

## **WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### *MINUTES ~ REGULAR MEETING*

Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief Academic Officer Anne Marie Cullinan, Chief Operating Officer & Chief of Staff Paul Guidone, and Education Liaison Mary Ann Marold.

### **1. SILENT PRAYER**

President Stango called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. with a moment of silence.

STANGO: Superintendent Ouellette regrets her absence due to an illness. She had hoped to attend tonight but she is still on medication and was advised to stay home to get well. We will begin tonight followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In our Silent Prayer tonight I asked that we remember two longtime retired teachers who have recently died – Rosemary Stango and Fred Shattuck, both retired career long teachers at our Croft High School and then upon the completion of Kennedy High School moved to Kennedy and they both passed this last week.

Ms. Stango taught history for over 35 years mostly at Kennedy. She was dedicated to teaching her students and passionate about her subject area of history. Ms. Stango taught one of the first AP History courses in our district. Some comments from her students were: she was the best teacher I ever had, Ms. Stango loved history and was able to engage her students in the discussion on a personal level, Ms. Stango was always available to offer help to us before and after class.

Then there's Mr. Shattuck, he was a Technology Education Teacher at Croft and then Kennedy. He was able to marry his love as a trade craftsman and his love to teaching into a guiding force in teaching high school students for entry into the workforce. A comment from one of his students was Mr. Shattuck instilled in me the pride of working as a tradesman.

We remember them both and their families in our silent prayer tonight.

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

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

### **3. 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.

#### **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. Summons in a Civil Case received September 30, 2014 regarding Jarron Chapman v. Kathleen Ouellette, et al.
2. Copy of communication dated November 5, 2014 from Civil Service certifying Daniel Hurbon for the position of Maintainer I.
3. Copy of communication dated November 6, 2014 from Civil Service certifying Lynn Carlson for the position of Human Resources Generalist – Education.

STANGO: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor, opposed, 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 6:36 p.m.**

STANGO: Motion has been made and seconded. All in favor, opposed, motion carries. We have no one signed up to speak.

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Jason Van Stone and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to return to the regular order of business at 6:36 p.m.**

STANGO: Motion made and seconded. All in favor, opposed, motion passes unanimously.

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

STANGO: The Superintendent is absent this evening but she has prepared her announcements at your places that you can read at your leisure.

*The following announcements were distributed to the Board members:*

We have been notified that we will receive \$200,000 for additional capital improvements to Walsh School.

Last week I attended a benefit for David Rosa, a social studies teacher at Wallace Middle School. Mr. Rosa only recently returned to work after a fire at his home in September. Mr. Rosa not only lost all of his possessions but was also injured attempting to put out the fire before firefighters arrived.

Also last week Anne Marie Cullinan and I had the opportunity to attend a wonderful event at Bunker Hill School. Kindergarten students helped welcome home Sgt. Shannon Togersen, who was returning from a tour in Afghanistan. Sgt. Togersen is the aunt of Bunker Hill kindergarten student C. J. Gallagher, who did not know his aunt was back. She surprised him at school, then read a story to all of the kindergarten students.

I attended this past weekend's CABE / CAPSS conference. Once again it was a wonderful opportunity to keep abreast of what's happening in education in the state of Connecticut while also networking with other Superintendents and Board Commissioners from around the state.

This week hundreds of middle and high school students had an opportunity to attend the Smaller Manufacturers Association's STEM / Advanced Manufacturing Technology Expo, held at the CoCo Key. In addition to visiting booths set up by local manufacturers and learning about employment opportunities in the STEM field, students had an opportunity to meet two young female engineers who spoke about their own career paths and explained what high school students should be doing to prepare for similar careers.

The review of the Annual Report submitted for Gilmartin Preschool has been completed by the National Association for the Education of Young People, better known as NAEYC, and the program's accreditation has been maintained.

A Waterbury Arts Magnet School senior, April Doolan, has been invited to exhibit her photograph, Smiling Eyes, as part of the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Celebration of Young Photographers, to be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at The Litchfield Historical Society. The celebration will include photographs from students representing more than 30 schools.

