

## **WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### *MINUTES ~ SPECIAL MEETING*

Monday, June 8, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.

Waterbury Adult Education, 28 East Clay Street, Waterbury, Connecticut

***PRESENT:*** President Hayes, Commissioners Flaherty-Merritt, Harvey, Laccone, Pinto, Sweeney, Theriault, and White.

***ABSENT:*** Commissioners D'Angelo and Stango.

***ALSO PRESENT:*** Superintendent Snead, Assistant Superintendents Cullinan and Sequeira, Chief Operating Officer Paul Guidone, Attorney Maurice Mosley, Education Liaison Mary Ann Marold, and School Inspector Herbert Greengas.

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

President Hayes called the special meeting to order at 8:21 p.m. with a moment of silence and a prayer and Superintendent Snead led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **ROLL CALL**

CLERK: Commissioner D'Angelo – absent. Commissioner Flaherty-Merritt.

FLAHERTY-MERRITT: Present.

CLERK: Commissioner Harvey.

HARVEY: Here

CLERK: Commissioner Laccone.

LACCONE: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Pinto.

PINTO: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Stango – absent. Commissioner Sweeney.

SWEENEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Theriault.

THERIAULT: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner White.

WHITE: Here.

CLERK: President Hayes.

HAYES: Here. Is there anyone wishing to address the Board on the special meeting items only?

**1. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**1.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Flaherty-Merritt, it was voted unanimously to approve the following Resolution, to wit:**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Waterbury Board of Education opposes reductions which are contained in the Governor's revised proposed budget for 2009 to 2010 and 2010 to 2011 to education grants including, but not limited to the attached programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board of Education supports the attached proposed language for District Reference Group's I (DRG I) Minimum Budget Requirement (MBR) calculations for fiscal year 2010 and fiscal year 2011.

<i>ESTIMATED EFFECT OF GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET ON WATERBURY'S EDUCATION DEPARTMENT</i>			
Program	Current Funding	Proposed Reduction	Comment
Quality Education Grant	\$127,274	\$12,727	10% reduction proposed; grant supports activities such as kindergarten orientation, literacy activities including bilingual children's books, professional development, for School Readiness teachers, infant toddler program quality improvement, NAEYC accreditation consultation, professional development, materials for licensed family home providers and parent /friend/neighbor caregiver activities.
Family Resource Centers	\$194,548	\$194,548	There are two Family Resource Centers. One at Chase and one at Wilson. Each receives \$97,200 which funds a full-time Director and 1 or 2 part-time staff. FRC promotes positive youth development and parent education via adult education and family literacy and collaborates with other community agencies. Most programs, referrals, educational activities are open to the whole community.
Extended School Hours (ESH)	\$311,994	\$311,994	This funds after school programs in approximately 15 elementary schools and provides social, academic and enrichment programs for students.
After School Program (STEM)	\$150,000	\$150,000	The Science, Technology & Math Program (STEM) is run out of NEMS. As the name implies, the goal of this program is to increase student involvement in science, technology, and mathematics, to promote positive youth development, improve school attendance, academic achievement, in-school behavior and to provide family involvement, literacy and leadership and technology training for families of participating students.
		<b>Cost to Replace</b>	
Connecticut Education Network		\$100,000	Currently the State seeks funding from E-rate on behalf of the district and provides for our Internet access and filtering software to block access to unauthorized websites at no cost to us. If this program was cut we would have to pay for Internet access and buy filtering software for a total cost of approximately \$100,000 in FY 2010. In December we could apply to E-rate ourselves as we have done in the past but the

			deadline to apply for FY 2010 was December 2008, so E-rate funding would not be available until July 1, 2010.
Total		\$769,269	

**MBR LANGUAGE FOR DRG I DISTRICTS**

MBR calculations for the biennium (FY 09-10 and FY 10-11) shall be based upon current year (FY 08-09) appropriated budgets for those districts receiving 100% of ECS funds so that no school district receives less funding in each year of the biennium than was received in FY 08-09. For those districts receiving less than 100% of MBR funds in FY 08-09, the MBR calculation shall equal the FY 08-09 appropriated budget plus the increased percentage share of ECS funds cited in Statute #\_\_\_\_ based on the FY 08-09 ECS increase.

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

***ADJOURNMENT***

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Flaherty-Merritt, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.**

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