

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Workshop/Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the May 20, 2021 Board Meeting)

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, May 6, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. In an effort to adhere to social distancing guidelines, the meeting was held without normal in-person public access. However, the meeting was broadcasted live on the City of Waterbury's Government Access Channel (Comcast Channel 96, Frontier Channel 6096), streamed live at https://youtu.be/758v_vaVS8 or listened to via teleconference by calling 1-701-802-5303 with access code 7755337.

The public was offered the opportunity to address the Board during the public portion of the meeting by calling 1-701-802-5303 with access code 7755337 between 5:00 and 5:15 p.m. and provide your name, address, and phone number. You will then need to participate via the above teleconference call information at 5:30 p.m. The Board President will call upon you to address the Board during the public speaking portion of the meeting.

PRESENT: President Pagano, Commissioners Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, Nardozzi, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, Stango, Sweeney, and Van Stone.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Verna D. Ruffin, Chief Financial Officer Doreen Biolo, Assistant Superintendent Noreen Buckley, Assistant Superintendent Janice Epperson, Assistant Superintendent Juan Mendoza, Chief Academic Officer Darren Schwartz, Attorney Tara Shaw, and Director of Communications Sujata Wycoff.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Tenly Dessalines and Sumreen Moughal of Wilby High School.

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

PUBLIC SPEAKING (see above)

There were no public speakers.

1. Committee of the Whole/30 minutes ~ Discussion: School Resource Officers – Dr. Ruffin, Chief Spagnolo. (Mayor O'Leary)

2. Superintendent's Update/60 minutes ~ Dr. Ruffin.
 - a) Special Education Audit Review – Futures Consultants. (*Dr. Neiman and Mr. McGuire presented a PowerPoint and reviewed the report.*)
 - b) ~~Commissioner's Network schools—Matthew Brown. (postponed)~~
 - c) Waterbury Public School's Logo and District Website Header – S. Wycoff.
3. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request approval of increase in credit requirements for the Waterbury Adult Education high school graduation/diploma – J. Epperson, A. Musto, D. Schwartz.
4. Committee on Curriculum/20 minutes: ~ Academic Office Update/Curriculum Overview from January 27, 2021 Curriculum Committee – D. Schwartz, et al. (*Mr. Schwartz presented a PowerPoint that was previously presented to the Committee.*)
5. Committee on Finance/2 minutes ~ Request approval of the revised Connecticut State Department of Education ED-099 Agreement for child Nutrition Programs Authorized Signatures Change Form – L. Franzese.
6. Committee on Finance/2 minutes ~ Request approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Connecticut, NEAG School of Education – D. Schwartz.
- 6a. Committee on Finance/2 minutes ~ Request approval to apply for the CSDE Career & Technical Education Supplemental Enhancement Grant 2021 (*consensus requested*) – L. Allen Brown, M. Merati, D. Schwartz.
7. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval to apply for the Connecticut Department of Emergency & Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security, Security Infrastructure Competitive Grant Program-Round 5 – L. Allen Brown, D. Barry, D. Biolo, W. Zhuta.
8. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Integrated Technical Systems, Inc. for Notifier Fire Alarm Systems at various schools – C. Harmon.
9. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Contract with M. J. Fahy & Sons Incorporated for Horizontal Hung Steam Coil Blower Air Handler Replacement at Sprague School – C. Harmon.
10. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Contract with Atlantic Sport Wood Floors, Inc. for replacement of gym floor systems and Kingsbury and Walsh Schools – C. Harmon.

11. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Contract with Creative Recreation, LLC for playground improvements at Kingsbury and Bucks Hill Schools – C. Harmon.
12. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment One to the Professional Services Agreement with EBS Healthcare, Inc. for Registered Behavioral Technician Services – D. Schwartz.
13. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of CSDE Supplemental Grant Application for Adult Education, Cooperating Eligible Entity/Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury – ~~J. Rehe~~, T. Shaw.
14. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Service Agreement with Durham School Services for Student Bus Transportation Services – D. Biolo.
15. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a Service Agreement with All-Star Transportation, LLC for Special Education Bus Transportation Services – D. Biolo.
16. Committee on Finance ~ FYI – March Monthly Expenditure Report – D. Biolo.
17. Committee on Policy & Legislation/5 minutes ~ Request approval of the suspension of Policy 5113 – Attendance Requirements for Course Credit or Promotion, for the 2020/2021 school year – D. Schwartz.
18. Committee on Policy & Legislation/5 minutes ~ Request approval of the suspension of Policy 5123 – Waiver Policy for Student Retention, for the 2020/2021 school year – D. Schwartz.
19. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments. (W. Zhuta)
20. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests. (W. Zhuta)
21. Superintendent's Notification to the Board/5 minutes:
 - a. Grant funded appointments:
Buonocore, Taylor – Substitute Teacher, Maloney After School Program.
Purnawasi, Muniram – Commissioner's Network After School Math Teacher.
Desjardins, Melissa – We Are Wallace Mentor Position.
 - b. Summer Curriculum Committee appointments:

CAREER& TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION:

Wojcik, Jennifer – Elementary Music
Vagnini Dadamo, Marianna – Secondary Music
Zareck, Corrin – Secondary Art
Illian, Dea Illian – Secondary Dance
Bunko, Katie – CTE
Desantis, Paula – CTE
Lucian, David – CTE
Mucciacciaro, Kathryn – CTE

Nazario, Jonathan – Elementary Music

Hodge, Jill Hodge – Secondary Art
Smyth, Susan Smyth – Secondary Theatre
Caron Lichaj, Nicole – CTE
Hind, Sandra – CTE
Moulthrop, Barbara – CTE
Swanson, Lisa – CTE

SECONDARY MATH:

Byron, Danielle
Grove, Melinda
LeVasseur, Armand
Munoz, Kelly
Poulter, Kara

DeVeau, Nicole
Holden, Kimberly
Morin, Keith
Pelosi, Emily
Sullivan, Carly

SOCIAL STUDIES:

Fitzpatrick, Karlyn
Dudley, Alexandra

Joyce, Angela

LIBRARY MEDIA:

Albert, Kristen
Hinton, Marci

Brown, Charlene
Neff, Michelle

SECONDARY ENGLISH:

Middle School:

Zupperoli, Robert
Rosa, Jennifer
Mancini-Bellemare, Doris
Pratt, Lena
Kulesza, Kimberly
Carpenter, Ryan

High School:

Esther Hartzell
Kristin Winstanley
Stephanie LaBonte
Rachel Fox
Heather DeVeau
Kelly Donohue
Lauren Franks-Blanchard
Kara Riley

Middle School Leads:

Lucille Rivera
Mallory Brito

High School Leads:

Patricia Williams
Evette Zappone

Curriculum Web Master:

Michael Pannoni

SCIENCE:

Borges, Laura
Clark, Meridith
Davitt, Robin
Kumar, Usha
Lee, Yolanda
Lounsbury, Alan
Ortiz, Alyson
Quattro, Marissa
Stowe, Eileen
Vostinak, Julie

Carpenter, Sarah
Culver, Edwin
Kilpatrick, Sean
Lapointe, Mike
Lestage, Jackie
Munoz, Angela
Pedalino, Rachel
Stokes, Blair
Thomas, Laura

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

Acevedo, Paul
 Katrenya, Wesley
 Opalenik, Michelle
 Tansley, Stephen

Froese, Justin
 Martinez, Jason
 Salemme, Cassandra
 Thibodeau, Hannah

SCHOOL COUNSELOR:

Cancro, Dana
 Fortier, Joseph
 Moutinho, Ashley
 Sejdaras, Benjola

Desjardins, Melissa
 Kabusk, Alyssa
 Poulter, Craig

c. Academic Achievements effective March 1, 2021:

