

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES ~ SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

West Side Middle School, 483 Chase Parkway, Waterbury, Connecticut

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

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

SILENT PRAYER

President Stango called the meeting to order at 5:30 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: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Rodriguez.

RODRIGUEZ: Here.

CLERK: 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.

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 Wendy A. Owen as Director of Special Education & Pupil Personnel Services effective immediately.

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

SUPERINTENDENT: Thank you Mr. President. I'm very pleased tonight to recommend to the Board of Education and to the public the approval of Wendy Owen to the position of Director of Special Education & Pupil Personnel Services. Wendy started her career in the Waterbury School District in August of 1996 as a School Psychologist. In September 2003 she was appointed to Special Education Supervisor, and most recently was named as Acting Director for the Special Education Department assuming the position while Mr. Yamin assumed the position of Interim Principal at Crosby. Wendy is a graduate of Central Connecticut State University and Fairfield University of Connecticut. She has attended Sacred Heart University and has also gained coursework in a Ph.D. Program in developmental psychology at Yale University. Her Connecticut certification endorsement includes an 092 and 070, school psychologist. There were 16 applicants for the position and Wendy ranked highest during all phases of the interview process. Just an interesting note, what many of you do not know is Wendy is also an established equestrian so we recognize that, we talk a little bit about that all the time, so that's another hidden talent with Wendy. I'm very pleased to present an outstanding educator who embodies the skills we certainly are seeking here in Waterbury as Special Education Director and Pupil Personnel Services and we have enjoyed working with her in the interim capacity over the last four to six months. She certainly is a candidate that always pursues excellence for all children in the district. Those are my comments Mr. President.

STANGO: Thank you Superintendent. Any further discussion? Seeing none – roll call vote.

ROLL CALL ON ITEM #1.1:

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

(applause)

OWEN: Good evening, thank you very, very much. Thank you for this opportunity, I am very honored and grateful for you to have put your confidence and trust in me for the district vision and the Blueprint for Change. I look forward to continue to work with the staff, the students, the parents, the Board of Education, and the community in setting high expectations for all students and maximizing each student's potential in a safe, nurturing environment. And thank you so much to my staff for coming and showing their support this evening and Anne Marie for everything I have learned from you for the last 12 years.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Jason Van Stone and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:37 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education