

## **WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### *MINUTES ~ REGULAR MEETING*

Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Waterbury Arts Magnet School, 16 South Elm Street, Waterbury, Connecticut

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Rodriguez and Theriault.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Kathleen Ouellette, Chief Academic Officer Darren Schwartz, and Director of Personnel Robert Brenker.

#### **1. SILENT PRAYER**

President Brown called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. with a moment of silence.

#### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

President Brown led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### **3. ROLL CALL**

CLERK: Commissioner Harvey.

HARVEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Hernandez.

HERNANDEZ: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Pagano.

PAGANO: Here.

CLERK: Vice President Rodriguez (absent). Commissioner Stango.

STANGO: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Sweeney.

SWEENEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Theriault (absent). Commissioner J. Van Stone.

J. VAN STONE: Present.

CLERK: Commissioner T. Van Stone.

T. VAN STONE: Present.

CLERK: President Brown.

BROWN: Present.

#### **4. COMMUNICATIONS**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to receive and place on file the following communications:

1. Copy of communication dated April 29, 2016 from Civil Service certifying Jose Velez for the position of Food Service Worker.
2. Communication dated May 2, 2016 from Louise Allen Brown regarding Universal Service Fund Discounts on Telephone/Alarm Service.
3. Email communication dated May 16, 2016 from Cicero Booker Jr. attaching a Freedom of Information Letter.
4. Communication dated May 16, 2016 from The Greater Waterbury Branch of the NAACP requesting information under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act.
5. Copy of communication dated May 17, 2016 from Civil Service certifying Zachary Farrey for the position of Maintainer I.
6. Copy of communication dated May 23, 2016 from New England Association of Schools & Colleges regarding Wilby High School's accreditation.
7. Communication dated May 26, 2016 from The Greater Waterbury Branch of the NAACP requesting information under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act.

BROWN: All in favor, motion carries.

#### **5. PUBLIC ADDRESSES THE BOARD**

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Jason Van Stone and duly seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, it was voted unanimously to suspend the regular order of business to allow the public to address the Board at 6:37 p.m.**

BROWN: All in favor.

**Richard Wood, 62 Avalon Circle, had the following comments:** Well we all survived Tuesday night. The critical thing that I'm looking at and hearing from people which serves me more than the information we got or didn't get is some people's attitude toward the reprocess that we call democracy which I think is the reason we're all here in the first place. I had a meeting a couple weeks ago and we were talking about coming to the Board and saying hello and telling you what we're upset with and I was told by one of our well-known pastors that that was a waste of time; the boards don't pay any attention to the public speakers. I know that's not true. I also know that you don't take notes because it's not necessary and it's not that type of a situation but my worry is this attitude. Look at the room behind me, and this is not uncommon, right, I mean our children are being educated for better or for worse, we want to improve it, we want to make it better, we want to build a new school so we don't have to move children around, yet the community who will come and complain about something else isn't here to support whether we're doing it right or whether we're doing it wrong, and that's my concern in addition to all the other stuff that we're trying to figure out. Democracy is the cornerstone of all of this, without that you mind as well go back to the old country although I wouldn't mind going back to Ireland and France but it's just a concept that people are looking at participation in the laboratory of democracy which is the Board of Aldermen meetings, this meeting, Human Rights Commission meeting which we had

