Board of Education

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, September 17, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.

Waterbury Arts Magnet School, 16 South Elm Street, Waterbury, CT

This meeting will be broadcasted live on the City of Waterbury's Government Access Channel (Comcast 96, Frontier 6096) and streamed live on YouTube at https://youtu.be/01FGkaZ6wqc.

A G E N D A

1. Silent Prayer

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call

4. Communications

a) Copy of communication dated August 14, 2026 from Civil Service to Avarice Jacovino regarding acceptance of offer of employment for the position of Office Aide.
b) Copy of communication dated August 17, 2026 from Civil Service certifying Satcheena Julceus for the position of Food Service Worker.
c) Copy of revised communication dated August 17, 2026 from Civil Service to Avarice Jacovino regarding acceptance of offer of employment for the position of Office Aide.
d) Copy of communication dated August 20, 2026 from Civil Service to Faye Delorenzo regarding transfer.
e) Copy of communication dated August 31, 2026 from Civil Service to Maria Rego regarding voluntary demotion.
f) Copy of communication dated September 2, 2026 from Civil Service to Dennis Ayala Rivera regarding voluntary demotion.

5. Public Addresses the Board - All speakers are encouraged to submit prepared written statements to the Commissioners. Comments shall be limited to a maximum of five minutes. There will be no responses this evening to any questions or concerns raised; they will be referred to the Administration for review and response.

6. Superintendent's Announcements

7. President's Comments

8. Consent Calendar

8.1 *Committee on Finance:* Request approval of a Construction Contract with Millennium Builders, Inc. for Elevator Projects at Driggs and Woodrow Wilson Elementary Schools.

8.2 *Committee on Finance:* Request approval of Amendment One (1) to Construction Contract with Infrastructure Repair Service, LLC for the Kennedy High School pool slab repairs.

8.3 *Committee on Finance:* Request approval of Amendment Three (3) with Catapult Learning, LCC for Waterbury Non-Public (Title I) Tutoring Services.

8.4 *Committee on Finance:* Request approval of Transportation Microgrant Agreement with Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments and Driggs Elementary School.

8.5 *Committee on Finance:* of Transportation Microgrant Agreement with Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments and Sprague Elementary School.

8.6 *Committee on Building & School Facilities* ~ Use of School Facilities.

9. Items removed from Consent Calendar

10. Committee of the Whole – Vice President L. Ireland

10.1 Request approval of a no-cost Memorandum of Understanding with In A Heartbeat, Inc. for the implementation of a Cardiac Safety and Awareness Initiative.

10.2 Request approval of the application for the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education's (CABE) 2026 Board Recognition Award/Board of Distinction Award.

10.3 Authorization for Dr. Schwartz to sign grant applications and awards on behalf of the Board of Education.

11. Committee on Building & School Facilities – Vice President L. Ireland

11.1 Building Usage fees waiver request of Waterbury UNICO.

12. Committee on Finance – Commissioner Orso

12.1 Request approval of a Construction Contract with Tone Klear Communications, Inc. for public address systems at Bunker Hill & Tinker Schools.

12.2 Request approval to apply for the CT High Dosage Tutoring Competitive Grant (CSDE).

13. Superintendent's Notification to the Board

13.1 Athletic appointments:

Name	*Position*	*Location*	*Effective*
Chouinard, Alyssah	Intramural Girls Basketball Coach; Intramural Soccer Coach	Reed	8/21/26
Dubois, Zachary	Head Cross Country Coach	KHS	08/31/26
D'Eredita, Joshua	Intra-District Girls Soccer Coach	CHS	09/02/26
Green, David	Head Soccer Coach	CHS	08/21/26
Sharkis, Daniel	Assistant Football Coach	CHS	08/24/26
Ventura, Hermy	Intramural Boys Basketball Coach; Intramural Volleyball Coach	Reed	11/01/26

13.2 Grant funded appointments:

Name	*Position*	*FT/PT*	*Rate*	*Union*	*Funding*	*Eff.*
Cardova, RaeAnne	Tutor Kingsbury	PT	$25.00/hr	NON BOE	Title I DW 24-26	08/25/26

Olivero, Rosalva	Classroom Assistant RC International	FT	$22.45/hr	UPSEU68	Priority 25-26	08/25/26
Porter, Sandra	Position Change from Para to Parent Liaison at Duggan	FT	$20.97/hr	UPSEU69	Title I DW 25-27	09/03/26
Reyes, Leilanie	Classroom Assistant RC International	FT	$16.94/hr	UPSEU68	Priority 25-26	08/25/26

