

*Watervliet City School District  
Watervliet, New York*

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**Minutes**

**DATE:** *JULY 1, 2008*

**TYPE OF MEETING:** Organizational Meeting

**MEETING OPENED:** 7:05 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 Collette

The meeting was opened at 7:05 P.M., with President Donna Neary-Hart officiating.

Superintendent Padalino administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Mullaney and Mr. Scully. Each will serve a three-year term of office.

**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**

There were no Board Staff and Student Reports.

**ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board appointed **Donna Neary-Hart** as **President** of the Board for the 2008/2009 school year.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board appointed **Mark Scully** as **Vice President** of the Board for the 2008/2009 school year.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the Board of Education **Minutes** from the **May 20th** and **June 17th** meetings as submitted by the 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 policy statements and the eligibility guidelines for **Free and Reduced Price Meals** for the 2008/2009 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the prices for **school breakfasts** and **lunches** as submitted by Mr. Daryl Whited, Food Service Manager, effective September, 2008.

**Breakfast: \$1.25**

**Lunch: \$1.75**

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the following **appointments** for the 2008/2009 school year:

Treasurer	John Heid
Assistant Treasurer	Bonnie Sicko
Clerk of the Board	
Assistant Clerk of the Board	John Heid
Independent Auditor, CPA	Teal, Becker and Chiamonte
Internal Claims Auditor	Michaleen Backus
Internal Auditor	Dorfman & Robbie, CPA
Attorney	Ferrara, Fiorenza, Barrett & Reitz
School Physician	Drs. O'Bryan and Kansas
Purchasing Agent	Jennifer Dugan
Tax Collector	Bonnie Sicko
Activity Treasurer WES	Jennifer Dugan
Activity Treasurer WHS	Alice Bulmer

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **established** the following **Petty Cash Funds** for the 2008/2009 school year:

High School	\$ 40
Elementary School	\$ 40
Superintendent's Office	\$ 40
Business Office	\$100
Tax Collection	\$100
Cafeteria WES	\$125
Cafeteria WHS	\$125

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **designation of Bank of America and Chase Bank as the Official Depository of Funds**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **authorized** the Treasurer to **invest funds**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the designation of the **Troy Record** as the **official newspaper**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **authorized** the **Superintendent of Schools** to:

- Sign all applications for Federal Grants and Programs;
- Transfer funds within the budget, up to \$5,000, upon the recommendation of the Business Manager;
- Certify Payrolls;
- Sign all contracts pertaining to disabled students; and
- Approve attendance at educational meetings, conferences, graduate courses for administrative, instructional and support staff.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **bonding of District employees**, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Treasurer	\$1,100,000
Assistant Treasurer	\$ 100,000
Tax Collector	\$1,100,000
Central Treasurer	\$ 100,000
Other Staff	\$ 100,000

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the establishment of **mileage reimbursement** for district employees authorized to travel in performing official school district business as follows, as recommended by the Superintendent:

**Present Rate: .485**

**New Rate: .505**

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the following **Committee on Pre – School** and **Special Education** appointments, as recommended by the Superintendent:

**Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE)**

Janelle Yanni	Chairperson
Tina Ploof	Parent Member
Rory Wood	Parent Member (alternate)
Albany County Rep.	As designated by the County
Student's Regular Ed. Teacher	
Student's Special Ed. Teacher	
Parents of Student	
Related-Services Personnel (if appropriate)	

**Committee on Special Education (CSE)**

Janelle Yanni	Chairperson
Veronica Bedard	School Psychologist (Watervliet High School)
Daniele DeInnocentiis	School Psychologist (WES)
Tina Ploof	Parent Member
Rory Wood	Parent Member (alternate)
Kathleen Bisceglia	Special Education Chairperson
Robert Strang	Guidance Counselor
Kelly Creaser	Guidance Counselor
Dave Olszewski	Guidance Counselor
Jacqueline Valachovic	Guidance Counselor
Fran DeCrescenzo	Counselor
Student's Regular Ed. Teacher	
Student's Special Ed. Teacher	
Parents of Student	
School Physician (if requested)	
Related-Service Personnel (if appropriate)	
Student (if appropriate)	

**Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act**

Veronica Bedard	Chairperson (WHS)
Daniele DeInnocentiis	Chairperson (WES)
Tina Ploof	Parent Member
Rory Wood	Parent Member (alternate)
Student's Regular Ed. Teacher	
Guidance Counselor	
Other persons having knowledge or special expertise regarding student (ex: related-services personnel)	
Student (if appropriate)	
Parents of Student	