last night, we had a full quorum, and so on. This is a worry that we're gonna think of for our grandchildren, democracy is a living, breathing thing, it isn't just a theory on a piece of paper you know developed by Tom Jefferson and a few of his good ole boys from merry old England and that's a very much of a concern, I didn't want to belabor you with this because you probably have the same viewpoint because you chose to volunteer for this easy job. I mean what an hour a week they said, hour a week. I'm not even on the Board and I spend two hours a day working on things because I get people calling me questioning things that the Board is doing or not doing or the City is doing and I say hey, there's a seat for you and I don't even charge for it. If we charge for the seats we might get more in attendance. Anyway that's what I came to say. We're gonna have another meeting next Tuesday night, I'll be speaking there too and from a different point of view but I think we're all on the same page with some of these questions and problems and accusations of what I'm doing and what you're doing, we're all I think trying to accomplish the same thing – educate these children to the best of our abilities. And also I see that New Haven has a Saturday program, is it possible at some point for us to have that type of program in Waterbury for these kids that are not capable of reading and they're graduating? I mean the numbers are too high. I'm supposed to meet with one of the managers from McDonalds this week and they have an education program that is keyed in to some of the complaints that I've been having with some of the kids. There's special programs for them to attend at their cost all throughout the year and that's a major chain. I'm gonna meet with other fast-food guys cause I think they all have the same concept, I'm gonna see if we can't tie some of it together and improve it and also maybe work with us, work with the Education Department somehow to take the stress off of this because everybody says let's just throw money at it, you know you think that's gonna cure it, you darn well know it's not, it takes a lot more than a few dollars to fix things like this. And you would also have to work together and when the phone call rings and Mr. Van Stone calls or madam calls I have to say yes I'll go and do whatever you ask me to do because it's teamwork and you're gonna be having a young lady here speaking to you in a few minutes, I've been chatting up, she's a sample of some of the problems we might have but she also needs assistance, not conversations but true assistance in solving a problem because we have the ability to solve it if we work together. Hope you all have a nice evening, see you next week.

**Emira Adzovski had the following comments:** I don't know where to begin, I'm just gonna give you a little bit of a background. I'm a single parent of two girls so I decided to go back to school because I working nights as an aide to take care and provide more for them. I would work nights; I had to go to school in the daytime so I can get my education but also to provide for them. Last year I had to do an internship and I was having an issue with transportation. The school that my younger daughter went to does not have any buses for before school or after school program. I was willing to pay out of pocket, I just needed someone to safely get her from point "A" to point "B" which was the Boys and Girls Club. So I did what I had to do, I called the Superintendent's Office, they did help me, they had her transferred over to another school. The other school opened at 8:30, Chase School in Waterbury so I had to decide, I had to be in New Milford for 8:30 for my internship so I literally paid out of pocket just to get her before school, get her to school, and then she would go to an afterschool program. Now I just got a letter two weeks ago saying I need to put in a new request which I was never told about this that I had to re-request every single year for her to keep going to the school based on my situation. So I did, I told what the purpose was for, for transportation purposes, and my request was denied. Now my question is what do I do? I'm a single

parent, I work 40 hours a week, I wake up at 5:00 a.m. every day to get myself ready, to get my kids ready, to bring them to school so I can go to work and provide for them. I pay taxes to the City of Waterbury, I'm not looking for assistance financially because I provide for them financially but I need you guys to assist me with this problem. I don't know what to do, I'm stuck. I got a phone call today from the parent liaison saying that I need to provide paperwork which I have no problem with, I got the letter in my purse, saying why I am essential to my job which is kind of offensive because I may not be essential to that job but that job is essential for me, okay. So I don't know what to do, I'm stuck, I need your help. And I don't want to pull my daughter out of that school. Number one, she just got acclimated to that school in September; she was heartbroken to have to leave. I did what I had to do as a parent to be better for them so I pulled her out of that school which she was going to for two years, put her in a different school, she just got acclimated, she's above average for reading, she's doing really, really well and now, I mean to me it's kind of offensive because I'm a single parent, I work 40 hours, I don't get any financial aid from the state, I don't want any, I'm willing to work. I just took up a per diem job on top of those 40 hours, okay, but then you have parents that stay home that don't work, they get assistance and they get that assistance on top of it so what's a parent like me to do, what do I do? I don't know what to do; I need you guys to help me.

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Jason Van Stone and duly seconded by Commissioner Stango, it was voted unanimously to return to the regular order of business at 6:45 p.m.**

BROWN: All in favor, motion carries. Thank you.

## **7. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

BROWN: I don't have many announcements but I do want to congratulate Neighborhood Housing Services for a wonderful event on June 13 that I was able to attend with Gladys Wright and Barbara Tacchi who had tables of information for the families that attended, it was a great event. It was called Big Hat and Bow Ties and everybody had hats on and they had a fashion show with the students and it was just a great event. And I want to thank Barbara Tacchi and Gladys Wright for giving up their time on a Saturday to provide information on School Readiness and public schools to the attendees.

