

# WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## *Committee Meeting Minutes*

Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the March 17, 2016 Board Meeting)

### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at Sprague School, 1443 Thomaston Avenue, Waterbury, Connecticut, starting at 5:32 p.m.

**PRESENT:** President Brown, Commissioners Harvey, Hernandez, Pagano, Rodriguez, Stango, Sweeney, Theriault, and J. Van Stone.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner T. Van Stone.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief Academic Officer Darren Schwartz, Interim Chief Operating Officer/Chief of Staff Gary Miller, Director of Personnel Robert Brenker, and Education Liaison Mary Ann Marold.

Reports were submitted to the various committees of the Board and discussed, as per the following agenda, no votes were taken:

### **AGENDA**

#### **SILENT PRAYER**

#### **PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

1. Committee of the Whole/30 minutes ~ Principal's Report [BFC: G1/O1] (no backup) – Diane Bakewell.
2. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Student recognition [BFC: n/a] (no backup) – Dr. Ouellette, Dr. Padua, N. Albin. (Chief of Police Vernon Riddick)
7. Committee of the Whole/60 minutes ~ State Accountability Update [BFC: G2] (no backup) D. Schwartz, S. Strand, M. Baker, ~~P. Bain~~, N. Buckley, P. Whyte, T. Battistoni. (Joe Gorman) *Commissioner Theriault said parents need to be informed they can opt their children out.*
6. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request approval of two after-school programs for Crosby High School funded by Turnaround Funds [BFC: G4] J. Gopie.
4. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) for live-scan submissions to the Automated Fingerprint Identification System [BFC: n/a] (AFIS) – J. Herman.

5. Committee on Building/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment #1 to the Agreement with Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc. for the Kennedy High School Additions & Alterations Project [BFC: n/a] – G. Miller, O & G. (Bruce Turbacuski)
8. Committee on School Personnel/5 minutes ~ Request approval of salary adjustments for non-union grant funded employees [BFC: n/a] – G. Miller.
9. Committee on Finance/2 minutes ~ Request approval of the Liberty Foundation Early Literacy Grant – [BFC: G3/O4] G. Miller, L. Allen-Brown.
3. Committee of the Whole/60 minutes ~ Video presentation regarding issues facing today's youth [BFC: G3/O1] (no backup) – Waterbury Police Department/Lt. Capozzi, et al.
10. Committee on Legislation/5 minutes ~ Discussion: Proposed position statement to State Delegation – [BFC: n/a] Commissioner Sweeney.
11. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Stephanie LaBonte, WHS, and 15 chaperones to take 160 students to Lyndhurst, NJ on April 14, 2016 to visit Medieval Times [BFC: G2/O1].
12. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Carmela Gregoire, WHS, and two chaperones to take 30 students to New York, NY on May 20, 2016 to visit the Museum of Modern Art [BFC: G2/O1].
13. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Major Mike Simon, WHS, and one chaperone to take 16 students to Aston, PA from March 18 through 19, 2016 to participate in a physical fitness competition [BFC: G2/O1].
14. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Luanne Rosin-Capolupo, KHS, and four chaperones to take 50 students to Hyde Park, NY on April 1, 2016 to visit the Vanderbilt and Roosevelt Estates [BFC: G2/O1].
15. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Crystal Velez, KHS, and four chaperones to take 50 students to New York, NY on March 23, 2016 to visit Elektra Theatre – That Physics Show! [BFC: G2/O1].
16. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Craig Poulter, KHS, and one chaperone to take 20 students to Boston, MA on May 3, 2016 to visit Boston Museum of Science [BFC: G2/O1].
17. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Jeanne Sasso, KHS, and four chaperones to take 50 students to Jackson, NJ on May 12, 2016 to visit Six Flags [BFC: G2/O1].
18. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Dino

Pantoni, KHS, and 11 chaperones to take 120 students to Agawam, MA to visit Six Flags [BFC: G2/O1].

19. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Charlotte Sullivan, CHS, and 14 chaperones to take 150 students to Lyndhurst, NJ on April 1, 2016 to visit Medieval Times. [BFC: G2/O1].
20. Committee on School Facilities & Grounds/5 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments [BFC: n/a].
21. Committee on School Facilities & Grounds/5 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by outside organization and/or waiver requests [BFC: n/a]. Commissioner J. Van Stone would like the costs the Waterbury Valley Chordsmen paid in the last three years.
22. Superintendent's Notification to the Board: [BFC: n/a].

a. Athletic resignations:

Martinez, Emmanuel – Freshmen Baseball, WHS, effective 02/29/16.  
DeFazio, Martin – JV Baseball, WHS, effective 02/29/16.  
O'Toole, John – JV Softball, WCA, effective 02/18/16.  
Russo, Joe – JV Baseball, WCA, effective 02/18/16.  
Thompson, Roy – Freshmen Baseball, KHS, effective 02/20/16.  
Ursino, Antonio – Assistant Varsity Baseball, WHS, effective 03/01/16.  
Ursino, Antonio – Boys' Varsity Tennis, WHS, effective 03/01/16.  
Ursino, Antonio – Freshman Baseball, WHS, effective 03/01/16.

b. Athletic appointments:

Danaher, Kevin – Golf, KHS, effective 03/03/16.  
O'Toole, John – Varsity Softball, WCA, effective 02/18/16.  
Paradis, Sara – Outdoor Track & Field, WCA, effective 03/03/16.  
Russo, Joe – Varsity Baseball, WCA, effective 02/18/16.

c. Teacher new hires:

Name		Assignment		Step	Effective
Feigenblat	Maryssa	Carrington	Gr. 2	MA+15/1	02/24/16
Rollins	Lauren E.	Chase	Spec. Ed.	BA/2	03/22/16

d. Retirements:

Cremins, Barbara – Maloney Library Media Specialist, effective 06/30/16.  
Cutrali, Lucia – KHS Math, effective 06/30/16.  
Dooling, Joan – Rotella Grade 5, effective 06/30/16.  
Gelband, Genya – Enlightenment/State Street ESL, revised eff. date of 03/21/16.  
Girouard, Kathryn – WHS Special Educ., effective 06/30/16.  
Greggis, Kathleen – NEMS Art, effective 07/01/16.  
Highsmith, Carolyn – KHS Health/PE, effective 07/01/16.  
Labagh, Cheryl – Wilson Reading, effective 06/30/16.  
Langlais, Lorraine – KHS Family & Consumer Science, effective 07/01/16.

Ludwig, Kenneth – KHS Technology Educ., effective 06/30/16.  
Massimo, Mary Ellen – NEMS Special Educ., effective 06/30/16.  
McBride, Renee – KHS Art, effective 06/30/16.  
Mikolsky, Gail – Duggan Special Educ., effective 04/01/16.  
Mistura, Arthur – Bunker Hill Music, effective 06/30/16.  
Molaskey, Catherine – Rotella Physical Education, effective 06/30/16.  
Riley, Margaret – Rotella Library Media Specialist, effective 07/01/16.  
Rubock, Jeremy – WHS Technology Educ., effective 07/01/16.

e. Resignations:

Castro, Elizabeth – Special Education, Chase School, effective 01/21/16.  
Mastriani Carito, Jessica – Grade 5, Gilmartin School, effective 03/04/16.

f. Leave of absence requests:

Villar, Yenny – requesting an unpaid childrearing leave of absence from April 4, 2016 through the end of the 2015/16 school year.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Board convened into Executive Session at 8:16 p.m. for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and returned at 8:21 p.m. with no votes taken.

Present were President Brown, Commissioners Hernandez, Pagano, Rodriguez, Stango, Sweeney, and J. Van Stone. Also present were Darren Schwartz and Robert Brenker.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 8:21 p.m.

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