13.3 Rotella After School Program appointments – Academic and Enrichment:

SAW ADMINISTRATORS:	*WTA TEACHERS:*
Academic: Carla Cruess	Academic: Raffaele Banner
Enrichment: Dana Wallace	Academic: Bart Ianantuoni
Substitute: Angela Heidgerd	Academic: Cheryl Philips
Substitute: Dawn Biolo	Academic: Mary Monroe
Substitute: Melissa Lopez	Enrichment: Stephanie Colon
	Enrichment: Rebecca Hanlon
AV TECH:	Enrichment: Alexus Lee-Furlow
Zachary Boulier	Enrichment: Benjamin Snyder
	Enrichment: Jennifer DeJesus
	Enrichment: Mikaela Vitale
SECRETARY:	Substitute: Odet Simoes
Shonda Wiggins	Substitute: Julia Matthews
	Substitute: Krista Zaccagnini

13.4 Miscellaneous appointments:

Name	*School*	*Position*	*Program*
Bilbrough, Allyson	Walsh	Teacher	Before/After School Program
Fac, Elizabeth	Walsh	Sub-teacher	Before/After School Program
Flematti, Jessica	n/a	Social Worker Mentor	n/a
Miranda, Stephanie	n/a	Social Worker Mentor	n/a

13.5 Teacher new hires:

Name	*School*	*Position*	*Grade Level*
Boucher, Lauren	Gilmartin	Elementary	5
Cable, Ty	Bunker Hill	Art	K-5
DeLong, Matthew	Sprague	Music	K-5
Diaz, Katherine	Sprague	Special Ed	K-2
Garcia Perez, Giocondiz	WCA	World Language-Spanish	9-12
Gittleson, Geoffrey	WAMS	Science-Biology	9-12
Henry, Elizabeth	Carrington	Elementary	K
Johnson, Jada	WHS	PE/Health	9-12
Karim, Tarik	KHS	Tech Ed-TBD	9-12
Kelsey, Kaylee	WHS	Music	9-12
Klem, Leigha	Bunker Hill	Special Ed–Resource	2-3
Manuale, Sara	Districtwide	SLP	PK-12
Morea, Marianne	NEMS	Literacy Title 1	6-8
O'Donnell, Kayleigh	Tinker	Elementary	3
Osborne, Jessica	NEMS	ELA	7

Parry-Orsatti, Zoe	Bucks Hill	Elementary	2
Sargeant, Skylar	Washington	Elementary	K
Spatta, Dawn	Carrington	Science	7-8
Stango, Karie	Kingsbury	Library/Media	K-5
Stickney, Jenna	Gilmartin	ELA	7
Vashonti, Mack	WHS	ELA	9-12
Wrenn, Tyler	CHS	Science	9-12

13.6 Resignations:

Name	*Position*	*Effective*
Augelli, Martin	Brass City/Special Ed	09/08/26
Civitello, Rachel	WHS/Special Ed	09/18/26
Dail, Chantell	CHS/Special Ed	08/24/26
DeFusco, Anna	WHS/Special Ed	06/30/26
Haley, Joy	RMS/Elementary	09/11/26
Hunt, Scott	WHS/School Psychologist	08/21/26
Largent, Jason	WCA/Music	08/24/26
Orozco, SMI Ryan	WHS/MCJROTC	08/28/26
Rivera Rodriguez, Maria	Walsh/Special Ed	09/02/26
Robertson, Sarah	Reed/Library Media Specialist	08/20/26
Salazar, Ashley	Bucks Hill/Elementary	08/21/26

13.7 Retirements:

Name	*Assignment*	*Effective*
Cinquegrana, Rosanna	KHS/Spanish	10/30/26
Gorman, Joseph	Supervisor of Physical Education & Health	02/02/2027

13.8 First Lego League 2026/2027 appointments effective 09/10/26:

Name	*Position*	*Location*
Tilton, Liam	Lead Advisor	Gilmartin
Garrita, Dan	Assistant Advisor	NEMS
Lovell, Thomas	Lead Advisor	NEMS
Gilday, Michael	Lead Advisor	WMS
Geffken, Melissa	Assistant Advisor	WMS
Lund, Melissa	Lead Advisor	WAMS
Haines, Thomas	Lead Advisor	WSMS

14. Committee Chair Reports

15. ***Executive Session*** for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee

16. Adjournment