

*Watervliet City School District
Watervliet, New York*

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

DATE: *AUGUST 19, 2008*

TYPE OF MEETING: Regular 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 (absent)

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

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no comments from the floor.

OLD BUSINESS

The superintendent reported that options for addressing student concerns over the issue of the temperature of the rooms on the second floor of the high school were being considered.

BOARD STAFF AND STUDENT REPORTS

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

Theresa O'Brien gave a **presentation** on the Elementary School's new **report cards**.

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the proposal to adopt **changes** to the **Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct** on the **first reading**.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **adopted** the proposed **changes** to the **Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct**.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **adoption** of the new Mission Statement as the **official Mission Statement** of the Watervliet City School District, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **adoption** of the new **Watervliet Elementary School 2008/2009 Parent and Student Handbook**, submitted by Mrs. O'Brien, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board accepted the **recommendations** of the **Committee on Special Education** for meetings held **July 30, 2008** and **August 12, 2008**, submitted by Mrs. Yanni, 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 **July 2008**, 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 **2008/2009 Tax Warrant**, 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 **amended 2007-2008 Agreements** and **Preliminary 2008/2009 Agreements** with **Capital Region BOCES**, 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 **Bid Results** submitted by John Heid, Business Manager, as recommended by the Superintendent. **\$8,200,000 BANS, Duplication Paper**.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Payment Requests**, 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 **home schooling applications**, submitted by Mrs. Yanni, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board accepted the following **resignations**, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Kimberly Munhall (TA) – effective August 6, 2008
Jennifer McBain (TA) – effective August 12, 2008
Bernice Hebert (Elementary Reading) – effective July 31, 2008
Laura Hill (High School English) – effective August 3, 2008
Kathryn Galvin (TA) – effective August 5, 2008.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved **five additional days** (20 total as per contract) of **summer work** for **Mr. Robert Strang**, Watervliet Elementary Guidance Counselor, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **additional summer hours** (as needed) for **Mr. Christopher Lee** to assist with the receipt of **school supplies and materials**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **additional teaching assignment** for the following teachers, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Mrs. Coffey – .5
Mr. Facin – 1
Mr. Gallagher – .5
Mr. Leggiero – 1
Mr. Lewis – 1

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment** of **Kimberly Munhall** to the position of **Clerk Typist** at the Watervliet Junior-Senior High School, effective August 11, 2008 at a salary of \$21,000, 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 **Matthew Saucier** to the position of **Technology 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 \$40,615, 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 Jacquelyn Chiera** to the position of **Reading 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 \$36,788, 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 Jennifer Rogowski** to the position of **Elementary Teacher** at the Watervliet Elementary School, for a probationary period beginning September 2, 2008 and ending September 2, 2011, at a salary of \$36,511, 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 Meghan McGrouty** to the position of **Elementary Teacher** at the Watervliet Elementary School, for a probationary period beginning September 2, 2008 and ending September 2, 2011, at a salary of \$36,132, 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 Kelly Collins** to the position of **Elementary Teacher** at the Watervliet Elementary School, for a probationary period beginning September 2, 2008 and ending September 2, 2011, at a salary of \$38,286, 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 Bernadette Boardman** to the position of **Executive Secretary to the Superintendent and Clerk of the Board** in Superintendent's Office, effective August 18, 2008 at a salary of \$35,000, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **2008/2009 Watervliet City School District Communications Plan**, submitted by Jill Aurora, Communications Specialist, as recommended by the Superintendent.

ADDENDUM ITEMS

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

Department Chairs:

English: Beth Bonville

Business: Dan Lindemann

Fine Arts: Joseph Bonville

Foreign Language: Steven Leggiero

Math: Yuriy Berin

Physical Education: Cheryl Hotaling

Science: Frank Parisi

Social Studies: Bryan Satterlee

Special Education: Kathy Bisceglia

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board accepted the **resignation** of **Eric Lewis** from the position of **Science Teacher** at the Watervliet Junior-Senior High School, effective **September 14, 2008**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board adopted the following **goals for the 2008/2009 school year**, as developed by the Board of education and recommended by the Superintendent:

1. Achieve Annual Yearly Progress in all areas of New York State Assessments as set by the New York State Department of Education.
2. Increase the Watervliet Junior-Senior High School four year graduation rate.
3. Increase Scholastic Aptitude Test scores of all Watervliet City School District Students.
4. Successfully complete Phase I of current facilities improvement plan – specifically, the completion of the project at Watervliet Elementary School.

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

*RESOLVED that the Board hereby **appoints** Mr. Frank McGrouty as the **Voting Delegate** at the upcoming **NYSSBA Conference** in October.*

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Padalino welcomed the **new teachers** to the district.

Mr. Padalino noted that the new mission statement is the first **new mission statement** since 1998. He hopes it will be posted in many public places throughout the **community**.

Dave Wareing, Assistant Principal, Watervliet High School, was thanked for his involvement in the summer school program.

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 8:15 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.

bb