

## **WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### *MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING*

Monday, March 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Wallace Middle School, 3465 East Main Street, Waterbury, Connecticut

***PRESENT:*** President Hayes, Commissioners Flaherty-Merritt, Geremia, Harvey, Petteway, Stango, Sweeney, Theriault, Uriano, and White.

***ALSO PRESENT:*** Superintendent Snead, Assistant Superintendent Cullinan, Assistant Superintendent Sequeira, Chief Operating Officer Paul Guidone, Director of Personnel Ron Frost, School Business Administrator Paul Mazzaccaro, Attorney Maurice Mosley, and School Inspector Herbert Greengas.

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

President Hayes called the special meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. with a moment of silence and a prayer and Superintendent Snead led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Upon a motion by Commissioner White and duly seconded by Commissioner Petteway, it was voted unanimously to go into executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, performance, health or dismissal of a public officer or employee.**

HAYES: Motion made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, motion passes unanimously.

Present were: All Commissioners, Dr. Snead, Dr. Sequeira, A. M. Cullinan, P. Guidone, and R. Frost.

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to return at 8:07 p.m. No votes were taken.**

HAYES: Motion made and seconded - all in favor, opposed, motion passes unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

### **1. COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

**1.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Geremia, it was voted unanimously to approve that the**

**Superintendent of Schools be authorized to notify teachers of the non-renewal of their employment contracts in accordance with Connecticut General Statute's section 10-151, as listed: Allison Shea, Beth Damico, Christine Lundstrom, Daniel Coleman, Laura Borges, Edmund Lubowicki.**

HAYES: Motion made and seconded. Any discussion?

SWEENEY: Just very briefly. First of all, my thanks to Carrie for getting to us the actual wording of the resolution as I requested at the last Special Meeting. I appreciate that – it was a great help. I also, for anyone who didn't get the e-mail today, I had concerns about another special meeting imbedded into a Workshop and Dr. Snead did get back to me promptly and explained that this particular item needed to be in place by April 1 and while I understand that and accept that I would hope that in the future we would look a little more long term and make sure that we get these things in so they can go the regular Board process.

HAYES: Any other comments on item 1.1? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, motion passes unanimously.

**1.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Geremia, with Commissioner Theriault "abstaining", it was voted to approve the appointment of Adela Jorge Nelson as the Supervisor of Bilingual Education, effective immediately.**

HAYES: Motion made and seconded – any discussion?

THERIAULT: I wish to recuse myself on this vote.

HAYES: For the record Commissioner Theriault is abstaining on this. All in favor, opposed, motion passes nine with one abstention. I just want to congratulate Ms. Nelson. Dr. Snead would you like to comment?

SUPERINTENDENT: Yes, I'd like to place on record that we had some outstanding candidates, any one of these candidates that we interviewed could have been an effective supervisor of bilingual education. It was in our deliberations however, I think it was unanimous decisions amongst the persons there, to recommend Mrs. Nelson. I would like for the other persons who accepted this challenge to apply and interview to know that we feel very good about them and they should be, we'd like to compliment them, they should feel good that we feel so good about them.

HAYES: As Dr. Snead said and we heard from the Committee it was a tough decision not only because we had so many candidates but, Mrs. Jorge, they expressed a lot of confidence in you and we look forward to doing a lot of good things. Did you want to say anything?

JORGE: I want to thank you for the opportunity and I assure you will not regret your choice. I'm will to work . . .

HAYES: As you know we have the largest percentage of Hispanic of the students in our school system so the role that you play . . . helping us do better, shake things up a little bit.

SUPERINTENDENT: I know that we had at least one other candidate here, did you want to say anything? You were very good by the way.

ROBLES: I just want to thank everyone for the opportunity, it was a great opportunity.

***ADJOURNMENT***

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey, and duly seconded by Commissioner Geremia, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk  
*Board of Education*

Resolutions signed by Mayor Michael J. Jarjura on April 3, 2007.