

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES ~ SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, April 5, 2018, 7:15 p.m.
Driggs School, 77 Woodlawn Terrace, Waterbury, Connecticut

PRESENT: Commissioners Awwad, Harvey, Hernandez, Serrano-Adorno, Stango, Sweeney, Theriault, Jason Van Stone, and Tom Van Stone.

ABSENT: President Brown.

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Superintendent Robert Henry, Chief Academic Officer Darren Schwartz and Director of Personnel Robert Brenker.

SILENT PRAYER

Vice President Harvey called the special meeting to order at 7:53 p.m. with a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Serrano Adorno led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

CLERK: Commissioner Awwad.

AWWAD: Here.

CLERK: Vice President Harvey.

HARVEY: Present.

CLERK: Commissioner Hernandez.

HERNANDEZ: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Serrano-Adorno.

SERRANO-ADORNO: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Stango.

STANGO: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Sweeney.

SWEENEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Theriault.

THERIAULT: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Jason Van Stone

J. VAN STONE: Present.

CLERK: Commissioner Tom Van Stone.

T. VAN STONE: Present.

CLERK: President Brown (absent).

1. COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

1.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Hernandez and duly seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, it was voted, by roll call vote, that WTA Grievance 17-18-21, heard by the Committee on March 29, 2018, be DENIED.

THERIAULT: Roll call.

HARVEY: Through the Chair. Discussion? Yes, Commissioner Tom Van Stone.

T. VAN STONE: Can we get the background information?

HERNANDEZ: Grievance 17-18-21 – the grievant was improperly denied a position for special ed team leader. This is a newly created grant funded position with the Special Education Department servicing districtwide students.

HARVEY: Any additional? All those in favor indicate by say aye.

THERIAULT: Roll call vote please.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ITEM #1.1:

Yeas: Commissioners Awwad, Harvey, Hernandez, Stango, Sweeney,
J. Van Stone, and T. Van Stone – 7
Nays: Commissioner Theriault – 1
Abstain: Commissioner Serrano-Adorno – 1

HARVEY: Motion carries.

1.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Hernandez and duly seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve that WTA Grievance 17-18-24, heard by the Committee on March 29, 2018, be DENIED.

HARVEY: Discussion? Can we have a brief explanation?

HERNANDEZ: The grievant was issued a letter of discipline and corresponding 20 day suspension without just cause and their contractual guaranteed salary provisions.

HARVEY: And the decision of the Committee is.

HERNANDEZ: That it be denied.

HARVEY: Thank you. Any further discussion? Roll call.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ITEM #1.2:

Yeas: Commissioners Harvey, Hernandez, Serrano-Adorno, Stango, and
Sweeney – 5

Nays: Commissioners Awwad, Theriault, J. Van Stone, and T. Van Stone – 4

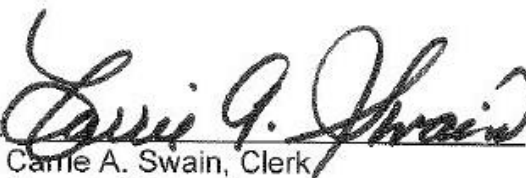
CLERK: Five/four – motion passes.

HARVEY: No further items to be brought before the special meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Jason Van Stone and duly seconded by
Commissioner Awwad, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.**

ATTEST:



Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education