

Watervliet City School District
Watervliet, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

DATE: *APRIL 20, 2009*

TYPE OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

MEETING OPENED: 7:10 P.M.

WHERE: Watervliet Jr.-Sr. High School

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

SUPERINTENDENT: Paul J. Padalino

STUDENT COUNCIL REP: Grace Collett

The meeting was opened at 7:10 P.M., with President Donna Neary-Hart officiating.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no comments from the floor.

OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent Padalino noted that he will be meeting with **Comfortex** to discuss shade options available to address the **window** situation at the Jr. – Sr. High School.

BOARD STAFF AND STUDENT REPORTS

Bruce Wiggins, from **CSArch**, gave an **update** on the school district renovation project.

Celina Ramos, Amanda Carpenter, Chelsea Compton and Laura Waterhouse gave a **presentation** on the **Reality Check** program. They also requested that the Board approve two resolutions involving smoke-free movies and tobacco advertisement free magazines.

Mrs. Kathleen Strangis gave presentations on both the **Universal Pre-K Program** and **A Look into our Reading Program**.

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the Board of Education Minutes for the meeting held **March 17, 2009**, submitted by Bernadette L. Boardman, Clerk of the Board, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Committee on Special Education's** recommendations for the meetings held **March 10, 2009, March 11, 2009, March 17, 2009, March 18, 2009, March 23, 2009, March 30, 2009, April 2, 2009, April 3, 2009, April 6, 2009, April 7, 2009** and **April 8, 2009**, submitted by Janelle Yanni, CPSE Chair, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Committee on Pre-School Special Education's** recommendations for the meeting held **April 8, 2009**, submitted by Janelle Yanni, CPSE Chair, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Treasurer's Reports** for the month of **February 2009**, submitted by John Heid, Business Manager, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Payment Requests**, submitted by John Heid, Business Manager, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Substitute Registry** submitted by **BOCES**, as recommended by the Superintendent (packets #22 and #23).

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the appointment of **Bernadette L. Boardman** and **John Heid** as **Election Registrars** for the Watervliet City School District, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board **designated Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School** as the **Registration location** on April 22, 2009 and April 27, 2009 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the appointment of the following **Election Inspectors** to work May 19, 2009, for the **School District Election and Budget vote**, at the rate of \$7.15 per hour, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Marybeth Berry, Kathleen Brundidge, Lionel Rogers, Thomas Gaunay, Marilyn Gaunay, Dorothy Pafundi, Ann Gingeresky, Louise Iannone, Janet Razzano, Vince Razzano, Jackie Nash, Jean Jojo, Helena Ekmalian, Domenica Krakat and Roberta Gilson.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the appointment of **Mark Gilchrist** as **District Election Machines Supervisor** on May 19, 2009 at a pay rate of \$300.00 per assignment, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board **rescinded** the **appointment** of **Daniel Mueller** to the position of **Before School Government/Economics Teacher** at the **Watervliet Junior – Senior High School** for six hours per week, beginning March 3, 2009, at an hourly rate of \$24.45, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **addition** of a sixth teaching assignment for **Daniel Mueller** to teach **Participation in Government** at the **Watervliet Junior – Senior High School**, beginning March 3, 2009, at a salary per contract, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board **accepted** the **resignation** of **Sara Heidelberg** from the position of **Special Education Teacher** at the **Watervliet Elementary School** effective June 30, 2009, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **lay-off** of **Kaitlyn Whelan** from the position of **Speech Teacher** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, due to a reduction in force, effective June 30, 2009, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Virginia Mullaney, seconded by Donna Neary-Hart and unanimously accepted, the Board **accepted**, with thanks, the **retirement request** of **Carolyn Proctor** from the position of **Teacher Assistant** at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School**, effective June 30, 2009, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **accepted**, with thanks, the **retirement request** of **Kathy Terpening** from the position of **Teacher** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, effective June 30, 2009, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **David Wareing and Benjamin Roberts** to the position of **Summer School Co-Principals** effective July 1, 2009 a stipend of \$2,500.00 each, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **2009-10 School Calendar**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board **awarded** the status of **tenure** to the following **teachers**, effective **September 2009**, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Joelle Bird	Elementary Education
Danielle DeInnocentiis	School Psychologist
Peter Gaddy	Business Education - General
Krista Graham	Remedial Reading
Cristi Green	Special Education
Allison Novotarski	Library Media Specialist
Shannon Quinlivan	Elementary Education
Jennifer Salvi	Remedial Reading
Donald Stevens, Jr.	Elementary Education
Dawn Sylvester	Foreign Language
Paul Travers	Elementary Education
Rebecca Valli	Elementary Education

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **awarded** the status of **tenure**, in the area of **General Administration**, to **David Wareing**, effective August 8, 2009, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **creation** of an **Energy Systems Course** for the 2009 – 2010 school year, to replace the Technical Drawing Course, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **purchase** of **25 textbooks** for the new Energy Systems Course for the 2009 – 2010 school year, at a cost of \$60.00 each, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **disposal** of damaged/obsolete books, as listed in the attachment, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** an additional **20 work days** during the **summer** for **Veronica Bedard** and **Danielle DeInnocentiis** to work on reevaluations and new referrals at the Watervliet Elementary School, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board **accepted**, with thanks, the **donation** of **twelve pair of basketball shoes** and **string bags** from **Murray and Jeanne Bodin** to the Watervliet City School District **Modified Basketball program**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **adopted** the tentative **2009/2010 school district budget** in the amount of **\$22,917,711.00**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the use of general fund appropriations, Budget Code 1620.4, for an **emergency building project**, at a maximum estimated cost of \$620,000, effective immediately, as recommended by the Superintendent.

NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** a resolution to support **smoke-free movies**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** a resolution to support **tobacco advertisement free magazines**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Grace Collett reported that the **Student Council Talent Show** was a huge success.

Ms. Collett noted that a **Battle of the Bands** will be held on May 7, 2009.

Grace Collett shared information about the upcoming **Poetry Out Loud** contest, which will be held on Tuesday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School auditorium.

Ms. Collett, on behalf of the Student Council, **congratulated** the teachers who were granted **tenure**.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously **accepted**, the Board **voted** for **Mr. Jeffrey Bradt** to serve on the **BOCES Board of Education**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Virginia Mullaney, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously **accepted**, the Board **voted** for **Mrs. Lynne Lenhardt** to serve on the **BOCES Board of Education**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Donna Neary-Hart and unanimously **accepted**, the Board **voted** for **Mrs. Barbara Mauro** to serve on the **BOCES Board of Education**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously **accepted**, the Board **voted in favor** of the **BOCES Administrative Budget Resolution**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Donna Neary-Hart noted that the **Class of 2011 Ring Dinner** will be held on Sunday at Valente's restaurant.

Mr. Padalino thanked the **Board of Education** and **John Heid** for their work on the school budget.

Superintendent Padalino thanked **Carolyn Proctor** and **Kathy Terpening** for all of their years of service.

Mr. Padalino congratulated and thanked the **tenured teachers**.

Superintendent Padalino congratulated **Mr. Wareing** on his tenure.

Mr. Padalino thanked **Mrs. Novotarski** for ensuring that there are no cigarette advertisements in the High School periodicals.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Bob Gusberti – 1212 Hillside Drive, Watervliet, New York 12189 – suggested widening the road, as part of the emergency building plan, to expand parking.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board **adjourned** the meeting at 8:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bernadette L. Boardman
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.