

# WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## *Committee Meeting Minutes*

Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the December 18, 2014 Board Meeting)

### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at Wendell Cross School, 1255 Hamilton Avenue, Waterbury, Connecticut, starting at 5:37 p.m.

**PRESENT:** President Stango, Commissioners Awwad (left at 7:33 p.m.), Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, McEntee, Sweeney, J. Van Stone, and T. Van Stone.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Rodriguez.

**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<sup>(BFC: n/a)</sup> (no backup) – Joseph Amato.
2. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval for Maloney Magnet School to apply for the Japanese Language Education Assistants Program Grant (J-LEAP)<sup>(BFC G2/O1)</sup> – Kazumi Yamashita-Iverson.
4. Committee on School Facilities & Grounds/5 minutes: ~ Request approval of an Agreement with Richards Corporation for Crosby High School Science Room Improvements, funded by the State's Low Performing Schools Bond for Crosby<sup>(BFC: G2/O3)</sup> – P. Guidone, O & G Industries. (Chris Butterfield)
3. Committee of the Whole/5 minutes ~ Request of Albert Chabot II to name the Crosby High School Gymnasium/Court in honor of Nicholas Augelli<sup>(BFC: n/a)</sup>. (Michael Ieronimo, Al Chabot)
5. Committee on Finance/5 minutes ~ Request approval Amendment #2 to the Professional Services Agreement with The Connecticut Center for School Change for District Transformation for Teaching and Learning Improvement/Professional Development<sup>(BFC: G1/O2)</sup>.
6. Committee on Policy/5 minutes ~ Request approval of inconsequential revisions to the Discipline/Student Conduct Policy #5114.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- a. Committee of the Whole/15 minutes ~ Update: Walsh and Crosby Turnaround Plans<sup>(BFC: G1/O1 & G4/O2)</sup> (to be distributed) – Dr. Ouellette, P. Whyte, E. Paolino, G. Ziogas.

Commissioner Awwad left at 7:33 p.m.

- b. Committee of the Whole/15 minutes ~ Discussion: Blueprint for Change<sup>(BFC: G1-4)</sup> – Dr. Ouellette, et al.
8. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Carla Cruess, RMS, and 13 chaperones to take 96 kids to New York, NY on April 1, 2015 to visit Planet Hollywood and New Amsterdam Theatre<sup>(BFC: n/a)</sup>.
9. Committee on Curriculum/2 minutes ~ Request permission be granted to Meredith White-Clark, KHS, to take five students to Washington, DC from January 30 through February 1, 2015 to attend the Leadership Experience and Development Conference for National Honor Society<sup>(BFC: n/a)</sup>.
10. Committee on School Facilities & Grounds/5 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments<sup>(BFC: n/a)</sup>.
11. Committee on School Facilities & Grounds/5 minutes ~ Use of school facilities by outside organization and/or waiver requests<sup>(BFC: n/a)</sup>.
12. Superintendent's Notification to the Board/5 minutes:<sup>(BFC: n/a)</sup>
- a. Appointments effective immediately:  
Charlotte Shocki, Impartial Expulsion Hearing Officer (application closing of 12/10/14).
- b. Temporary appointments:  
Biolo, Dawn – Acting SVP, Walsh School, effective 12/1/14.
- c. Grant funded appointments:  
Lewis, Emroy – Behavior Technician, CHS, \$27.74 p/hour, non-union with benefits governed by the UPSEU Agreement, funded by the Alliance Grant.  
Martinez, Mardelin – ELA Instructional Tutor, 15.75 hours p/week, 28 weeks, \$25.00 p/hour, non-union and without benefits, funded by Alliance Grant.
- d. Extended School Hours (ESH) Program Appointments, salary according to individual's contract:

School	Last name	First name	Assignment
<b>Driggs</b>	Abarzua	Lauren	Teacher/split
	Blake	Zita	Substitute
	Card	Katie	Teacher/split
	DiGioia	Sue	Para/split
	Dopp	Karen	Para/split
	Gonzalez	Lourdes	Para/split
	Griffin	Karen	Substitute
	Healy	Heather	Teacher/split

	Pastore-Quezada	Paula	Teacher/split
	Pearson	Robin	Para/split
	Ruffin	Mardelle	Substitute
	Sheetz	Lucia	Substitute
	Wright	Valerie	Substitute

e. Teacher hires:

Name		Location	Position	Effective	Step
Giammatteo	Timothy P.	Sprague	Kindergarten	11/21/14	MA/6
Kovach	Rachel A.	Bucks Hill	Pre-k	11/10/14	BA/2
O'Donnell	Patricia M.	Rotella	Grade 2	11/10/14	6 <sup>th</sup> /2

f. Adult Education appointments:

Dest, Edward – Health Instructor, 25 hrs p/wk @ \$32.00 p/hr  
 Koehler, Richard – ABE Instructor, 20 hrs p/wk @ \$32.00 p/hr  
 Manjani, Halil – Substitute, as needed @ \$32.00 p/hr

g. Retirements:

Hollister-Sotolano, Lauren – WAMS Speech/LP, effective 01/01/15.  
 Rossi, Stephen – CHS English, effective 01/31/15.

h. Resignations:

Brown, Yvonne – Enlightenment/Excel Special Ed, effective 12/04/14.  
 Radner, Feigie – Kingsbury Literacy Facilitator, effective 12/05/14.  
 Vargas, Alicia – Bucks Hill Grade 3 Bilingual, effective 12/9/14.

i. Leave of absence requests:

Mancini, Jacqueline – Maloney Magnet School grade 1, requesting an unpaid childrearing leave of absence from 01/05/15 through the end of the 2014/15 school year.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board convened into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and returned at 9:05 p.m. with no votes taken. Present were President Stango, Commissioners Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, McEntee, Sweeney, J. van Stone, and T. Van Stone. Also present were Dr. Ouellette and Paul Guidone.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 9:05 p.m.

ATTEST:   
 Carrie A. Swain, Clerk  
 Board of Education