The city's annual tree lighting ceremony on the Green will take place on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The rain or snow date is Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. Anyone who brings peanut butter, cereal, powdered milk, or other non-perishable food product will receive a free Frankie's hot dog with a limit of one per person. There will also be hay rides, Christmas carols and popcorn balls with Santa, hot chocolate, donuts, and Tony the Magic Man.

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

STANGO: Of note, our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 25. This will be a Workshop of the Board rescheduled from later that week due to Thanksgiving holiday. We will be meeting at Wallace Middle School. As an added attraction to our Workshop we will have a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Dedication of the Wallace Media Center and also the new StayWell Health Center. Again, that will be next Tuesday, November 25, a Board Workshop and Ribbon Cutting and Dedications all at Wallace beginning at 5:30.

Last week some Board members and the Superintendent and myself had the pleasure of attending the Annual CABA Conference and Convention in Groton. We attended the Delegate Assembly on Thursday where the 2015 Government Relations Proposed Resolutions were presented to the Assembly and voted upon. The Delegate Assembly adopted three of Waterbury's resolutions to become part of the CABA 2015 Agenda. Commissioner Brown from our Board serves on the CABA Government Relations Committee as the State Relations Chairman. The Friday and Saturday sessions consisted of presentations, workshops, and clinics. The Waterbury delegates were able to attend many different sessions as we split up to monitor as many as possible. Our district delegation was able to get a sampling of those many presentations. The highlight of the Convention for me was the Friday night Banquet speaker Rick Mastracchio, Waterbury's own astronaut. As you would expect by now Rick did an outstanding job. Rick spoke about growing up in Waterbury, attending public schools in Waterbury, and about his teachers at Chase and Crosby. In his own words his teachers never told him he could not do something; they led him to believe you can do anything you want. The world was open to him for anything he desired. You might say the sky is the limit. Longtime CABA Conference attendees remarked to me later that Astronaut Rick was by far the best banquet speaker they have heard in a very long time. Many told me that Rick did Waterbury proud and we all agree with that especially when talking about our schools. In case you were wondering what he was wearing for the occasion it was his spaceman jumpsuit, we've all seen it before and we never get tired. I think we may hear more about the CABA Conference in New Business later.

Also, since last we met the STEM Advanced Technology Manufacturing and Technology Expo was held at Coco Key Convention Center in Waterbury. There were 36 exhibitors attending and Waterbury schools sent over 1,500 middle school boys and girls to attend the event. The schools were staggered in time so that many could attend and it was not crowded. The goal was to give our students an opportunity to interact with local manufacturers. We want our students to understand how important manufacturing is, what is being done in our area, and most importantly the job and career possibilities that exist in our area. Again, Waterbury was well represented with our Kennedy High School Robotics Team and the Wilby High School Electrothon

Electric Car Team. The students were well behaved as they were ushered by their teachers through the exhibits and also to a motivational presentation by Keisha Ashe sponsored by Waterbury's Granville Academy. Ms. Ashe is pursuing her Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering at the University of Connecticut. She is a mentor and excellent role model for our students. Many thanks to the organizers of the expo. Our district people did an outstanding job, much planning had to go into this event for it all came together and it was planned very well.

Lastly, Waterbury schools will be on an early dismissal schedule next Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving. On behalf of the Board I would like to wish all of our students and staff a very Happy Thanksgiving and to be safe.

## **8. COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

### **8.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Jason Van Stone, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve of the appointment of Gwendolyn Rinaldi-Gonzalez as Principal of Alternative Education Programs, effective December 15, 2014.**

STANGO: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Mr. Guidone representing Dr. Ouellette.

GUIDONE: On behalf of the Superintendent she's quite pleased to recommend to the Board the approval of Ms. Gwendolyn Rinaldi-Gonzalez for the position of Principal of our Alternative Education programs in the district. Ms. Rinaldi's teaching career began in New Britain where she served as a high school social studies teacher, she also taught high school in Palm Beach County School District and most recently served as the Academic Specialist and Dean of Students at Hartford Public High. A Waterbury native, she is passionate about children, her education, and impact in a global society. She shares this passion with students, parents, and colleagues. In her letters of reference colleagues praised her work in all areas, she's very pleased to present Ms. Gwendolyn Rinaldi Gonzalez as an outstanding educator.

