

# **WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## *Committee Meeting Minutes*

Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the September 17, 2015 Board Meeting)

### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at Chase School, 40 Woodtick Road, Waterbury, Connecticut, starting at 5:33 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Awwad, Sweeney, and J. Van Stone.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Ouellette, Chief Academic Darren Schwartz, Interim Chief Operating Officer & Chief of Staff Gary Miller, and Education Liaison Mary Ann Marold.

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/30 minutes ~ Principal's Report <sup>[BFC: G1/O1]</sup> (no backup).  
(Gina Calabrese, Lori Kramarz, Maria Zillo)
2. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval to participate in the Healthy Food Certification Program <sup>[BFC: n/a]</sup> – L. Franzese. (Adam Shaban)
3. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval of an Agreement with PTSMA, Inc. d/b/a Select Physical Therapy to provide athletic trainer services for interscholastic athletics <sup>[BFC: n/a]</sup> – J. Gorman. (Steve Baldwin)
4. Committee on Curriculum/5 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment Number 1 to the Student Educational Affiliation Agreement with Saint Mary's Hospital, Inc. for the establishment of a clinical program for students <sup>[BFC: G4/O1]</sup> – Dr. Padua, M. Harris. (Ms. Pritchard)
5. Committee on Curriculum/5 minutes ~ Request approval of an Agreement with Abbott Terrace Health Center, Inc. for the establishment of a clinical program for students enrolled at the Waterbury Career Academy as nurse's aides <sup>[BFC: G4/O1]</sup> – Dr. Padua, M. Harris. (Ms. Prifty)

6. Committee on School Personnel/10 minutes ~ Request approval of the new position of Coordinator of College and Career Access Center for Crosby High School <sup>[BFC G4/O1]</sup> – P. Whyte. (Jade Gopie)
7. Committee on School Personnel/10 minutes ~ Request approval of the new position of Director of Teaching and Learning <sup>[BFC G1/O1 & 2; G2/O1, 2, & 3]</sup> – Dr. Ouellette, D. Schwartz.
8. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:
  - a. Committee of the Whole /30 minutes: ~ Request approval of the Alliance and Priority School District Consolidated Year 4 Application <sup>[BFC: G1, 2, 3 & 4]</sup> – Dr. Ouellette, D. Schwartz.
9. Committee on School Facilities & Grounds/5 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments <sup>[BFC: n/a]</sup>.
10. Committee on School Facilities & Grounds/5 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by outside organization and/or waiver requests <sup>[BFC: n/a]</sup>.
11. Superintendent’s Notification to the Board/5 minutes: <sup>[BFC: n/a]</sup>
  - a. Grant funded appointments:

Rinaldi, Valerie – ELA Instructional Tutor (replacing Joe Mendello), WAMS, 15.75 hours per week @ \$25.00 p/hour for 28 weeks, non-union and without benefits, funded by WAMS Operating Grant.  
Rivera, Maritza – Parent Liaison, Washington School, 30 hours per week @ \$15.12 p/hour for 180 days, non-union position with benefits governed by UPSEU, funded by Title I.
  - b. Reed After-school Programs appointments, salary according to individual’s contract unless otherwise noted, funded by the Reed FRC Grant:

Griffin, Denise – Lead Instructor, The Daily Rocket School Newspaper Club, maximum of 60 hours.  
Maturo, Jonna – Spirit Instructor, Dance Team Group, maximum of 13.5 hours.  
Rinaldi, Heather – Dance Instructor, Dance Team Group, maximum of 13.5 hours.
  - c. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant After-school Program appointments, salary according to individual’s contract:

**Chase Park House:**  
Anthony Ciuffo – teacher  
Carolyn Highsmith – teacher  
Karen Hanas – teacher  
Fatima Fernandez – substitute

**Driggs School:**  
Mardelle Ruffin – teacher  
Ben Germain – teacher  
Justine Kuncas – substitute  
Lucia Sheetz – substitute  
Zita Blake – teacher  
Karen Griffin – substitute  
Paula-Ann Pastore-Quezada – substitute  
Valerie Wright – substitute