Last Name	First Name	Degree/Step From	Degree/Step To	University
Acevedo	Paul	MA+15/16	6th/16	Un. Bridgeport
Arcamone	Daniele	MA/6	MA+15/6	Un. Hartford
Avzhiu	Bjanka	MA+15/6	6th/6	Un. Bridgeport
Bleau	Lisa	BA/3	MA/3	Central CT State Un.
Buonocore	Nicole	M15/12	6th/12	Augustana Un.
Burns	Cynthia	MA/7	6th/7	Western Governors Un.
Caligiuri	Kristen	6th/11	6th+15/11	Augustana Un.
Capaldo	Christine	6th/12	6th+15/12	Augustana Un.
Cassone	Kelly	6th/7	6th+15/7	Un. St. Joseph
Chiucarello	Lindsay	6th/4	6th+15/4	Un. Central Missouri
Conte	Joseph	M15/7	6th/7	Greenville U/So. New Hampshire U/Concordia U
Cremens	Lauren	M15/11	6th/11	Un. St. Joseph
Driscoll	Timothy	M15/12	6th/12	So. New Hampshire Un./Walden Un.
Dudley	Alexandrea	BA/7	MA/7	St. Joseph College
Dunn Brown	Fallon Gay	BA/4	MA/4	Liberty Un.
Fortier	Joseph	M15/7	6th/7	Central CT State Un.
Fusco	Sara	M15/4	6th/4	Greenville U/Dominican U
Giannelli	Alexandra	6th/2	6th+15/2	Un. St. Joseph
Hinton	Marci	M15/20	6th/20	Un. New England
Kalnis	Siobhan	M15/10	6th/10	Greenville U/Dominican U
Kulesza	Kimberly	6th/8	6th+15/8	Un. New England
Mancini-Bellemare	Doris	M15/14	6th/14	So. New Hampshire Un.
Mendello	Joseph	MA/6	M15/6	Un. Bridgeport
Milkovic	Katherine	M15/11	6th/11	Augustana Un.
Moquete	Geraldine	6th/13	6th+15/13	Teachers Columbia U/Hunter Col./Walden U
Moreno-Lopez	Ruben	M15/7	6th/7	Un. Bridgeport
Munro	Cara	6th/11	6th+15/11	Southern CT State Un.
Radzimirski	Abigail	M15/4	6th/4	Augustana Un.

Yamashita-Iverson	Kazumi	6th/16	6th+15/16	Un. Bridgeport
Perlini	Jocelyn	BA/3	MA/3	Western Governors Un.
Rynar	Lynn	6th/11	6th+15/11	Medaile/So. New Hampshire Un.
Stango	Kerry	BA/4	MA/4	Un. St. Joseph

d. Teacher new hires:

<i>Name</i>		<i>Position</i>		<i>Effective</i>
Campbell	Lloyd	Chase	Counselor	4/29/2021
Rutherford-Blowes	Deanna	District Wide	SLP	5/7/2021
Murphy	Amber	Bucks Hill	Counselor	5/6/2021
Provost (Rodriguez)	Meghan	Kennedy	Special Ed	3/25/2021
Lee	Jessica	Wallace	ELA	4/26/2021
Tyriq	Viola	Generali	Gr 2	4/29/2021

e. Teacher clean opening transfers effective 2021/2022 school year:

