

Watervliet City School District
Watervliet, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

DATE: *DECEMBER 18, 2007*

TYPE OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

MEETING OPENED: 7:06 P.M.

WHERE: Watervliet Jr.-Sr. High School

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President, Donna Neary-Hart
Vice President, Mark S. Scully
Christine Chartrand
Frank McGrouty
Virginia Mullaney

SUPERINTENDENT: Paul J. Padalino

STUDENT COUNCIL REP: Grace Collette

The meeting was opened at 7:06 P.M., with President Donna Neary-Hart officiating .

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Robert Gusberti, a Wiswall Avenue resident, requested that the district allow the **Task Force Committee** to be **more involved** in the school projects.

BOARD, STAFF AND STUDENT REPORTS

There was a **First Reading** for the following Policies:

- **Grading Systems**
- **Student Progress Reports to Parents**

Members of the **Elementary School Staff**, Michaeleen Backus, Rachel Belokopitsky, Lori Sand and Don Stevens, gave a **K-6 Writing Presentation**. Staff members noted the success of the Program and asked if the Program could be expanded and possibly be considered for a Staff Development Day.

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the Board of Education **minutes** for the meeting held **November 20, 2007**, submitted by Carol Aussicker, Clerk of the Board, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Treasurer's Report** for the month of **November 2007**, submitted by John Heid, Business Manager, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following **payment requests**, submitted by John Heid, Business Manager, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Watervliet CSD Additions and Alterations

<i>Collins & Scoville</i>	<i>Invoice #10 – Phase 1</i>	<i>\$ 6,967.84</i>
<i>Collins & Scoville</i>	<i>Invoice #8 – CM Phase 1</i>	<i>15,653.31</i>
<i>Collins & Scoville</i>	<i>Invoice #5 – Phase 2</i>	<i>173,002.86</i>
<i>Collins & Scoville</i>	<i>Invoice #5 – CM Phase 2</i>	<i>16,445.70</i>
<i>Collins & Scoville</i>	<i>Invoice #2 – Pre-Referendum Phase 3</i>	<i>16,000.00</i>
<i>Eastern Building</i>	<i>Application #6</i>	<i>21,807.02</i>
<i>T. Lemme Mechanical</i>	<i>Application #6</i>	<i>92,774.15</i>
<i>Brownell Electric</i>	<i>Application #6</i>	<i>11,375.30</i>
<i>Construction Trailer</i>		
<i>Williams Scotsman</i>	<i>11/27/07 – 12/26/07</i>	<i>345.00</i>
<i>Time Warner</i>	<i>12/02/07 – 1/01/08</i>	<i>201.50</i>
<i>Verizon</i>	<i>11/16/07 – 12/15/07</i>	<i>101.37</i>
<i>Crystal Rock</i>	<i>November 2007</i>	<i>46.60</i>

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Committee on Pre-School Special Education's** recommendation for the meeting held November 7, 2007, submitted by Janelle Gianni, CPSE Chair, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Committee on Special Education's** recommendations for the meetings held November 20, 28, 29, December 7, 11, 2007, submitted by Janelle Yanni, CSE Chair, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Substitute Registry**, submitted by BOCES, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the appointment of **Rori Wood** as **Alternate Parent Member** for CPSE and CSE, submitted by Janelle Yanni, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **disposal** of approximately 150 Pentium 3 or **older computers, monitors, keyboards and mice**, with useable ones being donated to the Watervliet Housing Authority to be recycled to area residents and the non-working items disposed of, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Virginia Mullaney, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board recognized the **\$750 donation to Character Education**, by **Mary Beth Whited**, on behalf of the **Verizon** Foundation, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Frank McGrouty, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Superintendent's attendance** at the following **conferences**, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Contract for Excellence, December 19, 2007, Troy, NY

The Council of School Superintendents 2008 Mid-Winter Conference, January 13-15, 2008, Albany, NY

