

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES ~ SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Duggan School, 38 West Porter Street, Waterbury, Connecticut

PRESENT: President Stango, Commissioners Awwad, Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, McEntee, and Sweeney.

ABSENT: Commissioners Rodriguez, Jason Van Stone, and Tom Van Stone.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Kathleen Ouellette and Chief Operating Officer & Chief of Staff Paul Guidone.

SILENT PRAYER

President Stango called the special meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. with a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner McEntee led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

CLERK: Commissioner Awwad.

AWWAD: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Brown.

BROWN: Here.

CLERK: Vice President Harvey.

HARVEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Hernandez.

HERNANDEZ: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner McEntee.

McENTEE: Present.

CLERK: Commissioner Rodriguez (absent). Commissioner Sweeney.

SWEENEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner J. Van Stone (absent). Commissioner T. Van Stone (absent). President Stango.

STANGO: Here. For the record Commissioner Jason Van Stone has a previous engagement and cannot come and Commissioner Felix Rodriguez also in the same situation. I haven't heard from Commissioner Tom Van Stone, he may be coming yet.

1. COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL PERSONNEL

1.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve the

appointment of Vincent J. Balsamo as High School Vice Principal, Crosby High School, effective immediately.

STANGO: Motion has been made and seconded. Discussion? Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT: Thank you Mr. President. I'm very, very pleased tonight to recommend to the Board of Education and to the public Vincent Balsamo for the position of Assistant Principal at our Reform and Turnaround School Crosby High School. Mr. Balsamo's career began nine years ago in Waterbury as a Mathematics Teacher. During his tenure here he has been noted and his notoriety in founding the Robotics Team, he served on the District's High School Geometry Curriculum Revision Committee, School Leadership Data Team Member, Mathematics Curriculum Coordinator, Co-chair of the NEASC Accreditation Self-study and Follow-up Committee. He received the 2012 Kennedy High School Teacher of the Year and the 2012 Waterbury District Teacher of the Year Awards. Mr. Balsamo's credentials include a Bachelors Degree and a Masters Degree from Wesleyan University in Mathematics and a Sixth Year Certification from Southern Connecticut State University. His colleagues describe him as knowing how to develop effective instructional practices in math to students with varying ability levels, a reflector, practitioner, a professional who cares about his students and colleagues. I'm very, very pleased to present an outstanding educator for Assistant Principal at Crosby High School. Thank you Mr. President.

STANGO: Any further discussion? Seeing none – roll call vote please.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ITEM #1.1:

Yeas: Commissioners Awwad, Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, McEntee, Sweeney, and President Stango.

(applause)

BALSAMO: President Stango, members of the Board, Dr. Ouellette, I'd like to thank you for entrusting me in this new opportunity as a Vice Principal at Crosby High School. I'm excited to begin work with the new Principal Jade Gopie, the team that she's assembled there with the administration, her students, the staff. I see this as a great opportunity to further my career and advance the Turnaround efforts over at Crosby High School and I'm thoroughly grateful for the opportunity. I'd also like to thank Dr. Ouellette for those kind words. Thank you very much. Let's go Bulldogs.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:45 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education