STANGO: Any further discussion? Seeing none – roll call vote please.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE ON ITEM #8.1:**

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

*(applause)*

RINALDI-GONZALEZ: Thank you. Good evening. I'd like to thank Dr. Ouellette and members of the Waterbury Board of Education for this great opportunity. As a Waterbury native I'm very proud and honored to be able to service our youth in this community. Thank you.

### **8.2 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 Sharon W. Dest as Supervisor of Special Education  
effective December 1, 2014.**

STANGO: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Mr. Guidone.

GUIDONE: Again the Superintendent is pleased to recommend to the Board the approval of Ms. Sharon Dest for the position of Supervisor of Special Education. Ms. Dest's career began here in Waterbury 24 years ago as a special education teacher. Her tenure in Waterbury she has served in various capacities and at various grade levels. She's worked at Generali, WAMS, and most recently at the Career Academy as Teaching Vice Principal and Special Education Teacher. She serves as a professional development trainer, team coordinating mentor and teacher on the districtwide SSP team. I'm pleased to recommend Ms. Dest for the position of Special Education Supervisor.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON ITEM #8.2:**

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

*(applause)*

DEST: Thank you very much. I would like to thank President Stango, Vice President Karen Harvey, and all the Commissioners and of course Dr. Ouellette. As stated I've had a long career in Waterbury, I've had a wonderful career in Waterbury and I feel that I've worked as a great team member, I've always involved the parents, I'm very happy that I will have this capacity but in a different role and I really look forward to it and I thank you all very much.

**8.3 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 Melissa A. Gilbert as Supervisor of Special Education  
effective December 1, 2014.**

STANGO: Motion has been made and seconded. Discussion? Mr. Guidone.

GUIDONE: The Superintendent is pleased to recommend to the Board the approval Ms. Melissa Gilbert for the position of Supervisor of Special Education. Her career began in Plymouth, Connecticut where she served as a special education teacher. She joined Waterbury Public Schools in 2009 as a special education teacher and is currently at Wilby High School. During her tenure in Waterbury she's served as a professional development trainer, a team coordinator teacher, PBIS coach, BloomBoard trainer, and progress book trainer; quite a trainer. The Superintendent is pleased to recommend Ms. Gilbert for the position of Special Education Supervisor.

STANGO: Any further discussion? Seeing none – roll call.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON ITEM #8.3:**

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

*(applause)*

GILBERT: I'd like to thank Dr. Ouellette and the Board for this wonderful opportunity to support our neediest students to obtain their fullest potential and assisting principals and staff in providing all students with a safe and welcoming environment.

**8.4 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 Monica C. O'Neil as Supervisor of Special Education effective December 1, 2014.**

STANGO: Motion made and seconded. Mr. Guidone.

GUIDONE: And lastly, at least for this evening, the Superintendent is pleased to recommend to the Board the approval of Monica O'Neil for the position of Special Education Supervisor. Ms. O'Neil's career began in Waterbury 10 years ago as a Speech and Language Pathologist. During her tenure in Waterbury she worked at Wilson Elementary School and Maloney Magnet School serving various grade levels. Also she has been an Acting TVP and Interim Supervisor of Special Education. She served as a Special Language Pathology Clinic Fellow Mentor and is a member of the PBIS Committee, Early Intervention Process Team, and she was also the 2008/2009 Teacher of the Year at Wilson School. The Superintendent is pleased to recommend Monica O'Neil for the position of Special Education Supervisor.

STANGO: Any further discussion? Seeing none – roll call.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON ITEM #8.4:**

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

*(applause)*

O'NEIL: I'd like to thank Dr. Ouellette and the entire Board for this wonderful opportunity. I have been both a student and an educator in the Waterbury Public Schools and I'm very excited to take on this leadership role and am extremely grateful for this wonderful opportunity. I'm looking forward to continuing to give back to the district that helped shape my educational background as well as my professional growth and supporting students in becoming the best that they can be. So thank you all very much for putting your trust in me for this position.