Secondly I want to congratulate Wilby High School on nominations for the Halo Awards at the Seven Angels Theater for Fiddler on the Roof. I believe they receive a nomination for four awards. I haven't heard the final count but I'm very happy that we were represented at the Halo Awards, it's quite an honor and it's quite competitive.

Next I would like to thank Commissioner Van Stone for arranging a visit from Sikorsky STEM Program and if you could just capsulize what it's about.

T. VAN STONE: Sure Madam President, thank you. We were trying to, Mr. Schwartz and I were trying to arrange this back in February because the group that did come as the Sikorsky African American Forum and they're made up of young engineers, very talented folks, they come out and talk about not just STEM, they also had conversations with the students about African Americans in the engineering field and technology fields.

So it's a great program, unfortunately I could not get out of work to come, I know the Superintendent did go and gave me good reviews on the program. They went to Wallace, Crosby, and Reed, so they picked one of each level school, they would love to come back. The students were able to build kind of a makeshift helicopter at least to understand the principles of how helicopters work which is obviously what we do at Sikorsky. There were four individuals that came up to talk to the students. Right on our internet page today front and center was a nice picture of the Superintendent. It was a great time had by all is the way I understand it. They're more than willing to come back and talk to more of our students. I'm sure President, you and I share this STEM push that we're trying to get into our schools so when this opportunity came I really wanted to jump on it. It was a little bit of a travel, it's not in the backyard of Sikorsky but when I talked to them they were more than willing to come up, it was over two days, three different schools and everyone had a real good time and the kids I understand were very, very involved and loved their hands-on, their time. I heard from all three principals also to say that it went very well.

BROWN: Thank you very much and we look forward to many more visits from Sikorsky. The last thing I have is as we speak there's a wonderful road race going on, the Rod Dixon Race in Waterbury and unfortunately we were at meetings so we couldn't attend. But I have to say when I did go to the kickoff at North End Middle School led by our own City Clerk Mike Dalton and our Supervisor of Health and Physical Education Mr. Gorman with the help of teacher Jay Martinez, we should be very proud. We almost have 100% participation of our schools in this race. I mean we are the first in all of New England for participation in this race. So we really are proud of our students and our staff and our leadership for making this happen in Waterbury. We should be very proud of this accomplishment. So we all should be out running but we're here. Congratulations. Thank you.

## **6. SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Dr. Ouellette read and distributed the following announcements:*

Mayor Neil O'Leary and I participated in a tour of the Manufacturing Alliance Service Corp. (MASC) facility in Waterbury yesterday that provided Governor Dannel Malloy and several other dignitaries the opportunity to see the facility in person. Those visiting with Governor Malloy included Scott Jackson, Commissioner of the CT Department of Labor; Scott Semple, Commissioner of the CT Department of Corrections; Cathy Awwad, Executive Director Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board and a host of several others. MASC has been working in conjunction with the Department of Corrections, CT Works, Department of Labor, and several other State of Connecticut agencies in providing ex-offenders an opportunity to receive manufacturing training to support their reentry into society. The program is a 12 to 15 week manufacturing training course in CNC machining. It consists of 60 hours of Blue Print Reading, 60 hours of Shop Math and 120 hours of hands-on training. During the visit, Governor Malloy toured the facility and met with students who come from local halfway houses and are obtaining job skills in order to obtain employment as they prepare to reenter the workforce. The Governor also advocated for the legislature to pass Second Chance 2.0. His message primarily focused on moving towards a system in which most dangerous offenders are kept in prison based on their risk, while misdemeanor offenders don't stay in jail waiting for their court appearances costing tax payers large sums of money to fund their incarceration period.

We received several Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries grants, worth approximately \$7,000 of library resources. The grants will benefit Sprague, Rotella, Duggan and Maloney.

The final mile of the Kids Marathon took place this evening. The marathon was scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. and will conclude around 7:00 p.m. Parents, family and friends were allowed to park at Buckingham Garage for free. Grand Street will be closed for the race.

