

*Watervliet City School District*  
*Watervliet, New York*

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Minutes**

**DATE:** *MAY 19, 2009*

**TYPE OF MEETING:** Regular Meeting

**MEETING OPENED:** 7:02 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 7:02 P.M., with President Donna Neary-Hart officiating.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no comments from the floor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to be discussed.

**BOARD STAFF AND STUDENT REPORTS**

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

**Ms. Kirsten DeMento** gave a **year-end** presentation on **Technology, Professional Development and Curriculum Alignment**.

**Mrs. Janelle Yanni** gave a **year-end** presentation on **Special Education**.

The **second reading** of the **revised Grading Systems Policy** was held.

The **second reading** of the **revised Graduation Requirements Policy** was held.

The **second reading** of the **new School Volunteers Policy** was held.

The **second reading** of the **new Access to Students by Military Recruiters, Prospective Employers and Post-Secondary Institutions Policy** was held.

**ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board **adopted** the revised **Grading Systems policy**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **adopted** the revised **Graduation Requirements policy**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **adopted** the **new School Volunteers policy**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board **adopted** the **new Access to Students by Military Recruiters, Prospective Employers and Post-Secondary Institutions policy**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the Board of Education Minutes for the meetings held **April 20, 2009** and **May 12, 2009**, submitted by Bernadette L. Boardman, Clerk of the Board, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Committee on Special Education's** recommendations for the meetings held **April 20, 2009, April 21, 2009, April 23, 2009, April 24, 2009, April 27, 2009, April 28, 2009, April 29, 2009, May 4, 2009, May 6, 2009** and **May 11, 2009**, submitted by Janelle Yanni, CPSE Chair, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Committee on Pre-School Special Education's** recommendations for the meeting held **May 6, 2009**, submitted by Janelle Yanni, CPSE Chair, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the following adjustments to the **2008-09 tax roll**, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Parcel 44.49-2-19	Add STAR Exemption of \$24,370
Parcel 32.67-3-22	Remove STAR Exemption of \$24,370

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

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Frank McGrouty 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 Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **2008-09 Health Service Contracts** for students from other districts who attend St. Brigid's School, as recommended by the Superintendent:

East Greenbush	2 Students	\$1,188.18
Averill Park	2 Students	\$1,188.18
Berlin	1 Student	\$ 594.09
Lansingburgh	2 Students	\$1,188.18
Cohoes	1 Student	\$ 594.09
Green Island	1 Student	\$ 594.09
Wynantskill	1 Student	\$ 594.09
Menands	2 Students	\$ 891.14
Ravena	1 Student	\$ 594.09
North Colonie	5 Students	\$2,970.45
Saratoga	1 Student	\$ 594.09
Scotia	1 Student	\$ 594.09
Shenendahowa	2 Students	\$1,188.18
Troy	13 Students	\$ 7,723.17
Rensselaer	5 Students	\$2,970.45
<b>Totals</b>	<b>40 Students</b>	<b>\$23,466.56</b>

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Substitute Registry** submitted by **BOCES**, as recommended by the Superintendent (packets #24, #25 and #26).

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **termination** of **James Gardner** from the position of **Math Teacher** at the Watervliet Junior-Senior High School, effective June 30, 2009, as recommended by the Superintendent

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **maternity leave** request for **Angela Aubrey**, effective September 9, 2009 through October 7, 2009, to return on October 8, 2009, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **destruction of records**, as per the attached, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the following: for **substitute bus drivers** who are **otherwise employed by the district** to receive their regular pay plus \$13.65 per hour while serving in the capacity of substitute bus driver, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **creation** of an **Algebra 2/Trigonometry Part I Course** beginning in the 2009 – 2010 school year, to replace **Math Course B**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **curricular change** to the Watervliet Junior-Senior High School **English 12 program**, as attached, beginning in the 2009 – 2010 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **building use agreement** between the **City of Watervliet** and the **Watervliet City School District** involving the use of the Dome during emergency evacuations, as attached, as recommended by the Superintendent.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Grace Collett** reported that this would be her last meeting as **Student Council Representative**.

**Ms. Collett** noted that a **Battle of the Bands** will not be held due to a lack of interest.

**Grace Collett** reported that the **Student Council** recently met with **Ms. Caplan** and received an update from **Superintendent Padalino** at that meeting.

**Ms. Collett**, thanked the **Board of Education** and **Administration** for working with the Student Council.

**Donna Neary-Hart** thanked **Grace Collett** and noted that it was a pleasure working with her.

**Mrs. Mullaney** said the **Prom** was “exceptional” and noted that the banquet staff “raved about the students” and “asked us to come back.”

**Superintendent Padalino** noted that Mrs. Bradway’s concert was exceptional.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no comments from the floor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board agreed to **stand in recess** at 7:40 P.M. until the **final voting results** were returned.

**RE-CONVENE**

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board reconvened the meeting at 9:42 p.m. to receive and certify the vote for the election of two Board members to serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2009, and to receive and certify the school District Budget vote.

The results are as follows:

**Ward I - Elks Club**

Frank McGrouty 128  
Jennifer Donovan 101

Budget Vote YES 93 NO 40

**Ward II - City Hall**

Frank McGrouty 29  
Jennifer Donovan 30

Budget Vote YES 22 NO 14

**Ward III - WES**

Frank McGrouty 44  
Jennifer Donovan 38

Budget Vote YES 38 NO 12

**Ward IV - Hanratta**

Frank McGrouty 69  
Jennifer Donovan 68

Budget Vote YES 55 NO 13

**TOTALS**

**Frank McGrouty 270**

**Jennifer Donovan 237**

**Budget Vote Yes 208 No 79**

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board appointed **Frank McGrouty** and **Jennifer Donovan** to **three-year terms** as members of the Board of Education, effective July 1, 2009 and **approved** the 2008 – 2009 school district budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Virginia Mullaney, and unanimously accepted, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*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.***