On a motion by Frank McGrouty, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the appointment of **Erick Bernard** for **Weight Lifting Intra-Murals**, four times a week, at two-hour sessions, with an hourly rate of \$15.81, effective December 3, 2007, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Frank McGrouty, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the appointment of **Elizabeth Melanson** as **Cafeteria Worker**, from part-time status to **full-time** status, at WES, at a salary of \$7.15 per hour, with no benefits, effective December 1, 2007, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Frank McGrouty, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointments of Ena Minnick, Allison Reynolds and Debbie Shevy** as AIS instructors at WES, at a salary of \$20 per hour, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Frank McGrouty, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **maternity leave** request of **Sara Bammert**, from approximately February 13, 2008, to June 1, 2008, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Frank McGrouty, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **resignation** of **Daniel Walter** as **School Psychologist** (part-time), effective January 18, 2008, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Frank McGrouty, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following **resignations**, submitted by Richard Cowles, **Athletic Director**/Assistant Principal, as recommended by the Superintendent:

<i>George Mardigan</i>	<i>Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach</i>
<i>Walter Bowden</i>	<i>JV Boys' Basketball Coach</i>
<i>Peter Strand</i>	<i>Freshman Boys' Basketball Coach</i>
<i>Brian Hoefer</i>	<i>Modified Boys' Basketball Coach</i>

On a motion by Frank McGrouty, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following **appointments**, submitted by Richard Cowles, **Athletic Director**/Assistant Principal, as recommended by the Superintendent:

<i>Walter Bowden</i>	<i>Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach</i>
<i>Peter Strand</i>	<i>JV Boys' Basketball Coach</i>
<i>Brian Hoefer</i>	<i>Freshman Boys' Basketball Coach</i>
<i>Brian Eastman</i>	<i>Modified Boys' Basketball Coach</i>
<i>Mike Prendergast</i>	<i>Modified Boys' Wrestling Coach</i>

ADDENDUM ITEMS:

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following **appointment**, as recommended by the Superintendent:

VERONICA R. BEDARD

Position:	School Psychologist (Full-time)
Location:	WJSHS
Effective Date:	December 18, 2007
Tenure Track:	School Psychologist
Tenure Date:	December 18, 2010
Salary:	\$ 34,679 (Pro-Rated)
Benefits:	Full
(Replace Wendy O'Brien)	

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the creation of the position of **Hall Monitor** at **WES**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **retirement** request of **Pasqualina DeLucia, Cafeteria Worker**, effective October 17, 2007, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion Christine Chartrand, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the anonymous **donation** of **\$200** to the **Athletic Department**, which would be used to purchase (at the discretion of Richard Cowles, Athletic Director) dress clothes if needed for athletes to attend award functions, assemblies, etc., as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **SEQR Resolution** (attached) authorizing the Watervliet City School District to undertake a **Capital Project** for additions and alterations to the **Jr.-Sr. High School**, 1245 Hillside Drive, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Resolution of Necessity** (attached) authorizing the **issuance of \$21,745,000.00 Serial Bonds** of the City School District of the City of Watervliet, Albany County, New York to pay the cost of a school facilities improvement project in and for the Watervliet City School District, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Bond Resolution** (attached) authorizing the **issuance of \$21,745,000.00 Serial Bonds** of the City School District of the City of Watervliet, Albany County, New York, to pay the cost of a **school facilities improvement project** in and for the Watervliet City School District, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Election Proceedings Resolution** (attached) providing for the holding of a Special City School District Meeting to be held Tuesday, **March 4, 2008**, from **12:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.** in and for the City School District of the City of Watervliet, Albany County, New York and providing for registration and other matters in connection therewith, as recommended by the Superintendent.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Caplan announced that **Robert DeChiero** has been nominated to compete in a **scholarship** competition.

The Board members **thanked Lara Horton** for the great job she has done with the Universal Pre-K Program.

The **Student Council** thanked all who had helped to make the **Food Drive** a success. A previous **bus issue** has been **resolved** following a meeting with Ms. Caplan. An **online comment box** will be added to the school's website after January 1st. The **Snow Ball** will be held in February and the **Talent Show** will be held in April. The Student Council **donated** \$100 to the **Jeff Gates Fund**.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **adjourned** the meeting at 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carol A. Aussicker
Clerk of the Board*

NOTE: All district appointments are subject to fingerprint clearance by the NYS Education Department and verification of Permanent or Pending Certification by NYS.