**8.5 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Jason Van Stone, with Commissioner Awwad voting "no", it was voted to postpone approval of the new position of City-wide Registered Behavior Technician, funded by the IDEA Grant, until the next regular meeting scheduled for December 4, 2014.**

STANGO: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion?

AWWAD: Yea, I'd really like to know why we're postponing instead of tabling because all you have to do is table and then you take it off the table at the next meeting, that's all that has to happen, Robert's Rules.

STANGO: I hear you Commissioner Awwad but it's been my interpretation and my experience that when it's tabled it has to be brought up again tonight, we're tabling it tonight.

AWWAD: No Mr. President, that's inaccurate.

STANGO: Will postpone work in this case?

AWWAD: That's not what you should be doing.

STANGO: Alright, we'll take it under consideration for the next time it happens. This is what we've done in the past.

AWWAD: It doesn't make it right.

STANGO: Any further discussion? Okay then, all in favor, opposed. One opposition. Does anyone wish to remove an item from the Consent Calendar?

*President Stango proceeded to read the Consent Calendar, Items 9.1 through 9.6.*

## **9. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Jason Van Stone, it was voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar, items 9.1 through 9.6, as listed:**

- 9.1 With the approval of the Committee of the Whole, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the Board of Education's 2015 schedule, as attached.
- 9.2 With the approval of the Committee on Finance, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of an Agreement between the City of Waterbury and the following for Special Education programs for children, as per Section 10-76b of the Connecticut General Statutes.

<b><u>SCHOOL</u></b>	<b><u>INITIALS</u></b>		<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
<b>ACES Day Facility</b>	DHM	\$56,366.10	
	BR	\$51,242.00	
	JD	\$111,099.00	
	ER	\$58,221.00	
	JP	\$51,242.00	
	GB	\$123,702.00	
	CP	\$75,189.04	
	BR	\$47,712.00	
	SB	\$51,032.00	
	TM	\$52,483.00	

	DM	\$56,135.00	
	SR	\$75,157.54	
	JH	\$56,135.00	
	DJ	\$2,846.01	<b>\$868,561.69</b>
<b>American School for the Deaf</b>	ID	\$29,961.00	
	NG	\$90,497.00	
	CC	\$45,185.00	
	MQ	\$42,161.00	<b>\$207,804.00</b>
<b>Benhaven</b>	JO	\$105,600.00	
	KM	\$120,600.00	<b>\$226,200.00</b>
<b>Specialized Education of CT, Inc. d/b/a "High Roads School of Wallingford" and High Roads School of Waterbury"</b>	YB	\$47,343.60	
	EB	\$52,696.42	
	FC	\$47,343.60	
	JH	\$5,352.82	
	KB	\$51,242.00	
	IB	\$51,906.60	
	ME	\$47,343.60	
	EH	\$90,976.65	
	JJ	\$60,950.32	
	LP	\$57,609.52	
	ZP	\$63,406.82	
	AT	\$52,696.42	
	CN	\$47,343.60	
	YP	\$52,696.42	
	DR	\$52,696.42	<b>\$781,604.81</b>
<b>St. Vincent's Special Needs</b>	EV	\$96,600.00	
	NK	\$96,600.00	<b>\$193,200.00</b>
<b>Wheeler Clinic, Inc.</b>	CC	\$61,149.75	
	OS	\$53,946.00	
	NR	\$102,303.25	<b>\$217,399.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b><u>\$2,494,769.50</u></b>

- 9.3 With the approval of the Committee on Finance, the Superintendent of Schools recommends permission be granted to Washington and Hopeville Schools to apply for the CT Core Standards Professional Mini-grant.
- 9.4 With the approval of the Committee on Curriculum, the Superintendent of Schools recommends permission be granted to M. Vagnini Dadamo, WAMS, and four chaperones to take 49 students to Quebec, Canada from May 22 through 24, 2015 to perform in Quebec City.
- 9.5 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>
N. Clemente	Career Academy café: Tues., Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup> , 4:30-7:00 pm (snow date: 12/17/14)