The C&C Multi-School Community Players will be performing the High School Edition of Rock of Ages on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. at West Side Middle School. The C&C players consist of students from West Side, Kennedy, Kaynor Tech and Waterbury Career Academy.

Waterbury PAL will be hosting their Annual Bicycle Safety Rodeo on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be three sessions: 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. at the PAL Center on 64 Division Street. Children will learn safe riding tips and receive a free bicycle helmet. The children will also be entered in a free raffle, and there will be snacks and refreshments. Children must come with a parent/guardian & their bicycle and must be registered in advance by calling the PAL office at 203-346-3921. This event is free to attend and open to the public.

This year's Great Dash and Bash is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, in Library Park. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. Race begins at 10:00 a.m. Both 5K runners and one mile walkers are welcome. The scenic downtown course starts at Library Park and ends at Pies and Pints on Leavenworth Street. Awards will be given to top age group finishers and all top overall finishers. Post-race festivities and music at Pies and Pints Sponsored by School Administrators of Waterbury, Waterbury Teacher's Association and the Office of the Mayor.

BROWN: Are there any questions for the Superintendent? Does anybody like to remove any item from the Consent Calendar?

*President Brown proceeded to read the Consent Calendar, Items 8.1 through 8.8.*

## **8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar, Items 8.1 through 8.8, as listed:**

- 8.1 With the approval of the Committee of the Whole, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval to conduct a High School Senior Exit Survey – "Substance Use & Abuse".
- 8.2 With the approval of the Committee on Finance, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the submission of the Connecticut Community Foundation "Early Care & Education Grant".

- 8.3 With the approval of the Committee on Building, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the Educational Specifications for the proposed Wendell Cross School Extension and Alteration Project.
- 8.4 With the approval of the Committee on Curriculum, the Superintendent of Schools recommends permission be granted to 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Wayne Violette, WHS, and three chaperones to take 20 students to Falmouth, MA from June 27 through July 1, 2016 to visit Camp Edwards and Otis Air Force Base.
- 8.5 With the approval of the Committee on Curriculum, the Superintendent of Schools recommends permission be granted to Elizabeth Polaco, CHS/GEAR-Up and five chaperones to take 50 students to New York, NY on Friday, May 27, 2016 to visit the Jewish Heritage Memorial Museum.
- 8.6 With the approval of the Committee on Curriculum, the Superintendent of Schools notifies the Board of a date change from May 26, 2016 to May 27, 2016 of a previously approved field trip of Theresa Gionfriddo, CHS, and five chaperones to take 40 students to Agawam, MA to visit Six Flags.
- 8.7 With the approval of the Committee on School Facilities and Grounds, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the use of school facilities, at no charge, by the following school organizations and/or City departments:

<b>GROUP</b>	<b>FACILITIES AND DATES/TIMES</b>
V. Vincenzi Comm. on Human Rights & Opportunities Tanya Hughes, Exec. Dir.	Rotella café: Thurs., June 2, 4:00-6:00 pm (UPSEU union meeting) Career Academy: Tues., May 31 and Tues., June 7 6:30-9:30 pm (fact-finding hearings on hiring & retention)
Ryan McDonald, A.D.	Career Academy: Tues. & Thurs. 7/5-8/30/16, 6:00 - 8:00 pm (Girls' basketball training)
PTOS A. Guerin	WAMS atrium: Tues., June 14, 9:30 am -10:30 pm, (Grad Night check-in) WAMS café: Wed., June 15, 4:00 am - 7:30 am (Grad. Breakfast)

- 8.8 With the approval of the Committee on School Facilities and Grounds, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests, subject to fees and insurance as required:

<b>GROUP</b>	<b>FACILITIES AND DATES/TIMES</b>
Taft Pointe Condo Assoc. Karina Smith	WSMS rm. or café: Mon., June 20, 4:00-8:30 pm (annual association meeting)

**REQUESTING WAIVERS:**

Waterbury Ballers Terence Lott	Wilby gym: Sat. & Sun., August 6 & 7, 8 am – 9 pm (Fundraiser for school supplies) (\$2352.)
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**GROUPS NOT SUBJECT TO FEES OR WAIVER DUE TO TIME OF USE OR PREVIOUS WAIVER**

