

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the April 7, 2016 Board Meeting)

COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at Waterbury Arts Magnet School, Media Center, 16 South Elm Street, Waterbury, Connecticut, starting at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: President Brown, Commissioners Harvey, Hernandez, Pagano, Rodriguez, Stango, Sweeney, J. Van Stone, and T. Van Stone (5:58 p.m.).

ABSENT: Commissioner Theriault.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Ouellette, Chief Academic Officer Darren Schwartz, Interim Chief Operating Officer/Chief of Staff Gary Miller, 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board convened into Executive Session at 5:31 p.m. for discussion concerning security and returned at 5:47 p.m. with no votes taken.

Present were President Brown, Commissioners Harvey, Hernandez, Pagano, Rodriguez, Stango, Sweeney, and Jason Van Stone. Also present were Dr. Ouellette, Gary Miller, Robert Brenker, and Darren Schwartz.

8. Committee on Curriculum/5 minutes ~ Discussion: Upcoming out of state field trips (no backup) [BFC: n/a] – P. Whyte. *It was suggested that Mr. Herman review safety tips with parents.*
1. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a new before school program entitled “Books and Basketball Club” for Reed Family Resource Center [BFC: G3/O3] – E. Racine. *Commissioner Harvey asked Mr. Racine to come back with an update on the programs.*

Commissioner T. Van Stone arrived at 5:58 p.m.

2. Committee of the Whole/10 minutes ~ Informational: Family and Community Engagement Center (no backup) [BFC: G3] – D. Schwartz, N. Vaughn, M. Marold, G. Wright. (Linda Riddick Barron)
3. Committee on School Personnel/10 minutes ~ Discussion: Proposed New Teacher Hiring Process [BFC: G1] – B. Brenker.
4. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request approval of the UConn ECE Course “Intro to Human Rights” for high school students [BFC: G4/O1] – J. Gopie.
5. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Michael Sullivan, CHS, and six chaperones to take 30 students to Boston, MA on May 13, 2016 to visit various historical sites [BFC: G2/O1].
6. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Philip Sterling, WAMS, and eight chaperones to take 85 students to Holyoke and Agawam, MA on June 4, 2016 to compete in a band festival and visit Six Flags [BFC: G2/O1].
7. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Krislyn Petti, WHS, and three chaperones to take 22 students to Washington, DC from May 11 through 13, 2016 to visit various sites [BFC: G2/O1].

ADDED:

- 7a. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Reina Irizarry, WHS, and five chaperones to take 45 students to New York, NY on April 14, 2016 to visit Ellis Island, Statute of Liberty, and Wax Museum [BFC: G2/O1].
- 7b. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Donna Mancuso, CHS, to take five students to Denver, CO from approximately April 7 through April 13, 2016 to participate in the National LifeSmarts Competition [BFC: G2/O1]. *Consensus given.*
- 7c. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to George Flaherty, Jr., KHS, and five chaperones to take 30 students to Lewiston, ME from April 7 through 9, 2016 to participate in the Pine Tree District First Robotics Competition [BFC: G2/O1]. *Consensus given.*
9. Committee on School Facilities & Grounds/5 minutes ~ Request approval of an Agreement with Durham School Services to provide Regular Education Bus Transportation Services [BFC: n/a] – G. Miller. *New regular ed buses will be fueled by propane.*
10. Committee on School Facilities & Grounds/5 minutes ~ Request approval of an Agreement with All-Star Transportation, LLC to provide Student Bus

Transportation Services/Special Education Bus Transportation Services [BFC: n/a] – G. Miller.

11. Committee on School Facilities & Grounds/5 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments [BFC: n/a].
12. Committee on School Facilities & Grounds/5 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by outside organization and/or waiver requests [BFC: n/a].
13. Superintendent's Notification to the Board/5 minutes [BFC: n/a].
 - a. Athletic appointments effective immediately:

Conte, Joseph –Boys Tennis, WHS.
Danziger, Byron – K-K Intramural Tennis Coordinator/Coach, W. Cross.
Datil, Luis – Assistant Baseball, WHS.
Flammia, Peter – JV Boys Baseball, WCA.
Thomas, James – Assistant Outdoor Boys and Girls Track, WCA.
Yaffe, Ken – K-5 Intramural Tennis Coordinator/Coach, Walsh.
 - b. Grant funded appointments effective immediately:

Belica, Arben – from Network Specialist to Network Specialist II, 12 months p/year, 35 hours p/week, salary and benefits governed by the SEIU Agreement, funded by Title I & Title IIA grants.
Caligiuri, Vittorio – from Network Specialist to Network Specialist II, 12 months p/year, 35 hours p/week, salary and benefits governed by the SEIU Agreement, funded by Title I & Title IIA grants.
Digsby, Dalia – Walsh Family & Community Center Coordinator, 12 months p/year, 35 hour p/week @ \$19.61 p/hour, non-union position with benefits governed by the UPSEU Agreement, funded by Walsh Commissioner's Network Grant.
Fortier, Mark – from Network Specialist to Network Specialist II, 12 months p/year, 35 hours p/week, salary and benefits governed by the SEIU Agreement, funded by Title I & Title IIA grants.
Vignali, Alicia – Recruitment and Student Placement Coordinator, ECEP, 12 months p/year, 35 hours p/week @ \$15.95 p/hour, non-union position with benefits governed by the SEIU Agreement, funded by Title I.
Webster, Alison – Secretary II, Medicaid Office, 12 months p/year, 35 hours p/week, salary and benefits governed by the UPSEU Agreement, funded by Medicaid Grant.
Yochum, PJ – Instructional Tutor, Kingsbury School, 10 months p/year, 18 hours p/week @ \$25.00 p/hour, non-union and without benefits, funded by Title I.
 - c. Reed Family Resource Center " Books and Basketball Club" appointments, four hours per week for eight weeks, salary according to individual' s contract:

Bala, Elona – Lead Instructor	Brown, Stacy – Lead Instructor
Regan, Lauren – Lead Instructor	Barbera, Nina – Para
Coviello, Catherine – Para	Price, Deborah – Para
Choi, Michele – Substitute	Rinaldi, Heather - Substitute

d. Teacher new hires:

Name		Assignment		Step	Effective
Dionne-Gorman	Regina	Gilmartin	Gr. 5	MA+15/2	03/07/16
Greene	Arthur	Reed	Lib/Med. Spec.	MA/6	03/21/16
Melaragno	Rebecca	WMS	Art	B+15/2	03/28/16
O'Leary	Ann	Bucks Hill Annex	PK Sp. Ed	MA/6	03/21/16
Salamon	Nancy	Tinker	Sp. Ed.	MA/9	03/28/16
Morris	Michaela	Reed	Sp. Ed.	B+15/3	02/01/16

14. Committee of the Whole/120 minutes: Lighthouse Training (no backup) [BFC:
n/a] – Nick Caruso/CABE.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:12 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education