	(Family Science Night)
R. Moffo	Generali gym: Tues., Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3:00-7:30 pm (snow date: 12/4/14) (Winter Family Festival)
M. Cappiello	WSMS café: Thurs., Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup> , 5:00-9:30 pm ( <i>prior to Bd. Mtg.</i> ) (Fundraiser dance for theater)
M. Brittingham	Duggan café: Tues., Nov. 25 <sup>th</sup> , 1:00-4:00 pm (Fundraiser - jewelry/scarf sale for staff)
Dr. Frageau	Duggan café: Thurs., Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2:30-5:00 pm (Staff painting activity)
P. Caldarone, M/S A.D.	Gilmartin gym: Nov. 15 – Feb. 15, Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm (WMS boys' basketball practices) ( <i>starts prior to Bd. Mtg.</i> ) Kennedy gym: Saturday, Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup> , 11:00 am-4:00 pm (Middle schools boys and girls basketball jamboree)
D. Graham	Walsh gym: Wed., Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup> , 5:00-7:00 pm (Family Parent Power/Part 2)
Police Dept. Lt. Mark Ryan	Wilby gym & track: Sat., Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30 am-5:00 pm (Civil Service physical agility for police officer applicants)

- 9.6 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>
*Westover School T. Mulligan, A.D.	Wilby pool: December 2 – March 6, weekdays, 4:15 - 6:00 pm (swim program)

**REQUESTING WAIVERS:**

Brass City Young Marines J. Ganavage	Duggan classrooms: November 15, 2014 - July, 2015, Saturdays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm (young marines training) (\$5,040.) ( <i>starts prior to Bd. Mtg.</i> )
Long Hill Bible Church Eric K. Lott	Rotella auditorium & café: Saturday December 20, 4:00 - 9:00 pm (holiday program) (\$504.)
*Uplifting a Life/Kingdom First, Inc. E. Cooper	Reed café: Saturday, November 22, 3:00 - 8:00 pm (Feed the children in conjunction with Reed FRC neighborhood clothing drive) (\$420.)

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

**10. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT**

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

**11. 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 11.1 through 11.8, as listed:**

- 11.1. Athletic appointments effective immediately:  
McDonald, Ryan – Athletic Director, Waterbury Career Academy.

Sullivan, Ryan – Head Boys’ Basketball Coach, KHS.

11.2 Interim appointments:

Gilbert, Melissa – Interim Supervisor of Special Education, eff. 10/31/14.

11.3 Grant funded appointments:

Carter, Sa-Queen – Pre-k Bus Driver, ECEP, 35 hours p/week, 10 months p/year, salary and benefits governed by the UPSE agreement.

Coma, Vebi – Network Specialist, RMS, 35 hours p/week, 10 months p/year, salary and benefits governed by the UPSE agreement, funded by RMS Operating Grant.

Leone, Holly – ELA Instructional Tutor, 15.75 hours p/week, 28 weeks, \$25.00 p/hour, non-union and without benefits, funded by RMS Operating Grant.

Lewis, Janet – Secretary II, Medicaid Office, 35 hours p/week, 12 months p/year, salary and benefits according to the UPSEU agreement.

Mattaboni, Michelle – SPPT Part-time Nurse, 15 hours p/week, 12 months p/year, \$38 p/hour, non-union and without benefits, funded by the Support for Pregnant & Parenting Teen Grant.

