

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES ~ SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Maloney Magnet School, 233 South Elm Street, Waterbury, Connecticut

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Rodriguez

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Kathleen Ouellette, Chief Academic Officer Anne Marie Cullinan, Special Advisor to Superintendent Paul Sequeira, Chief Operating Officer & Chief of Staff Paul Guidone, and Education Liaison Mary Ann Marold.

SILENT PRAYER

President Stango called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. with a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Dr. Ouellette led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

CLERK: Commissioner Awwad

AWWAD: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Brown.

BROWN: Here.

CLERK: Vice President Harvey.

HARVEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Hernandez.

HERNANDEZ: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner McEntee.

McENTEE: Present.

CLERK: Commissioner Rodriguez (absent). Commissioner Sweeney.

SWEENEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner J. Van Stone.

J. VAN STONE: Present.

CLERK: Commissioner T. Van Stone.

T. VAN STONE: Present.

CLERK: President Stango.

STANGO: Here. For the record Commissioner Rodriguez called and he is ill tonight and regrets his absence.

1. COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL PERSONNEL

- 1.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Jason Van Stone, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve the appointment of Richard M. Arroyo as Vice Principal, Waterbury Arts Magnet School, effective July 1, 2014.**

STANGO: Motion has been made and seconded. Discussion? Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT: Thank you Mr. President. I am very pleased tonight to recommend Mr. Richard Arroyo for the position of Assistant Principal for Waterbury Arts Magnet School. Mr. Arroyo's education began 12 years ago in Waterbury Public Schools as a Technology Education teacher. His first 11 years were spent at Crosby High School and this past year he joined the staff at Waterbury Career Academy. Richard has always been extremely involved in the school community. During the past year at the Career Academy he chaired Safe School Climate Committee and the Core Values and Beliefs Committee. During his tenure at Crosby he was a member of the Revision Committee, Chair of the Revision and Mission Committee, and a member of the Student Success Plan Committee. Anyone who knows Richard understands his passion for life-long learning and also doing what is best in the interest of students and throughout his interviews he always talked about students first. Mr. Arroyo's credentials include a 6th year at Sacred Heart, Masters at St. Joseph's College, and a Bachelors at Quinnipiac University. In 2012 Richard was nominated to be a member of the Kapa Delta . . . Education Honor Society. Colleagues describe him as a proven teacher leader with strong work ethic, a multi-faceted educator with high standards for all, professional team player, goes beyond the call of duty for students to succeed. Tonight I am very pleased to present Mr. Richard Arroyo as the new Assistant Principal of the Waterbury Arts Magnet School.

(applause)

STANGO: We have to vote. Further discussion? Vice President Harvey.

HARVEY: I was gonna say we haven't voted on it but I just want to echo the Superintendent's comments and, Mr. Arroyo, I think it was about five, six interview sessions, and you always began with the same theme, not theme, but you always began speaking about your history of coming up through the ranks and your history and I want you to always remember that and share that with your students and continue to do so because that is a very, very motivating story and one you should definitely be proud of and one you should constantly share with the students. So, again, we haven't voted on it but I am very pleased with this decision and I congratulate you. Thank you.

STANGO: Any further discussion? Roll call vote please.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ITEM #1.1:

Yeas: Commissioners Awwad, Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, McEntee, Sweeney, J. Van Stone, T. Van Stone, and President Stango - 9

(applause)

ARROYO: Thank you everyone this is truly an honor, a blessing, and I am very humbled. I'd like to start by saying thank you to Dr. Ouellette, thank you to Dr. Tucker, thank you to President Stango, Vice President Harvey, and all the members for your vote and for your confidence in me. I'd like to also say, I'd like to thank some friends, family, and loved ones that are here with me tonight; friends that I've shared many years with, colleagues that have guided me, assisted me in my career. I'd like to thank mentors that have provided me opportunities to learn, opportunities to grow as a leader and now become an administrator. I'd like to thank my family, my beautiful wife Brenda who's always there for me to support me and take care of me; thank you Brenda I love you. I want to thank Principal Elias for giving me this opportunity; I want to let you know that I will work tirelessly for the students, the staff, the community, the stakeholders of the Waterbury Arts Magnet School. In closing, I was told not to say this story but what the heck I'm going there. When I was a custodian many, many moons ago, 30B was one of my buildings I was cleaning and I was cleaning, I was on the two to ten shift and I was cleaning the conference room at 30B and there was an artist's rendering of a new school that was being built and it was the Waterbury Arts Magnet School and I said I'm gonna work there one day. Thank you.

(applause)

2. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

2.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Jason Van Stone and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to approve to apply for the Connecticut State Department of Education 2014-15 "Primary Mental Health Program Grant" for Duggan and Wendell Cross Schools.

STANGO: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? All in favor, opposed, motion carries.