**Sub-Committee on Special Education\***  
*Watervliet Elementary School*

Daniele DeInnocentiis	Chairperson
Robert Strang	Guidance Counselor
Fran DeCrescenzo	Counselor
Tina Ploof	Parent Member
Rory Wood	Parent Member (alternate)
Student's Special Ed. Teacher	
Student's Regular Ed. Teacher	
Other persons having knowledge or special expertise regarding student (ex: related-services personnel)	
Student (if appropriate)	
Parents of Student	

**Sub-Committee on Special Education\***  
*Watervliet High School*

Veronica Bedard	Chairperson, School Psychologist
Kathleen Bisceglia	Special Education Chairperson
Tina Ploof	Parent Member
Rory Wood	Parent Member (alternate)
Student's Special Ed. Teacher	
One Regular Ed. Teacher	
Other persons having knowledge or special expertise regarding student (ex: related-services personnel)	
Student (if appropriate)	

*\*Sub-Committee may perform the functions of the Committee on Special Education except when a student is a:*

*New referral  
Transfer  
Special Class*

*BOCES Placement  
Private School Placement*

### **Impartial Hearing Officers**

To be selected from a rotational selection list. Pursuant to section 200.1(x) of the Regulations of the Commissioner, these individuals are certified by New York State. This list, provided by the New York State education Department, is in alphabetical order and the officers are listed by county. An IHO must be selected from the school district's list of IHO's beginning with the first name appearing on the list. After an IHO has been selected by the district, the district continues down the list in alphabetical order upon request of any further impartial hearings.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **John DiPofi** as the **surrogate parent** for the 2008/2009 school year, 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 the following club **advisors** and **coaches**, as recommended by the Superintendent:

### **Watervliet Junior-Senior High School**

Art Club	Beverly Lavick
Chess Club	Frank Parisi
Computer Coordinator	Dan Lindemann
Detention Monitor	Joseph Cea
Drama Club Advisor	Dawn Sylvester
Health Coordinator	Dennis Robinson
Homemakers of America	William Gallagher
Jazz Ensemble	Joseph Bonville
Jr. High Student Council	Donna Belokopitsky
Marching Band	Terry Bradway
Master Minds Advisor	Yuriy Berin
National Jr. Honor Society	Joe Dievendorf
National Honor Society	Scott Burke
Newspaper Advisor	David Oszwelski
Photography Club Advisor	Yuriy Berin
Russian Club Advisor	Steven Leggiero
SHOW/SADD Advisor	Dennis Robinson
Ski Club Advisor	Frank Parisi
Student Council (HS)	Scott Burke

### **Watervliet Junior-Senior High School (cont.)**

Study Tables	James Gardner/Camelia Sofrone
Yearbook Advisor	Janeen Schoonmaker
Yearbook Business Manager	Donna Belokopitsky
Varsity Club Advisor	Peter Strand

#### ***Class Advisors***

2009	Donna Belokopitsky
2010	Megan Thouin/Kyle Annis
2011	none
2012	Kerry Degnan/Camelia Sofrone

#### ***Department Chairs***

English	Beth Bonville
Business	Dan Lindemann
Fine Arts	Joseph Bonvillie
Foreign Language	Steven Leggiero
Math	Yuriy Berin
Physical Education	Cheryl Hotaling
Science	Frank Parisi
Social Studies	Bryan Satterlee
Special Education	Kathy Bisceglia

#### ***Coaching Fall***

Head Varsity Football	Erick Bernard
Asst. Varsity Football	Don Hogan
Asst. Varsity Football	Mike Manning
J.V. Head Football	Brian Hoefler
J.V. Asst. Football	Daryl Whited
J.V. Asst. Football	Aaron Sorell
Modified Head Football	Mike Prendergast
Modified Asst. Football	Mike Michela
Modified Asst. Football	Joe Holland
Varsity Girls' Soccer	Dave Olszewski
Modified Girls' Soccer	Meagan Morrissey
Boys/Girls' Cross Country	Dennis Lane
Varsity Girls' Volleyball	Angela Pastizzo*
Varsity Girls' Volleyball	Ena Minnick*
J.V. Girls' Volleyball	Peter Strand
Modified Girls' Volleyball	Megan Thouin
Varsity Girls' Tennis	Stephanie Randall
Varsity Girls' Cheerleading	Lindsey Westfall