Girl Scouts of CT. Carmen Richtarich	WSMS café & room: Wed., August 24, 4:00 - 9:00 pm (kick-off meetings for volunteers)
Clayton Memorial Church Rev. Delories Patterson	Wilby track only: Sat., July 9, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm (church walk)
Waterbury Ballers Terence Lott	Kennedy gym: 6/14-7/28, Mon.-Thurs., 5:30 - 9:00 pm (summer basketball league)
Hoops 4 Life	WSMS gym: 6/28-9/22 (38 wk. days), 4:30-9:00 pm

Deneen Fryer Reed gym: 6/28-9/22 (38 wk. days), 4:30-9:00 pm  
(basketball program)

BROWN: Discussion? All in favor, opposed, abstain, motion carries.

**9 . ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT**

*There were no items removed from the Consent Calendar.*

**10. SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTIFICATION TO THE BOARD**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to receive and place on file Superintendent's Notification to the Board, Items 10.1 through 10.5, as listed:

10.1. Athletic appointments effective immediately:

- Laudisi, Lori – Intramural Tennis Coach, Driggs.
- McDonald, Ryan – Temporary JV Boys Soccer, WCA.
- Monroe, Michael – Freshman Baseball Coach, WHS.
- Petrosky, Dan – Assistant Football Coach, WCA.
- Vecca, David – Varsity Boys Soccer, WCA.

10.2 Maloney Magnet School Summer School appointments, contingent upon enrollment, salary according to individual's contract:

- Administrator – Donna Cullen
- Teacher Leader/Admin Substitute – Ann Drewry
- Curriculum Support – Margaret Palomba
- Secretary – Anna Perugini
- Admin. Support Specialist – Shanna Zawislak
- Computer Technician – Dale Denning

*Teachers:*

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| Terri Daly           | Siobhan Kalnins   | Cherie Couture    |
| David Couture        | Marlene Madera    | Katie Pino        |
| Jennifer Hibbs       | Melissa Thompson  | Barbara Moulthrop |
| Branden Strileckis   | Esther D'Esposito | Andrew Dunn       |
| Erin Fogarty         | Dana Cancro (Sub) | Alzira Egan (Sub) |
| Leah Grabowski (sub) |                   |                   |

10.3 Extended School Year (ESY) appointments, contingent upon enrollment, salary according to individual's contract:

<b><u>Paraprofessionals</u></b>	
<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>
Alicea	Luz
Alonso	Miriam
Andrikis	Robin
Avalos	Michelle
Barton	Clariss
Bassett	Stacey
Battle Sr	Stanley



Blake	Felicia
Burns	James
Butterworth	Donna
Cacho-Zuniga	Lurbin
Canfield	Kelley
Champagne	Tammy
Cianciolo	Ann
Cocchiola	Kaitlyn
Coit	Tracy
Colangelo	Sharon
Cosme	Iris
Coviello	Catherine
Cruz	Cynthia
Del Moral	Denise
Dickson-Beauford	Sandra
Dover	Ena
Drost	Mary
Dunlap	Laura
Edwards	Jacqueline
Farina	Cheryl
Farrington	Gina
Feliciano	Jasmin
Ferguson-Perason	Robin
Ferrucci	Michelle
Fields	Regina
Fisher	Deborah
Fisher	Tawana
Forestier	Sarah
Franks	Kendra
Garcia	Haydee
Gee	Kathleen
George	Kendra
Gibson	Karri
Giron-Ruiz	Jenny
Graveline	Anne
Hailey	Laquasia
Harris	Latonia
Harrison	Arthur
Hensley	Zinnia
Heppenstall	April
Hill	Christine
Hoxha	Kozeta
Hunter	Beverley
Hutchison	Marie

