07/23
Banaj, Alketa	Classroom Asst. Wilson (correction)	FT	\$15.41/hr	UPSEU 68	Title I/A 22-24	08/24/23
Brooks, Randford (promotion)	Behavior Counselor Enlightenment	FT	\$25/hr	F UPSEU 69	Alliance 23-24	08/21/23
Caisaguano, Elizabeth	Classroom Asst. Maloney	FT	\$15.41/hr	UPSEU 68	MMS Magn. 22-23	08/24/23
Gaston, Jordan	Prev. Specialist Enlightenment	FT	\$18.14/hr	F UPSEU 69	Priority 22-23	09/07/23
Gonzalez, Amari	Parent Liaison Generali	FT	\$15.88/hr	UPSEU 69	Title I/DW 22-24	09/07/23
James, Zakai	Communications Assistant	FT	\$20/hr	F UPSEU 69	Alliance 23-24	09/07/23

b. Maloney Magnet School's Before and After School Program appointments:

<u>Teachers</u>		
Barbieri, Katie S.	Fusco, Sara	Orsini, Taylor
Beltran, Erin	Grazhdani Eneida	Perrucci, Daria (sub)
Bussey, Jennifer	Grendzinski, Katie (sub)	Smith, Holly
Cancro, Dana	Hibbs, Jennifer	Strachan, Andrea (sub)
Colangelo, Esther	Irizarry, Dana	
Couture, Cheryl	Lund, Kelly	<u>Administration</u>
Dunn, Andrew	Maloney, Susan	Dombrowski, Jason
Egan, Alzira	Mecca, Kylie (sub)	Gittings, Stacey
Fiore, Patience	Miller, Jennifer	Yamashita-Iverson, Kazumi

c. Walsh School's Before/After Program appointments:
Danzinger, Byron – Teacher (replacing Ken Yaffe)

d. Extended School Hours (ESH) appointments:

<u>School</u>	<u>Last name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Chase	Arroyo	Ivet	Sub for para
	Commendatore	Joe	Sub for teacher
	DelMoral	Denise	Para Grade 1
	DiGiovancarlo	Krista	Secretary
	Eldridge	Lori	Administrator
	Lopez	Marlene	Sub for para
	Mancinone	Taylor	Grade 1 teacher
	Marchetti	Savannah	Sub for teacher
	O'Donnell	Caitlin	Grade 2 teacher
	Santiago	Jennifer	Sub for para

	Turner	Gina	Para Grade 2
Duggan	Besemer	Katie	Teacher
	DeFeo	Dawn	Sub-Teacher
	DiGiovanni	Melissa	Administrator
	Fidanza	Carla	Administrator
	Fields	Susan	Teacher
	Gaudiosi	Karen	Teacher
	McCasland	Maureen	Teacher
	Mullen-Gillyard	Vickie	Educational Aide
	Pelletier	Allison	Teacher
	Scirica	Erin	Teacher
	Tzepos	Julie	Teacher
Generali	Alfredson	Sarah	Administrative Assistant
	Hart	Rebecca	3 rd grade teacher
	Mulvehill	Michelle	Teacher Sub
	Neibel	Amy	4 th grade teacher
	Piccochi-Frank	Christina	Admin
	Poulter	Dennis	5 th grade teacher
	Walker-Templeton	Donna	Para
	Walling	Maggie	Para

e. Resignations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Barbieri, Angela	RMS/MMS Social Worker	10/11/23
Beierle, Karen	WSMS/Family Consumer Science	06/15/23
Bhatnager, Sonali	Reed/Library Media	new hire
Bickley, Robert	W. Cross/Grade 6 Science	05/15/23
Carrano, Amber	Gilmartin/Grade 6 Math/Science	06/15/23
Coty, Heidi	Reed/Grade 3	08/16/23
Dombrowski, Andrew	NEMS/Grade 8 SS	08/15/23
Guerrera, Olivia	Bucks Hill/Grade 1	09/08/23
Johannes, Christopher	Reed/Grade 7-8 Science	09/01/23
Leggitt, Karen	WMS/Special Education	09/12/23
Minton, Anna	Academy @ WMS/Grade 5 ELA/SS	08/16/23
Moriarty, Shea	Duggan/Grade 6-8 Soc. Studies; Walsh/Interim VP	08/17/23
Moquete, Narciso	WCA/Info Tech	08/31/23
Phillips, Emily	NEMS/Science	09/08/23
Riston, Cariane	WMS/Special Education	08/16/23
Styles, Alex	Walsh/Grade 4	new hire
Walsh, Conor	Wilson	09/01/23
Wilde, Elizabeth	NEMS/Numeracy	08/16/23

ADJOURNMENT at 7:45 p.m.

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