

*Watervliet City School District
Watervliet, New York*

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

DATE: *SEPTEMBER 16, 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

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

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. **Camille Dockstater** – 1304 3rd Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189 - thanked the staff for the **smooth transition** to the high school that her children experienced. She asked for **clarification** on the **policy** pertaining to **early dismissal**. Mr. Padalino will follow up with Ms. Dockstater.

Mr. **Bob Gusberti** – 1212 Hillside Drive, Watervliet, New York 12189 - requested a copy of the **survey maps**. Mr. Heid will follow up with Mr. Gusberti.

Mr. **Shawn Smeltzer**, 2322 12th Street, Watervliet, New York, 12189 - parent of two kindergarteners, questioned the **school supply list** provided to him. He was specifically concerned with the **request for cleaning supplies** on a teacher's wish list. Mrs. O'Brien will follow up with Mr. Smeltzer.

Ms. **Heather Soroka**, Co-President of the PTA, invited teachers, staff and Board members to **join the PTA**.

OLD BUSINESS

The **first reading** of the **revised Extracurricular Activity Eligibility Policy and Standards** was held. The second reading will occur at the next Board meeting on **October 21, 2008**. The Board will also vote on this policy at that time.

BOARD STAFF AND STUDENT REPORTS

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

Mrs. Yanni gave a **presentation** on the **Special Education Report**. She noted that they are always looking for parent members to join the Committee.

Grace Collette, Student Council Representative, thanked **Superintendent Padalino** for attending the last **Student Council meeting**. Ms. Collette noted that the **Student Council elections** will be held on **Tuesday, September 23, 2008**. Students were nominated last week and will be campaigning this week.

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Plan for Special Education**, submitted by Janelle Yanni, CSE Chair, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Minutes** of the meetings held **July 29, 2008** and **August 19, 2008**, submitted by Bernadette L. Boardman, Clerk of the Board, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Committee on Special Education's recommendations** for the meeting held **August 25, 2008**, submitted by Janelle Yanni, CSE Chair, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Committee on Pre-School Special Education's recommendations** for the meeting held **August 26, 2008**, submitted by Janelle Yanni, CSE Chair, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Treasurer's Report** for the month of **August 2008**, submitted by John Heid, Business Manager, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, 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 Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following **Bid Results** submitted by John Heid, Business Manager, as recommended by the Superintendent:

