

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Washington School, 685 Baldwin Street, Waterbury, Connecticut.

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

ABSENT: Commissioners Nardozzi and Navarro.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Verna Ruffin, Chief Operating Officer Nicholas Albini, Attorney Joseph Britton, Chief Academic Officer Janet Frenis, Assistant Superintendent Jade Gopie, Director of Pupil Services Wendy Johns, Assistant Superintendent Joseph Johnson, Assistant Superintendent Juan Mendoza, Director of Communications Belen Michelis, Deputy Superintendent Darren Schwartz, Director of College and Career Readiness Nyree Toucet, Director of Equity & Inclusion Lara White, and Supervisor of Management, Information and Technology Will Zhuta.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Kelliece Dixon of Wilby High School.

1. SILENT PRAYER

President Sweeney called the special meeting to order at 8:14 p.m. with a moment of silence.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Vice President Hernandez 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 (absent).
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 FINANCE

- 4.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted unanimously to approve Amendment Two (2) to the construction contract with Sarracco Mechanical Services, Inc. (RFP #7516) for boiler system replacement at International Dual Language School, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.
- 4.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Orso and duly seconded by Commissioner Brown, it was voted unanimously to approve a Construction Contract with Dayton Construction Company, Inc. (RFP #7750) for removal and replacement of the playscape and other related work at Carrington Elementary School, subject to any non-substantive changes approved by the Corporation Counsel's office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hernandez and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted unanimously to convene into executive session concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee at 8:20 p.m.

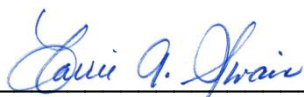
Present: Commissioners Brown, Hernandez, Ireland, O'Brien, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, Sweeney, and Van Stone.

Also Present: Superintendent Ruffin, Dan Barry (left at 9:00 pm), Belen Michelis (left at 9:00 pm), and Attorney Joseph Britton (left at 9:02 pm).

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hernandez and duly seconded by Commissioner Brown, it was voted unanimously to return to the regular order of business at 9:05 p.m. with no votes taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hernandez and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education