

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES ~ SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Waterbury Arts Magnet School, 16 South Elm Street, Waterbury, Connecticut

PRESENT: President Stango, Commissioners Awwad, Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, McEntee, Rodriguez, Sweeney, J. Van Stone, and T. Van Stone.

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Academic Officer Darren Schwartz and Education Liaison Mary Ann Marold.

SILENT PRAYER

President Stango called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

President Stango 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.

RODRIGUEZ: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Sweeney.

SWEENEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner J. Van Stone.

J. VAN STONE: Present.

CLERK: Commissioner T. Van Stone (arrived at 5:34 p.m.) President Stango.

STANGO: Here. For the record Superintendent Ouellette and Mr. Guidone send their regrets for absences due to family circumstances.

1. COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL PERSONNEL

1.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Jason Van Stone, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve of the appointment of Karen Renna as Pre-k through Grade 8 School Principal, Carrington School, effective immediately.

STANGO: Motions been made and seconded. Mr. Schwartz is here to speak on behalf of Dr. Ouellette tonight.

SCHWARTZ: Good evening. I am very pleased to recommend to the Board of Education the approval of Ms. Karen Renna for the position of Principal, Carrington Elementary School.

Ms. Renna's 20 year teaching career began in Prospect, Connecticut as a middle school teacher. In 1999, she joined Waterbury Public Schools as a teacher. She served in that role for seven years and became a Supervising Vice Principal at Chase Elementary School in 2007. In 2010, Ms. Renna was selected Supervising Vice Principal of Carrington Elementary School and has served in this capacity until present.

During her tenure in Waterbury, Ms. Renna has served on the district's SEED Committee, various data teams, has extensive training and implementation with SRBI and school culture. Her personal goal is to continue her work with students, teachers, parents and other educational professionals to create a community of respect, learning and growth.

Ms. Renna's credentials include a Bachelor of Arts in Education and Art History from Assumption College, a Master's in Reading from St. Joseph College, and a 6th year certificate from the University of Bridgeport.

Her certifications & endorsements include 092 Administrative, 102 Remedial Reading and Language Arts and 013 Elementary Education K-6.

Colleagues describe Karen as collaborative, visionary and having a passion for educational excellence.

It gives me tremendous pleasure to recommend Ms. Karen Renna, Principal of Carrington Elementary School.

STANGO: Thank you Mr. Schwartz. Any further discussion? Seeing none – roll call vote please.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ITEM #1.1:

Yeas: Commissioners Awwad, Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, McEntee, Rodriguez, Sweeney, J. Van Stone, T. Van Stone, and President Stango.

(applause)

STANGO: Motion carries unanimously.

RENNA: Good evening President Stango, Vice President Harvey, Board of Education members, Chief Academic Office Schwartz, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to serve as Principal of Carrington School. Your confidence and trust in me as a leader is a responsibility I do not take lightly. I am committed, along with the other educational leaders of Waterbury, to achieve academic excellence of all students in our efforts to be the best in the State. I was born, raised, and educated in the Waterbury School System and very proud of it. It is an honor for me to join the many leaders of Waterbury. Carrington School has a wonderful staff, eager students, and parents that are deeply involved in their child's education. I am looking forward to creating an even stronger community at Carrington School. In closing, I am dedicated to setting high expectations for learning, challenging students, and supporting engaged and enjoyable learning. You may expect the best of all at Carrington School in the coming years. Again, thank you very much for the wonderful opportunity.

(applause)

1.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Jason Van Stone, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve the appointment of Patrick H. Hubeny as Supervisor of Math – Secondary, effective immediately.

STANGO: Motions been made and seconded. Mr. Schwartz on behalf of Superintendent.

SCHWARTZ: I am extremely pleased to recommend to the Board of Education the approval of Mr. Patrick Hubeny for the position of Secondary Math Supervisor in our district.

Mr. Hubeny's teaching career began in Wallingford, Connecticut as a mathematics teacher. During that time, he was promoted to Mathematics Department Chair. Prior to entering the field of education, he served as a computer systems analyst for Pratt & Whitney Corporation. His accomplishments to date include, provided targeted Professional Development for building staff, member of the NEASC Curriculum Committee, conducting vertical alignment initiatives between middle and high schools, creating benchmark assessments with both regular and special education, led district Common Core State Standards for math curriculum. The list is long but most notably Mr. Hubeny was asked by the State of Connecticut to work with them on several math initiatives due to the innovative work that he had done and was doing in Wallingford including curriculums that are going to be implemented across the State of Connecticut.

His credentials include a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics from Central CT State University, a Master of Science in mathematics education from Walden University and a 6th year certificate from Quinnipiac University. His certifications & endorsements include a 092 Administrative certificate and 029 Secondary Mathematics.

In his letters of reference, his colleagues praised his work leading professional development at the district level, and building level. I am pleased to present an educator who embodies the skills we are seeking here in Waterbury as we move forward pursuing educational excellence for all.

STANGO: Thank you Mr. Schwartz. Any further discussion? Roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ITEM #1.2:

Yeas: Commissioners Awwad, Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, McEntee, Rodriguez, Sweeney, J. Van Stone, T. Van Stone, and President Stango.

STANGO: Motion carries unanimously.

(applause)

HUBENY: I'd like to thank the whole Board and the administrative team that took me on, I'm very grateful and appreciative for the opportunity. I look forward to working with this team, they are enthusiastic and have the same type of energy as me and I'm so dedicated to helping give students of Waterbury everything they need and I will do all I can to support the team in that effort. I am very excited and humbled by how greatly you . . . bringing me in, everybody was just tremendous and I'm looking forward to all of it. Thank you so much.

(applause)

2. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

- 2.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Jason Van Stone and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to approve of a Professional Services Agreement with American Medical Response of Connecticut, Inc. to provide ambulance service for high school football games.

STANGO: Motions been made and seconded. Any discussion? Mr. Gorman is here, does anyone have any questions for Mr. Gorman regarding this? Very well – all in favor, opposed, motion carries.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTIFICATION TO THE BOARD

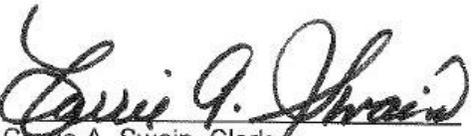
- 3.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to receive and place on file the following interim appointments:

Calabrese, Gina – Interim Elementary School Principal, Chase, effective 8/24/15.
Miller, William Garrett Jr. – Interim Chief Operating Officer & Chief of Staff, effective 08/20/15.

STANGO: Motions been made and seconded. All in favor, opposed, motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Awwad and duly seconded by Commissioner Jason Van Stone, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:41 p.m.

ATTEST 
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk,
Board of Education