

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the March 3, 2016 Board Meeting)

COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at Reed School, 33 Griggs Street, Waterbury, Connecticut, starting at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: President Brown, Commissioners Harvey, Hernandez, Pagano, Rodriguez, Stango, Sweeney, Theriault (5:40 p.m.), J. Van Stone, and T. Van Stone.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor O’Leary, Superintendent Ouellette, Chief Academic Officer Darren Schwartz, Director of Personnel Robert Brenker, 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:

A G E N D A

SILENT PRAYER

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

1. Committee of the Whole/30 minutes ~ Principal’s Report [BFC: G1/01] (no backup) – Juan Mendoza. (Diurca Tomasella)
2. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Presentation: MLK Youth Explosion student awards [BFC: G1/01] (no backup) – Dr. Tucker. (Pastor Wade)
5. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request of Ed Generali to name the renovated football field at Kennedy High School in honor of Charles “Ripper” Donato [BFC: n/a] – E. Generali. (State Representative Berger)
3. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes ~ Update: Minority Teacher Recruitment and Retention Implementation Grant (to be distributed) [BFC: G1/05] – Dr. Tucker, J. Hayes.
4. Committee of the Whole/15 minutes ~ Report: Truancy Clinic [BFC: G3/01] – Judge Thomas Brunnock.
6. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Update: Board of Education’s 2016 Schedule (to be distributed) [BFC: n/a].

7. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Marianna Vagnini, WAMS, and five chaperones to take 50 students to New York, NY on June 1, 2016 to attend a performance of Something Rotten [BFC: G2/O1].
8. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Ana Garcia, CHS, and two chaperones to take 20 students to New York, NY on March 17, 2016 to visit Queens Theatre in the Park [BFC: G2/O1].
9. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Jason Schumacher, CHS, and nine chaperones to take 45 students to New York, NY on April 7, 2016 to attend a performance of Phantom of the Opera [BFC: G2/O1].
10. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Marianna Vagnini, WAMS, and 14 chaperones to take 50 students to Agawam, MA on June 3, 2016 to visit First Congregational Church of Agawam and Six Flags [BFC: G2/O1].
11. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Joseph Brady, WAMS, and three chaperones to take 37 students to Jersey City, NJ on March 17, 2016 to visit Liberty Science Center [BFC: G2/O1].
12. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Elaine Strobel, WHS, and four chaperones to take 50 students to Springfield and Boston, MA on March 16, 2016 to visit the Basketball Hall of Fame and attend a Boston Celtics game [BFC: G2/O1].
13. Committee on School Facilities & Grounds/5 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments [BFC: n/a].
14. Committee on School Facilities & Grounds/5 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by outside organization and/or waiver requests [BFC: n/a].
15. Superintendent's Notification to the Board:
 - a. Grant funded appointments effective immediately:
 - Arena, Daniel – Hall Duty Monitor, NEMS, \$90 p/day, non-union and without benefits, funded by Title I.
 - Lehrman, Yocheved – Non-public Title I Instructional Tutor, \$32 p/hour, maximum of 18 hours per week, non-union and without benefits.
 - b. Walsh School's various extended day program appointments, effective immediately:

Dente, Kathy – Substitute, Commissioner’s Network After-school Program, maximum of 8 hours p/week, salary per MOU.
 Pawson, Erica – Substitute, Commissioner’s Network After-school Program, maximum of 8 hours p/week, salary per MOU. Walluck, Robin – Substitute, Commissioner’s Network After-school Program, maximum of 8 hours p/week, salary per MOU.
 Pawson, Erica – Substitute, Before and After-school Program, maximum of 10 hours per week, salary per WTA contract.
 Walluck, Robin – Substitute, Before and After-school Program, maximum of 10 hours per week, salary per WTA contract.
 Pawson, Erica – Substitute, ESH Program, maximum of 6 hours per week, salary per WTA contract.
 Walluck, Robin – Substitute, ESH Program, maximum of 6 hours per week, salary per WTA contract.

c. Wilson Family Resource Center Books and Basketball Before School Program appointments, March 7 through April 14, Monday through Thursday, 7 to 8 a.m., salary according to individual’s contract, funded by FRC grant:

Jessica Reho - Coordinator (Monday - Thursday).
 Kelly Fengler - Teacher (Monday - Thursday).
 Heather Grillo - Teacher (Monday and Wednesday).
 Linda Fitzgerald - Tutor (Tuesday and Thursday).
 Rebecca James - Paraprofessional (Monday - Thursday).
 Donna Orsatti - Paraprofessional (Monday - Thursday).
 Andrew Caruk – Substitute Teacher.
 Andrea Perrelli – Substitute Teacher.

d. Teacher new hires:

Name		Assignment		Step	Effective
Gundersen	Kimberly A.	Kingsbury	Gr. 5	BA/2	2/1/16
Healey	Tara R.	Wilson	Gr. 1	MA/2	2/8/16
Ryan	Kyle J.	Kingsbury	Music	MA/1	2/9/16
Bugryn	Lindsay M.	Regan	Gr. 2	MA/1	12/9/15
Sweeney	Sarah A.	Duggan	Spec. Ed	MA/2	1/11/16

e. Retirements:

Crane, Elaine – NEMS Special Education, effective 06/30/16.
 Krill, Elizabeth – NEMS Family/Consumer Science, effective 06/30/16
 Orzechowski, Kathleen – Gilmartin Speech/Lang. Pathologist, eff. 07/01/16
 Rubock, Naomi – NEMS Special Education, effective 07/01/16.
 Tuttle, Michelle – KHS Social Studies, effective 07/01/16.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board convened into Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and returned at 7:55 p.m. with no votes taken.

Present were President Brown, Commissioners Harvey, Hernandez, Pagano, Rodriguez, Stango, Sweeney, Theriault, J. Van Stone, and T. Van Stone. Also present were Dr. Ouellette and Robert Brenker.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:08 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education