***Coaching Winter***

Varsity Boys' Basketball	Walter Bowden
J.V. Boys' Basketball	Peter Strand
Freshmen Boys' Basketball	Brian Hoefler
Modified Boys' Basketball	Dave Olszewski
Varsity Girls' Basketball	Gordie Johnson
J.V. Girls' Basketball	Tim Mitchell
Modified Girls' Basketball	Rachel Manning
Varsity Boys' Wrestling	Dennis Lane
J. V. Boys' Wrestling	Steve Leggiero
Modified Boys' Wrestling	Mike Prendergast
Varsity Boys' Indoor Track	Jeremy Smith*
Varsity Girls' Indoor Track	Don Hogan*
Varsity Girls' Bowling	Cheryl Hotaling
Varsity Boys' Bowling	Dennis Robinson
Varsity Girls' Cheerleading	Lindsey Westfall

***Coaching Spring***

Varsity Boys' Baseball	Peter Strand
J.V. Boys' Baseball	Mike Prendergast
Modified Boys' Baseball	Dave Olszewski
Varsity Girls' Softball	Frank Parisi
J.V. Girls' Softball	Eric Lewis
Modified Girls' Softball	Daryl Whited
Varsity Girls' Track	Don Hogan
Varsity Boys' Track	Erick Bernard
Modified/Varsity Asst.	Jeremy Smith
Varsity Boys' Tennis	Stephanie Randall

\*equal share of stipend

***Volunteers to Fall Sports Programs***

Football	Jeremy Smith and Dennis Robinson
Volleyball	Michele Schoonmaker

### **Watervliet Elementary School**

Art Club	Meghan Van Epps
Chess Club	Paul Travers
Chorus	Mary Collett
Computer Club	Kathy Terpening
Band	Jeff Roberts
Drama	Don Stevens
Elementary Engineers	Robert Strang, Jeff Roberts
Environmental Club	Jennifer O'Rielly
Student Council	Jeff Robert, Robert Strang
Boys 5/6 Intramurals	Robert Strang
Boys 3/4 Intramurals	Paul Travers
Odyssey of the Mind	Joelle Byrd, Kim Suedkamp
Spanish	Kim Tallmadge
Year Book	Jeff Roberts

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **2008/2009 Athletic Handbook**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **accepted** the following **donations** for the purpose of purchasing a new **baseball scoreboard** to be installed this summer, as recommended by the Superintendent:

- **Watervliet Teachers Association: \$2,000**
- **Dunkin Donuts: \$500**

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **resignation** of **Ms. Kristen Lombard** from the position of Special Education Teacher at the Watervliet Elementary School, effective August 31, 2008, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **resignation** of **Mr. Benjamin Clark** from the position of Special Education Teacher at the Watervliet Junior-Senior High School, effective August 31, 2008, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **resignation** of **Ms. Anne Keefer** from the position of Teacher Assistant at the Watervliet Elementary School, effective June 30, 2008, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **resignation** of **Ms. Margaret Mahoney** from the position of Teacher Assistant at the Watervliet Junior-Senior High School, effective June 19, 2008, 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 **679 library books** identified by Mrs. Palmquist as obsolete, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Voluntary Transfer** of **Mrs. Michelle DeGuire** to the position of **Elementary Teacher/Math Specialist** at the Watervliet Elementary School, effective September 2, 2008, 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 **Ms. Lindsay DiSalvo** to the position of **Spanish Teacher** at the Watervliet Junior-Senior High School, for a probationary period beginning September 2, 2008 and ending September 2, 2011, at a salary of \$35,373.00, 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 **Ms. Jessica Pedone** to the position of **Math Teacher** at the Watervliet Junior-Senior High School, for a probationary period beginning September 2, 2008 and ending September 2, 2011, at a salary of \$36,074.00, as recommended by the Superintendent

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **established** the following **dates** as **Regular Board of Education Meetings** for 2008/2009, as recommended by the Superintendent:

- July 29
- August 18
- September 16
- October 21
- November 18
- December 16
- January 20
- February 10
- March 17
- April 21
- May 19
- June 23

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the Watervliet City School District **Code of Conduct** for 2008/2009, as recommended by the Superintendent.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to be discussed.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no comments from the floor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **adjourned** the meeting at 7:45 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.***