

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the October 17, 2019 Board Meeting)

COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at Enlightenment School, 58 Griggs Street, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Jason Van Stone.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Verna D. Ruffin, Chief Financial Officer Doreen Biolo, Assistant Superintendent Noreen Buckley, Chief Operating Officer William Clark, Deputy Superintendent Greg Rodríguez, and Chief Academic Officer Darren Schwartz.

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/20 minutes ~ Principal's Report (no backup) – Richard Arroyo.

PUBLIC SPEAKING – *there were no public speakers.*

2. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Waterbury School Readiness Quality Enhancement Contracts with the following: – ~~K. Rainville~~ (Darren Schwartz)
 1. Susan Vivian – Pyramid training and coaching
 2. Easter Seals – BCBA support for community programs
 3. Darlene Ragozzine – program monitoring support
3. Committee on Finance/2 minutes ~ Request approval of Professional Services Agreement for Department of Education Food Services Courier Services with Joseph Caiazzo d.b.a. Abbey Vending, Company – ~~L. Franzese~~. (Will Clark)

4. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of contract amendments with the following for out of district placements for students: – ~~M. Baldwin~~ (Elaine Skoronski)
 1. Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES)
 2. Benhaven, Inc.
 3. Connecticut Institute for the Blind d/b/a Oak Hill
5. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of an Agreement with Waterbury Youth Services, Inc. as required by the Youth Service Bureau Grant for truancy prevention – M. Baker. (Kathi Crow)
6. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval to apply for the Connecticut State Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant for the following: – ~~L. Allen Brown~~, D. Schwartz
 1. Wallace Middle School & WPS Academic Academy at Wallace (grades 4-8)
 2. West Side Middle School (grades 6-8)
 3. Chase Elementary School (grades 3-5)
 4. Bunker Hill Elementary School (grades 3-5)
- ~~7. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes – TEVAL/ADEVAL (to be distributed) – J. Ocasio. *Removed from agenda.*~~
8. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes ~ Human Resources Staffing Report (to be distributed) – L. Palmer. *Mr. Palmer distributed a PowerPoint.*
9. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments – W. Clark.
10. Committee on Building & School Facilities/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests – W. Clark.
11. **SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE TO THE BOARD**
12. Superintendent’s Notification to the Board/5 minutes:
 - a. Athletic appointments:

Abate, Jason – WSMS Volleyball, effective 09/17/19.
Dickey, Ryan – KHS Head Girls Swimming, effective 09/24/19.
Imperato, Christian – WHS JV Boys Soccer, effective 09/17/19.
Ocasio, Matthew – CHS Head Girls Basketball, effective 12/02/19.
Sylvester, David – WCA Head Boys Soccer, effective 09/25/19.
 - b. Grant Funded appointments:

Berman, Michelle – Title I Tutor, part-time, \$33 p/hour, non-union and without benefits.
Darabaner, Mati – Title I Tutor, part-time, \$33 p/hour, non-union and without benefits.
Medina, Ketzaly – HR Generalist, \$55,000 annually, full-time, non-union with benefits, funded by Title II Grant.

Rosa, Jennifer – Site Administrator, NEMS 21st Century After School Program, salary per SAW contract.
Willner, Devora – Title I Tutor, part-time, \$33 p/hour, non-union and without benefits.

c. Waterbury Career Academy After-school STEM Program appointments, funded by Alliance Grant:

Joseph Russo – Program Administrator
Kay Ann Hewell-Walker – Sub Administrator
Anna Solla - Secretary

Teachers:

Kay Ann Hewell-Walker – Technology	Jose Ferreira – Technology
Alyssa Generali -Technology	Stephanie Simms – Technology
Michele Neff – Media Specialist	Alex Shungu – Science
Rodney Yatsenick – Substitute Math	Kendra O’ Brien – Substitute
Nora DeFrancesco – Substitute	Louis Pontecorvo – Substitute

d. Rotella After School Programs (Enrichment and Academics) – Session 1, September 30 through December 5, 2019 – Monday through Thursday:

Administrator: Robin Henry, Principal (Dana Wallace-sub if needed)
A/V Tech: Bryan Michaud
Grants Facilitator/Clerical: Jean Zastaury

Teachers – Enrichment and/or Academics:

Ellen Barrett	Christine DeSanto	Rebecca Hanlon
Ashley McLaren	Christina Michaud	Terri Miller
Mary Monroe	Suzanne Newman	Jodi Sarlo
Danielle Toussaint	Monica Santovasi (sub)	

Aides/Paras

Debra Begin	Jennifer DeJesus	Linda Generali
Lauren Martin	Lisa Meehan	

e. Reed’s Family Resource Center’s Books and Basketball Program appointments, October 1 thru November 7, 2019, 7:00 a.m. to 8:05 a.m.:

Director - Latasha Martinez Certified Teacher - Melissa Steffero
Para Assistant - Deborah Price Sub - Janice Marino-Turrell

f. Reed’s Family Resource Center’s Art After School Program appointments, October 15 thru November 21, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Tuesday – Thursday:

Certified Teacher – Cindy Albizu Para Assistant – Gina Farrington
Para Assistant – Kristin Canfield Sub – Debbie Price
Sub - Janice Marino-Turrell

g. Teacher new hires:

<u>Name</u>		<u>Assignment</u>		<u>Effective</u>
Cornacchio	Mark	Crosby	Social Studies	09/26/2019
Iannantuoni	Jolee	Wallace	Gr. 6 English	09/23/2019
Ingala	Matthew	Wallace	Special Ed	08/29/2019

Jackson	Sarah	Bucks Hill	Bil Gr 2	08/22/2019
Liu	Yee	Rotella	Special Ed.	09/30/2019
Rogers	Kimberly	Reed	Gr. 1	10/07/2019

h. Retirements:

Inman, Scott - CHS Math, effective 01/24/2020.

Nolan, Madeline – CHS PE/Heath, effective 06/60/2020.

i. Resignations:

Arbachauskas, Mary – Bucks Hill Special Ed, effective 10/18/19.

Atkins, Richard – NEMS Social Studies, effective 09/26/19.

Baghdady, Amanda – WHS General Science, effective 09/23/19.

Dublin, Laurence – Wilson Grade 5, effective 09/27/19.

Hansard, Cyndi – Regan/Washington Library Media Specialist, eff. 09/26/19.

Harrison, Rebecca – WMS Grade 6 ELA, effective 09/12/19.

Nicholson, David – WCA Physics, effective 09/27/19.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – the Board convened into Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health or dismissal of a public officer or employee and returned at 6:23 p.m. with no votes taken.

Present were President Brown, Commissioners Awwad, Harvey, Hernandez, Serrano-Adorno, Pagano, Stango, Sweeney, and T. Van Stone. Also present was Dr. Ruffin.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:23 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education