11.4. Extended School Hours (ESH) Program Appointments, salary according to individual’s contract:

School	Last name	First name	Assignment
<b>Reed</b>	Mature	Jonna	Substitute Teacher
<b>Chase</b>	Salvia	Carol	Secretary
	Currier	Doreen	Parent Liaison/Vendor Coordinator

11.5 Teacher hires:

Name		School	Assignment	Effective	Step	
Arcamone	Daniele	Wallace	Music	9/18/14	B15	1
Calabro	Marissa	Wallace	Spec. Educ.	9/8/14	BA	2
Difronzo	Jennifer	Duggan	Math	8/21/14	MA	4
Fenn	Myra	Gilmartin	Grade 4	10/3/14	MA	2
Finlay	Kelly K.	Generali	Grade 4	10/14/14	MA	1
Geanacopoulos	John C.	Wilby	Bio/Gen Science	9/11/14	B+15	2
Hayes	Gabrielle S.	NEMS	English	10/21/14	M+15	1
Hidri	Erjona	WSMS	Comp. Educ.	8/21/14	M+15	1
MacLennan	Theresa C.	Gilmartin	English/La	11/3/14	MA	3
Whitney	Megan A.	WCA	Biology	8/25/14	PHD	5
St. Germain	Laurie A.	Crosby	Spec. Educ.	10/1/14	6+15	3

11.6 Teacher transfers:

Name	From	To	Effective
Caruso, Laura E.	Rotella grade 2	Gilmartin Literacy Coach	10/6/14
Natoli, Jane	Gilmartin grade 8	MS Literacy Facilitator	11/03/14
Torres, Katy	NEMS grade 8	MS Literacy Facilitator	11/03/14
Stanco, Elisabeth	WMS grade 8	MS Literacy Facilitator	10/27/14

11.7 Resignations:

Uma Devi Rebala, WHS Tech Ed, effective 11/14/14.

11.8 Leave of absence requests:

Parisi, Melissa – Hopeville ESL, requesting an extension of her unpaid childrearing leave of absence through April, 2015.

STANGO: Motion has been made and seconded. All in favor, opposed, motion carries. Moving on to Item #12 – Unfinished Business from the Preceding Meeting Only. Moving on to Item #13 – Other Unfinished, New, and Miscellaneous Business. Vice President Harvey.

HARVEY: Quickly, I chose not to have this item removed regarding our activities when an outside group requests the use of our schools, I didn't want this concern to cloud the issue but my complaint is that there was something that was on the Agenda that we had not approved yet there are flyers throughout the neighborhood and throughout the community that this function was going to be held at one of our schools, and that's fine. And, again, taking nothing away from the activity, but protocol is protocol. So I would like for number one to have all of our, the form, the process, description of the procedures, of what you need to do in order to rent our schools out, on our website, so that the form can be printed out. And, just in-house, if we can let whoever it is that is renting the schools; let them know that this is pending approval from the Board. It was just, I was at one of the schools and they said they didn't know about this activity that was planned, the principal had not even been notified, and we want the community to use our schools but we want them to follow the proper protocol, I'm not saying that the proper protocol was not followed, but it was just very late notification. And I will follow this up, this recommendation, with an email to Central Office.

Next, just to piggyback on the comment of the STEM Expo, it was great, my numbers are a little bit higher, President Stango, I'm hearing 1,800 so I'm just waiting for the official count of the number of students. This is considerably more than what we had last year, last year we built on what we had the previous year. I'd like to note that not that our judge, Judge Mosely, was also in attendance at this event and I just want to thank the Granville parents that were there who were there from 7:30 to help organize, to orchestrate the kids when they arrived, where they should go, and things of that nature. So I hope that we can build, I just want to congratulate those who did organize it and hope that we can build upon this. I think the more exposure we give our kids to manufacturing the better.

Lastly, the CAFE event that our Commissioners attended, I'm asking that we receive some kind of overview on what you were able to sit in on, just to give us an overview perhaps at a Workshop on what occurred, what benefits there were from it, that sort of thing. I think that would be very helpful to the body of the whole. I think that's all I have, thank you.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner McEntee, it was voted unanimously to convene into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.**

Present: President Stango, Commissioners Awwad, Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, McEntee, Rodriguez, Sweeney, J. Van Stone, and T. Van Stone. Also present was Mr. Guidone.

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Jason Van Stone and duly seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, it was voted unanimously return to the regular order of business at 7:50 p.m. with no votes taken.**

***ADJOURNMENT***

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Awwad and duly seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.**

ATTEST:   
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk  
*Board of Education*