Ivers	Elizabeth
James	Rebecca
Janatis	Sherrie
Johnson	Ferba
Jordan	Sally
Kasidas	Kerrie
Knighton	Drewena
Korbusieski	Natalia
Kuci Tela	Zade
LaClaustra	Maria
LaFountain	Amy
Lopez	Marlene
Maalnnis	Mary Jane
Marcano	Daria
Marchetti	Michelle
Martinez	Joseph
McDonald	Barbara
Mondak	Sherryl
Monteiro	Greta
Mullen-Gillyard	Vickie
Nicholas	Aurea
Nowell	Delores
O'Donnell	Jacklyn
Orsatti	Donna
Painter	Cynthia
Palermo	Sandra
Perez	Oscar
Perez (Ciaciolo)	Melissa
Perez Armendia	Maria
Perniciaro	Laura
Pizarro	Leugim
Price	Deborah
Rakagme	Karma
Saaidi	Ilham
Sampt	Krystle
Santiago	Genevieve
Scarduzio	Aimee
Schless	Bonnie
Scott	Rebecca
Seely	Catherine
Silver	Sarah
Stamp	Shelley
Sturdivant	Dolores
Swain	Erica

Sweatt	Sharon
Sylvester	Christina
Trotman	Tracey
Urbaez	Elsa
VanCott	Harold
Vargas II	Suriel
Velez	Mevelin
Verrier	Marie
Waldren	Dave
Ward-Watson	Sarah
Whidbee	Aubrey
Williams	Monica
<b><i>Substitute Paraprofessionals</i></b>	
Bovat	Susan
Levett	Latanya
Rinaldi	Stephanie
Santiago	Maritza
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS/STAFF</b>	
<b><i>Special Ed Teachers</i></b>	
Bacote	Tiffany
Barbati	Donna
Benedict	Elizabeth
Brangi	Charlene
Brown	Cara
Burke	Heather
Burns	Amy
Calma	Marie
Carrion	Stephanie
Cyr	Jessica
Delano	Teresa (Tess)
DiFederico	Sharon
Falcone	Brenda
Felton	Margaret
Ferrari	Patricia
Jasiulevicius	Margaret
Julian	Kate
Justs	Patricia
Labagh	Michael
Lavalle	Alexa
LeClerc	Tracy
LeVasseur	Justine
Mancini	Laure-Lyne
Morris	Michaela
Mulligan	Rhea

Murphy	Amy
O'Leary	Ann
Stolfi	Christine
Sweeney	Sarah
Tremblay	Kristin
Vargas	Shirelle
Wilson	Marines
Zionts	Lenore
<b><i>Substitute Special Education Teachers</i></b>	
Hubbard	Medelisse
Morris	Michaela
<b><i>Social Workers</i></b>	
Atkins	Debra
Bandurski	Andrew
<b><i>Sign Language Interpreters</i></b>	
Falzarano	Kathleen
Stevens	Christina
<b><i>Speech-Language Pathologist</i></b>	
Fay	Heidi
Moody	Alexis
Sonnenschein	Esther
<b><i>School Psychologist</i></b>	
Miles	Stacie
<b><i>TVI TEACHER</i></b>	
Draus	Lynn
<b><i>Bucks Hill Annex ESY Site Coordinator</i></b>	
Blakeslee	Marisa
<b><i>Wilby ESY Site Coordinator</i></b>	
Gillis	Holly

10.4 Resignations:

Salamon, Nancy – Tinker Special Education, effective 05/18/16.

10.5 Leave of absence requests:

Carlo, Dana – Carrington School, requesting an unpaid childrearing leave of absence for the 2016/17 school year.

Gibbons, Melissa – Waterbury Arts Magnet School, requesting an unpaid childrearing leave of absence for the remainder of the 2015/16 school year.

BROWN: Discussion? All in favor, opposed, abstain, motion carries. Number 11 – Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting Only. Number 12 – Other Unfinished, New, and Miscellaneous Business. Commissioner Van Stone.

T. VAN STONE: Thank you Madam President, through you, I want to congratulate the Career Academy Girl Softball Team and Coach O'Toole. They achieved the first ever CIAC Tournament win for the school. We've had some teams make the tournament but

this is the first victory. Unfortunately I got an email from Coach O'Toole that they did go down in their second game ten to nine but he was very proud of them and we should be proud of them also. It's the first ever and I told him records can be broken but the first can never be taken away. So it was a nice achievement and something nice to hang on the wall. Thank you.