- **\$249,900.00** – MCW, Inc., **Custodial and Cleaning Services**.
- **\$1,395.14 per month** – Allied Waste Service, **Waste and Collection Services**.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Substitute Registry** submitted by **BOCES**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **accepted** the **resignation** of **Tiffany Anderson** from the position of **Teacher Assistant** at **Watervliet Elementary School** effective August 28, 2008, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **accepted** the **resignation** of **Jeryl Hess** from the position of **Cafeteria Worker** at **Watervliet Junior-Senior High School** effective August 27, 2008, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **accepted** the **resignation** of **Nathan DeLap** from the position of **Teacher Assistant** at **Watervliet Junior-Senior High School** effective August 25, 2008, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **accepted** the **resignation** of **Patrick Reedy** from the position of **Special Education Teacher** at **Watervliet Junior-Senior High School** effective August 22, 2008, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment** of **Paul Abate** to the position of **Living Environment Teacher** at the **Watervliet Junior-Senior High School**, for a probationary period beginning September 2, 2008 and ending September 2, 2011, at a Step V salary of \$38,062, plus master's degree and credit hours, as per contract, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment of Meredith Avery-McDonald** to the position of **School Social Worker** at the **Watervliet Elementary and Junior-Senior High Schools**, for a probationary period beginning September 22, 2008 and ending September 22, 2011, at a Step I salary of \$35,373, plus master's degree and credit hours, as per contract, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment of Kelly Baesen** to the position of **English Teacher** at the **Watervliet Junior-Senior High School**, for a probationary period beginning September 2, 2008 and ending September 2, 2011, at a Step IV salary of \$37,281, plus master's degree and credit hours, as per contract, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment of Terri Kehrley** to the position of **Special Education Teacher** at the **Watervliet Junior-Senior High School**, for a probationary period beginning September 2, 2008 and ending September 2, 2011, at a Step III salary of \$36,536, plus master's degree and credit hours, as per contract, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment of Daniel Mueller** to the position of **Special Education Teacher** at the **Watervliet Junior-Senior High School**, for a probationary period beginning September 2, 2008 and ending September 2, 2011, at a Step III salary of \$36,536, plus master's degree and credit hours, as per contract, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment of Sharon Collins** to the position of **Teacher Assistant** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, for a probationary period beginning September 2, 2008 and ending September 2, 2011, at an hourly rate of \$7.15, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment of Sandra Flanigan** to the position of **Cafeteria Monitor** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, for a probationary period beginning September 2, 2008 and ending September 2, 2011, at an hourly rate of \$7.15, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment of Kristen LaClaire** to the position of **Teacher Assistant** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, for a probationary period beginning September 2, 2008 and ending September 2, 2011, at an hourly rate of \$7.15, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment of Lisa LaJoy** to the position of **Teacher Assistant** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, for a probationary period beginning September 2, 2008 and ending September 2, 2011, at an hourly rate of \$7.15, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment of Jill O'Connell** to the probationary position of **Clerk Typist** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, at a pro-rated annual salary of \$21,000, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment of Scott O'Reilly** to the position of **Teacher Assistant** at the **Watervliet Junior-Senior High School**, for a probationary period beginning September 2, 2008 and ending September 2, 2011, at an hourly rate of \$7.15, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment of Carly Razzano** to the position of **Cafeteria Worker** at **Watervliet Junior-Senior High School**, for a probationary period beginning September 2, 2008 and ending September 2, 2011, at an hourly rate of \$7.15, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment of Michael Rausch** to the position of **Teacher Assistant** at the **Watervliet Junior-Senior High School**, for a probationary period beginning September 2, 2008 and ending September 2, 2011, at an hourly rate of \$7.15, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment of SandiLyn Rivet** to the position of **Teacher Assistant** at the **Watervliet Junior-Senior High School**, for a probationary period beginning September 2, 2008 and ending September 2, 2011, at an hourly rate of \$7.15 plus an additional stipend of \$.50 per hour for a four year Bachelor degree, pending receipt of official transcript, as per contract, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment of Ashleigh Rozell** to the position of **Teacher Assistant** at the **Watervliet Junior-Senior High School**, for a probationary period beginning September 2, 2008 and ending September 2, 2011, at an hourly rate of \$7.15, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment of Stephanie Spiak** to the position of **Teacher Assistant** at the **Watervliet Junior-Senior High School**, for a probationary period beginning September 2, 2008 and ending September 2, 2011, at an hourly rate of \$7.15, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment of Deborah Whited** to the position of **Cafeteria Worker** at **Watervliet Junior-Senior High School**, for a probationary period beginning September 2, 2008 and ending September 2, 2011, at an hourly rate of \$7.15, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment of Paul Abate and Jacquelyn Chiera** as **Co-Class Advisors** to the **Class of 2011**, at a salary of \$605.00 each, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment of Jessica Pedone and Megan Thouin** as **Co-Class Advisors** to the **Class of 2010**, at a salary of \$684.00 each, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment of Michael Echt** as **Advisor** of the **Environmental Club**, at a salary of \$725.00, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment of Lauryn Lloyd** as **Girls Intramurals Advisor for Grades 3 – 4**, at an hourly rate of \$16.52, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved **18 summer hours** for **Michelle Rosario** to photocopy correspondence and check and deliver classroom supplies at **Watervliet Elementary School**, at an hourly rate of \$7.58, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved **41 summer hours** for **Kelly Gilchrist** to check and deliver classroom supplies, assist with mass mailings of summer correspondence and assist in the coordination of student documents at **Watervliet Elementary School**, at an hourly rate of \$8.34, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **home schooling** request of Mr. Donald Rubino, for his son, Joseph Rubino, Grade 11, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **home schooling** request of Ms. Holly S. Larson, for her sons, Erik Larsen, Grade 11, and Anders Larsen, Grade 9, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board recognized **Christian Jones**, a freshman student at Watervliet Junior-Senior High School, for his summer attendance at the **2008 National Junior Leaders Conference, CSI Forensic Science**, as recommended by the Superintendent. Mrs. Neary-Hart presented Mr. Jones with a certificate of recognition.

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Padalino noted that the **Policy Manual** has not been updated since 1998. He will be consulting with the District's attorneys and NYSSBA in an effort to have it **reviewed and updated**.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Padalino **congratulated** the Administrators at both the Junior-Senior High School and Elementary School for a **nice opening** and a **smooth transition back to school**.

Mrs. Neary-Hart and Mr. Padalino each **congratulated Mr. McGrouty** for being honored at the **Kids Count Dinner** on Saturday, September 13, 2008.

Mrs. Neary-Hart noted that an **Athletic Hall of Fame** has been created. The **20 inductees** will be honored during half-time at the **Homecoming Football Game** on Saturday, October 4th and the following day at a **Gala Induction Ceremony** and Dinner at Michael's Banquet House in Latham.

Mr. Padalino asked **Mr. Wareing** to create a **Summer School Report**, to be presented at the next Board meeting.

Mr. McGrouty suggested conducting a **policy review** with **students** and **parents** in the future. He suggested a workshop-style format for the review.

Mrs. Chartrand commented on how **pleased** she is with the look of the **web site** and how it is always **up to date**.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **adjourned** the meeting at 7:50 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.