

# **WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## *Committee Meeting Minutes*

Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.  
(For the April 24, 2014 Rescheduled Board Meeting)

### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at Hopeville School, 2 Cypress Street, Waterbury, Connecticut, starting at 5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** President Stango, Commissioners Awwad, Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, McEntee, Rodriguez, and T. Van Stone.

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Hayes and J. Van Stone.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Ouellette, Chief Academic Officer Anne Marie Cullinan, Chief Operating Officer & Chief of Staff Paul Guidone, 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:

### **AGENDA**

#### **SILENT PRAYER**

#### **PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

1. Committee of the Whole/30 minutes ~ Principal's Report (no backup) – Debra Ponte.
2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Committee of the Whole/20 minutes ~ Report: High School at Night – Dr. Johnson, et al. (Michael Harris, James Tolman, Sonya Petteway, Wendy Yatsenick)
3. Committee on Finance/10 minutes ~ Request approval of Amendment Number 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with EBS Healthcare Services, Inc. dba Educational Based Services, Inc., for speech language pathology services – M. Yamin, E. Skoronski. *Comments on contract date.*
4. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Betsey Sweeney and Josefa Perez, Hopeville School, to apply for a Flanagan Program Grant.
5. Committee on Policy/10 minutes ~ Discussion: Bylaws of the Board regarding public comments – Commissioner Brown. *Committee voted to change public speaking from three to five minutes.*

6. Committee on Curriculum/5 minutes ~ Request approval of a new OdysseyWare Waterbury Civics Credit Retrieval 2014 Course – J. Gorman.
7. Committee on Curriculum/3 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Krislyn Petti, WHS, and three chaperones to take 40 students to Harlem and New York, NY on May 9, 2014 to visit Apollo Theater, Sylvia's Restaurant, and Times Square.
8. Committee on Curriculum/3 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Charlotte Sullivan, CHS, and 10 chaperons to take 100 students to Agawam, MA on May 16, 2014 to visit Six Flags New England.
9. Committee on Curriculum/3 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Robert Haxhi, WHS, and four chaperones to take 50 students to Washington, DC and Alexandria, VA from May 20 through May 22, 2014 to visit various sites (see itinerary).
10. Committee on Curriculum/3 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Deborah Benjamin, WAMS, and three chaperones to take 30 students to New York, NY on May 22, 2014 to tour Radio City Music Hall and Madison Square Garden.
11. Committee on Curriculum/3 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Vincent Balsamo, KHS, and four chaperones to take 36 students to Boston, MA from April 10 through April 12, 2014 to compete in the First Robotics Competition.
12. Committee on Curriculum/3 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Donna Mancuso, CHS, to take five students to Orlando, FL from April 25 through April 30, 2014 to compete in the National LifeSmarts Competition.
13. Committee on Curriculum/3 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Marnie Valletta, WHS, and nine chaperones to take 100 students to Agawam, MA on June 5, 2014 to visit Six Flags New England.
14. Committee on Curriculum/3 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Anita Watkins, WHS, and four chaperones to take 24 students to New York, NY from May 23 through May 24, 2014 to visit the Fashion Institute of Technology and the Metropolitan Museum.
15. Committee on School Facilities & Grounds/5 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments.
16. Committee on School Facilities & Grounds/5 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests.
17. Superintendent's Notification to the Board/5 minutes:
  - a. Athletic appointments effective immediately:  
Bandurski, Andrew – Head Softball Coach, WSMS.  
Thayer, Aaron – Head Softball Coach, WMS.

- b. Rod Dixon Kid's Marathon Run Club Mentor/Coordinator appointments, \$500 stipend funded by the U.S. Conference of Mayor's Grant:

Andrew Bandurski	Paula Caldarone
Aline DiPietro	Carla Fidanza
Ricardo Gibson	Michele Marchetti
Stephen Palermo	Robert Perriello

- c. Teacher new hires:

Name		Location	Assignment	Grade/Step	Effective
Tasimi	Doruntina	Generali	Grade 4	BA/1	4/7/14

- d. Academic Achievements effective March 1, 2014:

NAME		FROM	TO	COLLEGE/UNIV.
Battisti	David	BA/step 4	BA+15/step 4	NOVA Southeastern U
Berardi	Rachel	BA+15/step 3	MA/step 3	U of St. Joseph
Calabro	Diane	BA+15/step 3	MA/step 3	U of New England
Cichowlaz	Kaja	BA+15/step 4	MA/step 4	Central CT
Cruz	Maria	BA/step 2	MA/step 2	Southern CT
Curtis	Kate	BA+15/step 2	MA/step 2	Southern CT
Esposito	Cara	BA+15/step 1	MA/step 1	U of St. Joseph
Golightly	Maria	BA+15/step 2	MA/step 2	Fairfield U
Havican	Stephanie	MA+15/step 1	6th/step 1	Fairfield U
Hayes	Jahana	MA/step 5	MA+15/step 5	U of Bridgeport
Hittenmark	Stacy	BA/step 4	BA+15/step 4	Southern CT
Kijak	Kristine	6th/step 6	6 <sup>th</sup> +15/step 6	U of Bridgeport
LaValle	Alexa	MA/step 2	MA+15/step 2	Southern CT
Lawson	Doreen	BA+15/step 5	MA/step 5	Framingham U/SH U
Levesque	Melissa	MA/step 4	6th/step 4	Sacred Heart U
Marks	Amanda	MA/step 1	MA+15/step 1	U of St. Joseph
Mierzejewski	Meghan	MA/step 4	6th/step 4	Walden U
Nolisa	Ifunanya	BA/step 1	BA+15/step 1	Framingham U U of Bridgeport
Perrucci	Joseph	MA/step 4	MA+15/step 4	U of St. Joseph
Petruzzi	Amy	MA+15/step 4	6 <sup>th</sup> +15/step 4	U of Bridgeport
Shoemaker	Rebekah	BA+15/step 5	MA/step 5	Post U
Stolfi	Maribeth	MA/step 9	MA+15/step 9	Walden U
Tansley	Stephen	6th/step 4	6 <sup>th</sup> +15/step 4	Ashford U
Vaivoda	Karyn	BA/step 3	BA+15/step 3	Post U

- e. Resignations:

Gagain, Lenore – Generali grade 4, effective 04/04/14.

- f. Leave of absence requests:

Davino, Karen – WMS grade 6, requesting an unpaid childrearing leave of absence through the end of the 2013/14 school year.

Barbiuto, Gina – WSMS, requesting an unpaid childrearing leave of absence from 03/24/14 through 04/07/14.

*The Board recessed the Workshop at 7:17 p.m. to conduct a Special Meeting and returned at 7:43 p.m.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Board convened into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer.

Present: President Stango, Commissioners Awwad, Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, McEntee, Rodriguez, and T. Van Stone. Also present were Dr. Ouellette, Mrs. Cullinan, and Mr. Guidone.

The Board returned to the regular order of business at 7:51 p.m. with no votes taken.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie A. Swain, Clerk  
*Board of Education*