2.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Jason Van Stone and duly seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, it was voted unanimously to REMOVE Item #2.2, participation in U.S. Department of Labor Disability Employment Initiative Grant, from the Agenda.

STANGO: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor, opposed, motion carries.

2.3 Upon a motion by Commissioner Jason Van Stone and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve the Department of Education's 2014-2015 line item budget totaling \$155,625,000,00, as adopted by the Board of Aldermen.

STANGO: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Seeing none I'd like a roll call vote please.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ITEM #2.3:

Yeas: Commissioners Awwad, Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, Sweeney,
J. Van Stone, T. Van Stone, and President Stango – 8

Nays: Commissioner McEntee – 1

CLERK: Eight/one – motion passes.

3. COMMITTEE ON BUILDING

- 3.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Jason Van Stone and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to approve of a Construction Contract with Richards Corporation to perform interior and exterior improvements at Walsh School funded by the State of Connecticut Low Performing School Bond for Walsh Elementary School.**

STANGO: Motion is made and seconded. Discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, motion carries.

4. COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FACILITIES & GROUNDS

- 4.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Jason Van Stone, it was voted unanimously to approve the use of school facilities, at no charge, by the following school organizations and/or City departments:**

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>FACILITIES AND DATES/TIMES</u>
Gladys Wright	WSMS resource rm.: Mon., Sept. 8 th , 4:30 - 8:30 pm (Title I District meeting)
Aresta Johnson	WAMS lobby/recital hall/courtyard: Sat., July 26 th , 9:00 am - 2:00 pm (State-wide meeting for the Waterbury Links, Inc.)

STANGO: Motion has been made and seconded. Discussion? All in favor, opposed, motion carries.

- 4.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Jason Van Stone, it was voted unanimously to approve the use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests, subject to fees and insurance as required:**

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>FACILITIES AND DATES/TIMES</u>
Greater Hartford ProAm	
Summer League	Crosby gym: July 9 th – Aug. 15 th , 2014 total of 24 dates
Peter Higgins	Sat., Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. (Basketball league)
Ct. Dance Theatre	WAMS dance studio: July 7 th thru Aug. 14 th Mon.-Thurs
Donna Bonasera	9:00 am - 2:00 pm

REQUESTING WAIVERS:

Wtby. Basketball Acad.	Chase gym: Saturdays, 10:00 - 12:00 pm	
Christopher Fisher	7/514-8/16/14	(\$861.)

STANGO: Motion is made and seconded. Discussion? All in favor, opposed, motion carries.

- 4.3 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Jason Van Stone, it was voted unanimously to approve the 2014-2015 Use of School Facilities Fee Scheduled, as attached.**

STANGO: Motion has been made and seconded. Discussion? All in favor, opposed, motion carries.

5. 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 Items 5.1 through 5.5, Superintendent's Notification to the Board, as listed:

- 5.1 Athletic appointments effective immediately:
Veronneau, Michael – Assistant Football Coach, CHS.
- 5.2 Acting appointments:
Ariola-Simoes, Lisa – Acting Supervisor of Special Education, effective 07/01/14.
- 5.3 Summer School appointments, contingent upon enrollment, salary according to individual's contract:

Last Name	First Name	School	Position
Brown	Roberta	Duggan	Teacher (remove)
Cane	Anthony	District-wide	Teacher
DiBella	Lee	District-wide	Teacher
Iglesias	Luanelly	ELL	Teacher (remove from SOAR)
Mancl	Jennifer	District-wide	Teacher
Montagno	Jaime	Walsh	Teacher
Nichols	Jennifer	District-wide	Teacher
Pagnoni	Phil	District-wide	Teacher
Pryor	Kelly	District-wide	Teacher
Sconziano	Jessica	Walsh	Teacher
Voss	Belinda	District-wide	Teacher

- 5.4 Retirements:
Garber, John – School Psychologist, WAMS, effective 06/17/14.
- 5.5 Resignations:
Chenkus, Courtney – Grade 1, Driggs School, effective 06/20/14.
Dey, Peter James – Grade 7 Reading/LA, Gilmartin School, eff. 06/20/14.
Freedman, Margaret – Art, Reed School, effective 06/17/14.
Murray, Mary K. – Grade 5, Driggs School, effective 06/19/14.
Smith, Scott – Grade 4, Reed School, effective 06/20/14.

STANGO: All in favor, opposed, motion carries.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to convene into Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

Present: President Stango, Commissioners Awwad (left at 8:28), Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, McEntee, Sweeney, J. Van Stone, and T. Van Stone. Also Present: Dr. Ouellette (left at 8:14), Dr. Sequeira (left at 8:14), Mrs. Cullinan (left at 8:14), and Mr. Guidone (left at 8:14).

Upon a motion by Commissioner J. Van Stone and duly seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, it was voted unanimously to return to the regular order of business at 8:40 p.m. with no votes taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner J. Van Stone and duly seconded by Commissioner Brown, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:41 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education