

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the April 26, 2018 Board Meeting)

COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at Driggs School, 77 Woodlawn Terrace, starting at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Awwad, Harvey (left at 8:14 p.m.), Hernandez, Serrano-Adorno, Stango, Sweeney, Theriault, J. Van Stone, and T. Van Stone.

ABSENT: President Brown.

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

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

A.G.E.N.D.A

SILENT PRAYER

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

1. Committee of the Whole/20 minutes ~ Principal's Report (no backup) – Michael Theriault.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Melissa Ramirez – mother of two autistic children spoke in favor of behavioral therapists.

Danielle Albert – spoke about test scores and the need to start implementing solutions. Technology needs to be incorporated. Also spoke about parent engagement.

Mike Christiano – he is currently an ABA therapist and spoke about the elimination of the ABA positions.

Rachel Leonardo – currently works at Generali School as an ABA.

John Theriault – spoke about the cost of the Cohesive and Capacity Study and stated the money should have been approved by the Board. He also spoke about test scores and distributed reports he compiled.

3. Committee on Finance/5 minutes: Request approval of a Contract with Light Tower Fiber Networks II, LLC for wide area fiber network (to be distributed) – W. Zhuta.

4. Committee on Finance/5 minutes: Request approval to apply for the 2018-2020 CSDE Individuals with Disabilities Education (IDEA) Entitlement Grant – E. Skoronski. (Melissa Baldwin)
7. Committee on Curriculum/20 minutes ~ Discussion: Special Education and Alternative Programs (no backup) – D. Schwartz, M. Baldwin, R. Brenker. (M. Baker)
2. Committee on Finance/5 minutes: Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2018 – D. Biolo.
5. Committee of the Whole/20 minutes ~ Bilingual Department Report – A. Jorge Nelson. (Jackie Matos)
6. Committee of the Whole/20 minutes ~ Student Assessment Results – D. Schwartz, et al.

The Board recessed their Workshop at 7:52 p.m. for a Special Meeting and returned at 7:58 p.m.

Commissioner Harvey left at 8:14 p.m.

8. Committee on School Facilities & Grounds/2 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments.
9. Committee on School Facilities & Grounds/3 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests. *Commissioner Jason Van Stone requested a follow-up meeting regarding waivers.*
10. Superintendent's Notification to the Board/5 minutes:
 - a. Grant funded appointments effective immediately:
Ciochetti, Angela – H.R. Associate, \$16.26 p/hour, non-union with benefits governed by UPSEU #69, funded by Title II Part A.
Joseph, Renee – Assistant Talent Recruiter, \$23.08 p/hour, non-union with benefits governed by UPSEU #69, funded by Alliance Grant.
Marofsky, Etienne – H.R. Generalist, \$50,000 annually, non-union with benefits governed by the UPSEU #69, funded by Title II Part A.
White, Andrea – Prevention Specialist, \$18.14 p/hour, non-union with benefits governed by UPSEU #69, funded by Priority Schools Grant.
 - b. 21st Century After School Program Recreation Specialist appointments, part-time, \$12.00 p/hour, non-union and without benefits:

Patricia Alonso (sub)	Annette Goncalves	Edward Larose
Robert Lewis	Sabrina Martinez	Davon Robinson
Massiel Romero	James Santiago	Jeffrey Smith
Shaniqua Thomas	Husseiann Villanueva	
 - c. 21st Century After School program appointments, salary according to individual's contract:

<u>Carrington School</u>	
Melissa Thompson – Site Admin.	Harley Gaafar – Teacher
Karen Renna – Site Admin. (Sub)	Patricia Theriault – Teacher

Kristen Gwiazdoski – Site Admin. (Sub)
Stephen Barone – Teacher (Sub)
Ashley Feliz – Teacher (Sub)
Elisa D’Agostino – Teacher (Sub)

Emily Wengertsman – Teacher (Sub)
Maura Kerns – Teacher (Sub)
Scott McWhirt – Teacher (Sub)
Elisa D’Agostino – Teacher (Sub)

Duggan School

Melissa DiGiovanni – Site Admin.
Patricia Frageau – Site Admin. (Sub)
David Lucian – Teacher
Joseph Perrucci – Teacher (Sub)

Kaitlyn Clough – Teacher
Jennifer DiFronzo – Teacher
Sarah Martin – Teacher (Sub)

Gilmartin School

Amy Petruzzi – Site Admin.
Jennifer Dwyer – Site Admin. (Sub)
Brenda Falcone – Teacher
Jessica Sconziano – Teacher (Sub)
Suzanne Newman – Teacher (Sub)

Christine Taylor-Braxton – Teacher
Sybil Wynne P. Jones – Teacher
Kathryn Iaiennaro – Teacher (Sub)

Reed School

Diurca Tomasella – Site Admin.
Juan Mendoza – Site Admin. (Sub)
Jonna McKirryher – Teacher
Emily Phillips – Teacher (Sub)
Jessica Boratko – Teacher (Sub)

Denise Griffin – Teacher
Kimberly Rock – Teacher
Susan D’Amato – Teacher (Sub)
Jessica Boratko – Teacher (Sub)

Robotics for 21st Century and SDE Programming

Charles Fareira – Teacher
Margaruite Pesce – Teacher

Kathy Gaydosh – Teacher

d. Middle School STEM After-school Program appointments, CPEP, stipend salary funded by Title IV:

Ford, Marnie	Carrington
Carpenter, Ryan	North End M.S.
Carpenter, Sarah	North End M.S.
Della Calce, Anthony	North End M.S.
Perrucci, Joe	Duggan
Gluz, Debra	Wallace M.S.
Kowalski, Erik	Wallace M.S.
Gaafar, Harley	West Side
Irizarry, Jorge	West Side

e. Wilson Family Resource Center Books and Basketball Before School Program appointments, Monday through Thursday, 7 – 8 a.m., beginning 4/23/18, funded by Wilson FRC Grant:

Jessica Reho – Coordinator	Kelly Fengler – Teacher
Amy Densmore – Teacher	Rebecca James – Para
Donna Orsatti – Para	Linda Fitzgerald – Tutor
Tracy Trotman – Para Sub	

f. Wilson FRC Arts After School Program appointments, Tuesday through Thursday, 3 – 4:30 p.m., beginning 4/24/18, funded by Wilson FRC Grant:

Jessica Reho – Coordinator	Karyn Skinner – Teacher
Kelly Pinho – Teacher	Melissa Dojnia – Teacher (Wed.)
Tara Healey – Teacher Sub	Rebecca James – Para Sub