**Hopeville School:**

Christine Diorio – teacher  
Tim St. Pierre – teacher  
Sarah Williams – substitute

Gina Paternostro – teacher  
Mark Esposito – substitute

**Wallace STEM:**

Marcy Pogodzienski – teacher  
David Sidella – teacher  
Robin Davitt-Wells – PT teacher

Debra Gluz – teacher  
Timothy Terenzi – teacher  
Corrin Zareck – PT teacher

**Wilson School:**

Betzaida Vega – teacher  
Wesley Katrenya – teacher

Nina Quesnel – teacher  
Kelly Fengler – substitute

**Substitutes for all programs**

Ellon Cavanaugh  
Justin Froese  
Arianne Salcito

Timothy Coughlin  
Mark LaChance

d. Teacher new hires:

Name		Assignment		Step	Effective
DeFrancesco	Nora	WCA	English	MA/2	8/24/15
Hanley	Jessica	Carrington	Grade 5	BA/2	8/24/15
Kingsbury	Cristina	WCA	English	MA/4	8/24/15
Kraut	Susan D.	WMS	Science Gr. 8	MA/5	8/24/15
McBrien	Donna	WCA	Allied Health	M+15/7	8/24/15
Morales	Jessica	Reed	Grade 7 Ela	MA/2	8/24/15
Steffero	Melissa	Reed	Grade 3	BA/2	8/24/15
Unluturk	Sukru	KHS	Math	MA/6	8/24/15
Ragette	Nicole Y.	Carrington	Grade 8 Ela	BA/3	8/24/15
Avxhiu	Bjanka	Bunker Hill	Grade 3	MA/2	8/24/15
Block	Frances P.	Reed	Lib. Media Spec.	MA/6	8/24/15
Jenkins-Davis	Tanya	KHS	Spec. Educ.	M+15/6	8/24/15
Dombrowski	Andrew S.	NEMS	Social Studies	MA/2	8/24/15
Feld	Shulamit R.	Bucks Hill Annex	PreK	MA/2	8/25/15
Gaafar	Harley	WSMS	TESOL	BA/4	8/24/15
Mangino	Maria R.	Generali	Music	MA/6	8/24/15
Moro	Victor G.	State Street	Spec. Educ.	M+15/5	8/24/15
O'Brien	Kathleen M.	WSMS	Spec. Educ.	MA/8	8/24/15
O'Brien	Kathleen M.	CHS	Grade 9 Math	PHD./2	8/24/15
Orsini	Marie F.	Generali	Grade 4	BA/2	8/25/15
Petit	Megan L.	Enlightenment	Social Studies	B+15/2	8/26/15
Schwartz	Paul D.	CHS	Chemistry	MA/3	8/26/15
Soares	Elenice D.	WSMS	TESOL	6 <sup>TH</sup> /6	8/24/15
Trigueiro	Mariana B.	Wilson	PreK Sp. Ed.	B+15/2	8/24/15
Way	Megan L.	Regan	Grade 2	BA/2	8/24/15
Zionts	Lenore	CHS	BDLC	MA/5	8/26/15

- e. Adult Education appointments effective 09/17/15:  
Dinatale, Jessica – Substitute @ \$24 p/hour.  
Ferrer, Denise – Substitute @ \$32 p/hour.  
Ligi, Richard – Substitute @ \$32 p/hour.  
Karmuza, Daiva – Mediation Enrichment Program, 2 hours p/week @ \$24  
p/hour (replacing Larry Brook).  
Mehlin, Kathylee – Mediation Enrichment Program, 2 hours p/week @ \$32  
p/hour (replacing Larry Brook).
- f. Retirements:  
Dutil, Thomas – Resource Room, Tinker School, effective 08/18/15.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer at 7:57 p.m.

Present: President Stango, Commissioners Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, McEntee, Rodriguez, and T. Van Stone. Also present were Dr. Ouellette, Mr. Schwartz, and Mr. Miller.

The Board returned at 8:09 p.m. with no votes taken.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 8:09 p.m.

ATTEST:   
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk  
Board of Education