

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES – SHERIFF CALL MEETING
Saturday, December 1, 2007
Howland Hughes Center, 140 Bank Street, Waterbury, CT

PRESENT: Mayor Jarjura, Commissioners D’Angelo, Flaherty-Merritt, Harvey, Hayes, Laccone, Pinto, Stango, Sweeney, Theriault, and White.

Mayor Jarjura administered the Oath of Office to the following members prior to the meeting: Commissioners Flaherty-Merritt, Geremia, Harvey, and Sweeney.

Charles M. Stango swore in his father Charles L. Stango.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Jarjura called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

MAYOR: At this time I would ask somebody to make nominations to elect a temporary president for the Waterbury Board of Education. And I recognize Commissioner Pat Hayes.

HAYES: I would like to take this opportunity to place in nomination the name of Karen Harvey for temporary president.

MAYOR: The name of Karen Harvey has been placed in nomination for Temporary President. Is there any other nominations? Is there any other nominations? Is there any other nominations? I’ll take a motion that nominations be closed.

D’ANGELO: Mayor, under discussion, should we be taking the oath before the meeting?

MAYOR: That’s not according to the script but we can do that. Why don’t we have all of the Board of Education members rise that are newly elected. Of course the Board of Education has four year terms so we also have a number of our Commissioners that are continuing on in service but for those who are taking the oath of office please rise.

City Clerk Michael Dalton proceeded to administer the oath of office to the newly elected Commissioners.

MAYOR: Those taking the oath were newly elected Paul D’Angelo, Pat Hayes, our current President of the Board, newly elected Steve Laccone, John Theriault, and Mary White. And our continuing members are Coleen Flaherty-Merritt, Karen Harvey, Charles Stango, and Ann Marie Sweeney. They have an awesome responsibility ladies and gentlemen. We entrust them with the education of over 18,000 students in the City of Waterbury every year. It’s an awesome, awesome responsibility and they all do it very well. So at this time now. Do you want to go through that again? I’ll recognize Pat Hayes for nomination of a temporary president.

HAYES: I'd like to place the name of **Karen Harvey for Temporary President.**

MAYOR: Are there any other nominations for Temporary President? Are there any other nominations for Temporary President?

WHITE: **I second that.**

MAYOR: The motion has been made and seconded. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? I will ask that a motion be made to close nominations.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hayes and duly seconded by Commissioner White, it was voted unanimously to close nominations for Temporary President.

MAYOR: All in favor say aye. All opposed no. The ayes have it. Karen Harvey will you now assume the position of Temporary President for the Board of Education.

HARVEY: Thank you Mr. Mayor. And this will be brief because Mother Nature is calling.

MAYOR: And I forgot to mention our newly installed as of yesterday Commissioner Tony Pinto.

HARVEY: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Commissioners of the Board of Education, I will now accept nominations for Permanent President.

WHITE: **I would like to place in nomination for Permanent President the name of Pat Hayes** who has been our President for the past two years. He has faithfully served in this position and performed his duties faithfully and it would be good to have him here for another two years.

HARVEY: Thank you, is there a second?

D'ANGELO: I rise to **second the nomination of my friend the honorable Pat Hayes.**

HARVEY: Are there any other nominations?

SWEENEY: **I place in nomination John Theriault.**

HARVEY: Is there a second?

STANGO: **I second the nomination.**

HARVEY: Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Hearing none I'll accept a motion to close nominations.

Upon a motion by Commissioner D'Angelo and duly seconded by Commissioner Laccone, it was voted unanimously to close nominations for President.

HARVEY: Madam Clerk, may we have a roll call vote.

CLERK: Please state the name of the President you wish for as your name is called.
Commissioner D'Angelo.

D'ANGELO: **President Hayes.**

CLERK: Commissioner Flaherty-Merritt.

FLAHERTY-MERRITT: **Hayes.**

CLERK: Commissioner Hayes.

HAYES: **Hayes.**

CLERK: Commissioner Harvey.

HARVEY: **Hayes.**

CLERK: Commissioner Laccone.

LACCONE: **Hayes.**

CLERK: Commissioner Pinto.

PINTO: **Hayes.**

CLERK: Commissioner Stango.

STANGO: **Theriault.**

CLERK: Commissioner Sweeney.

SWEENEY: **Theriault.**

CLERK: Commissioner Theriault.

THERIAULT: **Theriault.**

CLERK: Commissioner White.

WHITE: **Hayes.**

CLERK: Motion for President is seven to three for President Hayes.

HARVEY: The vote being seven to three for Pat Hayes. The Board of Education recognizes Pat Hayes as President of the Board of Education. I now turn it over to President Hayes.

HAYES: I want to thank my Board for trusting me again. I did have a speech on how we had everybody together on this one but it seems like every January 1 we can't quite

get ourselves together. . . . I do thank everyone for supporting me and I hope we continue to work together where every idea is considered. We will continue to do that. I would like to at this point to wish former Commissioner Petteway, now Alderman Petteway well. Thank you Joyce for the eight years you and I served together. I wish you well. I'd like to also acknowledge a gentleman who served with us for four years and isn't going to be serving any longer, Jimmy Uriano. Obviously I'd like to thank Commissioner White. Mary has been a mentor to me. she's had to . . . on occasion when I get a little passionate. She's like a mother to me and it's with great honor I accept the nomination when Mary makes it. And also Paul, Paul has become a friend of mine which I think you'll find if you end up serving on our Board we all become friends. This one day is a little different but the rest of the time . . . it's just something that evolves from working together . . . put in the time, make the effort, we put in a lot of hours and do the best we can. I'm proud of all the work that we have done and promise that you will be proud of us as we work forward. Now I will as for nominations of Vice President.

FLAHERTY-MERRITT: Mr. President, it's my honor to nominate Mary S. White for Vice President of the Board of Education.

STANGO: With pleasure I nominate Mary White as Vice President of the Board of Education, second.

HAYES: Nomination is seconded. Is there any other nominations? Is there any other nominations? Is there any other nominations? Motion to close nominations.

Upon a motion by Commissioner D'Angelo and duly seconded by Commissioner Pinto, with Commissioner Theriault voting "no", it was voted to close nominations for Vice President.

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

THERIAULT: Nay.

HAYES: Nominations are closed. Nine to one in favor. Madam Clerk will you please call the roll.

CLERK: Commissioner D'Angelo.

D'ANGELO: **Yes.**

CLERK: Commissioner Flaherty-Merritt.

FLAHERTY-MERRITT: **Yes.**

CLERK: Commissioner Harvey.

HARVEY: **Yes.**

CLERK: Commissioner Laccone.

LACCONE: **Yes.**

CLERK: Commissioner Pinto.

PINTO: **Yes.**

CLERK: Commissioner Stango.

STANGO: **Yes.**

CLERK: Commissioner Sweeney.

SWEENEY: **Yes.**

CLERK: Commissioner Theriault.

THERIAULT: **No.**

CLERK: Commissioner White.

WHITE: **Yes.**

CLERK: President Hayes.

HAYES: **Yes.** Nine to one. Commissioner White, congratulations.

WHITE: I'd just like to thank my fellow Commissioners. I know we all like each other, we don't always agree . . . thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Flaherty-Merritt and duly seconded by Commissioner D'Angelo, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education

Resolutions signed by Mayor Michael J. Jarjura on December 6, 2007