NAME		FROM: Previous School (temporary assignment)	TO: New School (permanent assignment)
Accomando	Taylor	Maloney Pre-K Spec. Ed	Maloney Pre-K Spec. Ed
Bickley	Robert	Wilby Science Biology & Environmental Science	Wilby Science Biology & Environmental Science
Burns	Dorothy	Duggan Gr K Co-Taught	Duggan Gr K Co-Taught
Camacho	Reuel	NEMS Music - Chorus	NEMS Music - Chorus
Cassidy	Lauren	NEMS Special Ed MS - ABA	NEMS Spec. Ed MS - ABA
Cummings	Thomas	Wallace SEL Counselor	Wallace SEL Counselor
Garcia-Pillot	Zulma M.	WSMS Bilingual Science Gr 6-8	WSMS Bilingual Science Gr 6-8
Giannelli	Alexandra	Maloney Special Ed Elem.	Maloney Special Ed Elem.
Jacobs	Tahida	Kennedy Guid. Counselor	Kennedy Guid. Counselor
Jones	Michael	Crosby ELS HS	Crosby ELA HS
Kozma	Tarra	WAMS Guid. Counselor.	WAMS Guid. Counselor
Lee	Jessica	Wallace ELA Gr 6	Wallace ELA Gr 6
LeVasseur	Daniel	Wilson Math/Science Gr 5	Wilson Math/Science Gr 5
Munoz	Trevor	Wallace Social Studies	Wallace Social Studies
Muro	Candida	Rotella Gr 4	Rotella Gr 4
Muro	Nancy	Wilby FCS - Life Skills & Child Development	Wilby FCS - Life Skills & Child Development
Notchick	Maria	NEMS ELA Gr 6	NEMS ELA Gr 6
Perusse	Joseph	Wilby Tech Ed - Architectural CAD I	Wilby Tech Ed - Architectural CAD I
Pete	Latasha	Wallace Math Lab	Wallace Math Lab

Poveda	Carlos	Academic Academy Spanish MS	Academic Academy Spanish MS
Provost Rodriguez	Meghan	Kennedy Special Ed - CBT	Kennedy Special Ed - CBT
Rosado	Debra	Wallace SEL Counselor	Wallace SEL Counselor
Rose	Valerie	Generali Gr K	Generali Gr K
Rutherford-Blowes	Deanna	Districtwide SLP	Districtwide SLP
Sterner	Matthew	WSMS Special Ed	WSMS Special Ed
Tragni	Peter	NEMS SEL Counselor	NEMS SEL Counselor
Weinstein	Irene	Tinker Library Media	Tinker Library Media
Wojtunik	Katilynn	Regan Gr 1	Regan Gr 1
Zamora	Angel	Districtwide SLP	Districtwide SLP

f. Teacher clean opening transfers effective 2021/2022 school year:

NAME		FROM:	TO:
Cremins	Alison	WSMS ELA Gr 7	Kennedy Literacy Title I
Danay (McDonell)	Cassi	Crosby ELA HS	CHS Early College High ELA
Diaz	Elaine	WCA Human Services	Bucks Hill Annex Pre-K Reg. Ed
Durante	Janelle	Washington Gr 5	Walsh Gr 5
Griffin-Crosby	Denise	Reed ELA Gr 6	Carrington ELA Gr 6
Lee-Gorishti	Yolanda	CHS Physical Science HS	WCA Physical Science HS
Lund	Melissa	NEMS Computer Education Gr 6-8	WAMS Business
Matarazzo	Kristen	Generali Gr 3	Generali Gr K
Rivera Arroyo	Kalryn	Generali Gr 1	Generali Gr 2
Therhault	Patricia	WAMS Science MS	Enlightenment ELA MS
Thompson	Barbara	Bunker Hill Special Ed Elem	Reed Special Ed - Essential Skills
Valenti	Michele	Wallace Math Gr 6	Wallace Computer Education/Business

g. Retirements:

- Barbiero, Lois – Wilby ELA, effective 06/30/21.
- Chapman, Maria – Bucks Hill Literacy Facilitator, effective 04/30/21.
- Cyr, Gilman Jr. – KHS Biology, effective 06/16/21.
- Murray, Paul – Maloney Math, effective 06/30/21.

h. Resignations:

- Douglas, Lydia – Enlightenment Art, effective 06/16/21

Upon a motion by Commissioner Brown and duly seconded by Commissioner Stango, it was voted unanimously to add an executive session to the agenda.


Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Serrano-Adorno, it was voted unanimously to convene into executive session at 7:47 p.m. for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

Present: President Pagano, Commissioners Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, Nardozzi, Orso, Serrano-Adorno, Stango, Sweeney, and Van Stone.

Also Present: Dr. Ruffin, Mr. Mendoza, and Attorney Shaw.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Brown, it was voted unanimously to return to the regular orders of business at 8:06 p.m. with no votes taken.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:06 p.m.

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

This meeting in its entirety may be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=758v_vaVS8