BROWN: Thank you. Commissioner Harvey.

HARVEY: I'm not sure if we've had an opportunity to mention this so I'm just going to if I'm repeating myself I am but just some things that I attended. First, the Parent and Community Leadership Conference on May 20, I attended this affair, the theme was Excellence Happens Here. And at that conference we rewarded our parent liaisons and it was just quite an affair. The speaker was Dr. Michelle Bagwell and she was excellent. So I just want to congratulate the Committee that was responsible for this because it was an excellent affair. We need to also, the parent liaisons are very key for involvement in our schools for our parents so I just want to congratulate them and those who were responsible for the affair.

Did we mention Teacher of the Year, have we announced that? Do you remember who was in Waterbury?

SUPERINTENDENT: Ann, I can't pronounce her last name.

HARVEY: Okay, I just want to mention that that affair also took place and that that was, we have not received the feedback on that, but I think it was a bigger well respected event so I just want to make sure we make that announcement that that did take place.

And lastly, in light of, I heard one of the speakers state that well look at the audience, there's not too many people have attended, we have a lot of things going on this evening which is why I believe we should have a, I thought we had a district calendar, I think I ask for that every year but I think there's a need, again I'll reinforce that, that there's a need for a district calendar. We also have the Aldermen meeting tonight on the budget so that's gonna draw attention as well as Wilby High School who's holding their Award's Night tonight. So as you can see the community is torn between where they're gonna go and that's what's contributing to the attendance issue. But I'm gonna throw a seed out there, I'm not sure exactly when we changed the meeting day of the Board of Education, I know why we did, we felt that we wanted this to be on a night that the Aldermen did not meet to encourage participation, encourage attendance here at our meetings. I think we should consider changing the meeting day, evening. It seems to me that there's no consideration given. We hold meetings and now we have a budget meeting on Thursday night, I hope someone is attending that, but it just seems that it hasn't really filled its purpose so I think we should possibly consider meeting on another evening. I'm not saying go back to the Monday evening but Thursday, there was some pushback because Thursday is a little bit later on in the week, Monday was earlier in the week, Tuesday, Wednesday. So I think we should possibly consider that as we draw closer to the end of our school year. So I'll just throw that out as a seed, okay.

SUPERINTENDENT: Ann Grace Spizzoucco, I just didn't want to mispronounce her name, Wallace Middle School Language Arts Teacher, very pleased, great event the

other night, Teacher of the Year. I know Mr. Puffer will be doing an exclusive story with her.

BROWN: Thank you. Any other discussions? Commissioner Sweeney.

SWEENEY: I happen to agree with Commissioner Harvey on this one. I was never in favor of the move from the Monday to Thursday. When we have our meetings on Monday we have the opportunity, we get our packet on Friday and those of us who work have the opportunity Saturday and Sunday to really review our packet and I miss doing that. I would be more than happy to explore that under Policy.

BROWN: Thank you. I also wanted to just mention Commissioner Hernandez was at the Big Hats and Bowties, lovely hat by the way, for the Neighborhood Housing Services. I know you were involved with the planning and you're very active with Neighborhood Housing Services so thank you very much, it was a great event.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to convene into Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. for discussion concerning the annual evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools.**

Present were: President Brown, Commissioners Harvey, Hernandez, Pagano, Stango, Sweeney, J. Van Stone, and T. Van Stone.

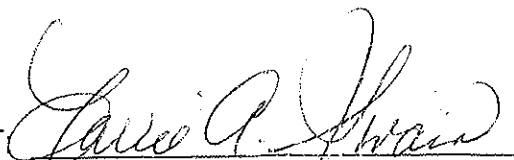
Also present were: Dr. Ouellette (left at 7:35) and Robert Brenker (left at 7:15).

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Jason Van Stone and duly seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, it was voted unanimously to return to the regular order of business at 7:40 p.m. with no votes taken.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Hernandez and duly seconded by Commissioner Jason Van Stone, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.**

ATTEST



Carrie A. Swain, Clerk  
Board of Education