

# WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## *Committee Meeting Minutes*

Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the February 4, 2016 Board Meeting)

### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at Walsh School, 55 Dikeman Street, Waterbury, Connecticut, starting at 5:40 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Pagano.

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

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/15 minutes ~ Principal's Report <sup>[BFC: G1/O1]</sup> (no backup) – E. Paolino.
2. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes ~ Overview: CAFE Leadership Program – N. Caruso/CAFE. (Robert King, Warren Logge)
3. ~~Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a new after school program for Chase's Resource Center entitled Science & Snacks After school Program~~ <sup>[BFC: G3/O3]</sup> – J. Torres. *Removed from Agenda.*
4. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes ~ Update: Turnaround Schools <sup>[BFC: G1/O2, G2/O1, 3]</sup> – P. Whyte. (Jade Gopie, Cathi Newmark, Joanna Crudele, Ellen Paolino, Vincent Balsamo) *Commissioner Harvey requested feedback from parents on Turnaround Schools.*

5. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes ~Request for approval to apply for Education Talent Search (ETS) Grant with Naugatuck Valley Community College (NVCC) <sup>[BFC: G4/O1]</sup> – P. Whyte. (Dave Celotto)
6. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes ~ Update: GEAR-UP <sup>[BFC: G4/O1]</sup> – P. Whyte, Liana Cunningham, David Celotto.
7. Committee on School Personnel ~ Discussion: Request the approval of job specification for Leader in Residence <sup>[BFC: G3/O6]</sup> – Dr. Ouellette.
8. Committee on School Personnel ~Discussion: Request the approval of updated job specification for Building Substitute Teacher <sup>[BFC: G1/O5]</sup> – G. Miller, R. Brenker.
9. Committee on School Personnel ~Discussion: Request the approval of updated job specification for Computer Education/IT Substitute <sup>[BFC: G1/O4]</sup> – G. Miller, R. Brenker.
10. Committee on School Personnel ~Discussion: Request the approval of updated job specification for Daily and Long-Term Substitute <sup>[BFC: G1/O5]</sup> – G. Miller, R. Brenker. Commissioner Harvey requested applicants be contacted whether or not they're hired.
11. Committee on Policy/5 minutes ~ Request approval of the revised Student Nutrition and Physical Activity/Student Wellness (#6142.101) Policy <sup>[BFC: G2/O2]</sup> – J. Gorman. (Darren Schwartz)
12. Committee on Policy/5 minutes ~ Request approval of the new policy Student Sports – Concussions (5147.7) <sup>[BFC: n/a]</sup> – J. Gorman. (Darren Schwartz)
13. Committee on Policy/5 minutes ~ Request approval the new policy Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness (5147.71) <sup>[BFC: n/a]</sup> – J. Gorman. (Darren Schwartz)
14. Committee on Policy/5 minutes ~ Request approval of the revised Reporting of Child Abuse (#5141.4) Policy <sup>[BFC: n/a]</sup> – W. Owen, E. Skoronski. (Melissa Baldwin)
15. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request acceptance of the Liberty Bank Foundation Adult Education Scholarship Grant <sup>[BFC: n/a]</sup> – A. Muste, D. McCasland.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

*The Board convened into Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee AND strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims/litigation.*

Present: President Brown, Commissioners Harvey, Hernandez, Rodriguez, Stango, Sweeney, Theriault, J. Van Stone, and T. Van Stone. Also present were Dr. Ouellette, Gary Miller, Darren Schwartz, Attorney Wihbey (left at 8:36 p.m.), and Attorney Shaw (left at 8:26 p.m.)

The Board returned to the regular order of business at 8:48 p.m. with no votes taken

16. Committee on Finance/20 minutes ~ Discussion: Proposed 2016-2017 Department of Education Budget <sup>[BFC: G2/O1]</sup> – Dr. Ouellette, G. Miller, D. Biolo.
17. Committee on School Facilities & Grounds/5 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments <sup>[BFC: n/a]</sup>.
18. Committee on School Facilities & Grounds/5 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by outside organization and/or waiver requests <sup>[BFC: n/a]</sup>. Commissioner Hernandez asked if there was a split charge for a maintainer when there are two or more groups; Commissioner Theriault would like further discussion on waivers for The Yeshiva.
19. Superintendent's Notification to the Board/5 minutes: <sup>[BFC: n/a]</sup>
- a. Grant funded appointments effective immediately:  
 Anglace, Kyle – Recreation Specialist Floater, 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-school Program, \$12.00 per hour.  
 Campos, Nathalia – Recreation Specialist Floater, 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-school Program, \$12.00 per hour.  
 Jakubczyk, Sandra – Recreation Specialist Floater, 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-school Program, \$12.00 per hour.  
 Lestage, Sara – ESH Teacher, Wilson School.

b. Teacher new hires:

Name		Assignment		Step	Effective
Angelone	Matthew T.	Walsh	Grades 1-3 Math	MA/1	12/14/15
Burns	Amy M.	WMS	Special Ed.	6 <sup>th</sup> /12	1/19/16
Gambardella	Victoria	WHY	Special Ed.	M+15/3	2/8/16
Griffiths	Mysti A.	NEMS	Literacy	BA+15/1	10/22/15
Kuang	Qi L.	WMS	Gr. 7 Math	BA/5	1/5/16
Leggitt	Karen Elizabeth	Regan	Special Ed.	M+15/2	1/20/16
Medina	Elisa	Chase	Gr. 1 Bil.	MA/6	1/4/16
Nared	Glen F.	Enlightenment	Math	MA/6	1/13/16
Taylor	Christine	Gilmartin	Gr. 6	MA/2	11/17/15

c. Leave of absence requests:

Pennington, Danielle – W. Cross PreK, requesting an unpaid childrearing leave of absence for the 2015/16 school year.

**Adjournment** at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Birdsall, Acting Clerk  
Board of Education