

Watervliet City School District
Watervliet, New York 12189

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

January 11, 2018

**5:30 P.M.*

Watervliet Jr.-Sr. High School

A G E N D A

- I. CALL TO ORDER** PRESIDENT, Sheri Senecal
- II. BOARD MEMBERS** PRESIDENT, Sheri Senecal
VICE PRESIDENT, Heather Soroka
Jeffrey Shellenberger
Mary Beth Whited
Steven Hoffman
- SUPERINTENDENT** Dr. Lori S. Caplan

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Recommend an executive session to discuss matters related to:
- potential litigation; and
 - the termination of a particular employee.

IV. RECONVENE

***At 5:30 p.m. it is anticipated that the Board will convene for an Executive Session. The regular, public meeting will begin immediately following adjournment from Executive Session.**

V. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

In accordance with Board Policy Number 2310, the privilege of speaking from the floor will be extended to any person in attendance. Persons desiring to speak shall be required to give their name and address and will be limited to three (3) minutes for their presentation. The time allowed each speaker may be adjusted by the chair. The speaker's privilege may also be terminated by the chair if found to be out of order.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. BOARD, STAFF AND STUDENT REPORTS

Use of Student Data & Professional Development Presentation Donald Stevens

First Reading of Revised Policies:

*Board of Education Members: Nomination and Election
Appointments and Designations by the Board of Education
Business of the Annual District Election
Family and Medical Leave Act*

VIII. GENERAL

1. Resolved that the Board **approve** the Board of Education Minutes for the meeting held **December 14, 2017**, submitted by Bernadette L. Boardman, Clerk of the Board, as recommended by the Superintendent.
2. Resolved that the Board **approve** the **Committee on Special Education's** recommendations for the meetings held **December 5, December 8, December 19 and December 22, 2017**, submitted by Janelle Yanni, CSE Chair, as recommended by the Superintendent.
3. Resolved that the Board **approve** the **Committee on Pre-School Special Education's** recommendations for the meetings held **December 11 and December 20, 2017**, submitted by Janelle Yanni, CPSE Chair, as recommended by the Superintendent.

4. Resolved that the Board approve the following **Treasurer's Reports** for the month of **November 2017**, submitted by Keith Heid, Business Manager, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Schedule of Warrants & Payrolls
Revenue Status Report
Cash & Investments
Appropriation Status Report

5. Resolved that the Board approve the **Corrective Action Plan**, prepared and submitted by Keith Heid, Business Manager, in response to the Watervliet City School District Independent Audit Report for the period ended June 30, 2017, by Teal, Becker & Chiramonte, as recommended by the Superintendent.
6. Resolved that the Board approve the **Proposed Amendments to the Contract Agreement Between the Superintendent of the Watervliet City School District and the Watervliet Teachers' Association**, as outlined in the attached, effective July 1, 2018, for the period of July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2026, as recommended by the Superintendent.
7. **WHEREAS:** the Board of Education has reviewed the terms of a proposed **Settlement Agreement** and General Release to resolve potential litigation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby approves the Settlement Agreement and General Release to resolve potential litigation related to Index No. 7354-17, and **authorizes** the **Superintendent** of Schools to **execute the agreement** on behalf of the District and to take any other necessary steps to implement the agreement.

8. Resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and review of all materials submitted, the Board hereby votes to **terminate** the probationary employment of Social Worker **Maria Westbrook-Mindel**, effective February 11, 2018. The Superintendent shall promptly notify the employee of this decision.
9. Resolved that the Board **accept** the **resignation** of **Andrew Lynch** from the position of **Home Tutor** for the **Watervliet City School District**, effective December 22, 2017, as recommended by the Superintendent.
10. Resolved that the Board **accept** the **resignation** of **Laura Abate** from the position of **ENL Teacher** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, effective January 15, 2018, as recommended by the Superintendent.

11. Resolved that the Board **accept** the **resignation** of **Georgeann Anderson** from the position of **Teaching Assistant** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, effective January 12, 2018, as recommended by the Superintendent.
12. Resolved that the Board **accept** the **resignation** of **Carissa Zuniga** from the position of **(0.6) Part-Time ENL Teacher** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, effective January 19, 2018, as recommended by the Superintendent.
13. Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board **approve** the **probationary appointment** of **Carissa Zuniga** to the position of **ENL Teacher**, at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, beginning January 22, 2018, at a Step 2 salary, plus Associate or Bachelor degree stipends, as per contract. The probationary period shall expire on January 22, 2022.
14. Resolved that the Board **approve** the **appointment** of **Sydney Slate** to the position of **Home Tutor**, for the **Watervliet City School District**, for a period effective January 2, 2018, at a rate of \$25.00 per hour, as recommended by the Superintendent.
15. Resolved that the Board approve the appointment of **Beth Lipson** to the position of **Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) Coordinator, at the Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School**, effective January 12, 2018, as recommended by the Superintendent.
16. Resolved that the Board approve the request for **Veronica Bedard**, to serve as an **Administrative Intern** for the Watervliet City School District during the 2017 – 2018 school year, or until the 800 hour requirement is met, as recommended by the Superintendent.
17. Resolved that the Board approve the addition of the following **new courses** at the Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School, as outlined in the attached, submitted by Kirsten DeMento, Director of Curriculum, as recommended by the Superintendent:
 - Introduction to Coding;
 - Independent Living 1 and 2;
 - Current Topics in STEM;
 - Introduction to Information Technology; and
 - Advertising.
18. Resolved that the Board accept, with thanks the **donation** of **several gift cards** from **Ted's Fish Fry**, to be used for the monthly gold card drawings, as recommended by the Superintendent.
19. Resolved that the Board recognize and thank **Kelli Fennen** for **adopting a Watervliet family** of six and **donating gifts** to the family for the holidays, as recommended by the Superintendent.

20. Resolved that the Board accept, with thanks the **donation of \$500.00 worth of clothing vouchers**, from **Clothe-A-Child**, to assist with clothing needs of students in the Watervliet City School District, as recommended by the Superintendent.
21. Resolved that the Board accept, with thanks the **donation of \$400.00 worth of gift cards** donated “In the Spirit of Christmas” by **Patrick Martone**, to support families of students in the Watervliet City School District, as recommended by the Superintendent.
22. Resolved that the Board recognize and thank **William Hisgen**, from **HD Supply Works**, for **adopting a Watervliet family** of five and **donating gifts** to the family for the holidays, as recommended by the Superintendent.
23. Resolved that the Board recognize and thank **Ronda Stevens**, from **Kohl’s Department Store**, for **adopting a Watervliet family** of five and **donating gifts** to the family for the holidays, as recommended by the Superintendent.
24. Resolved that the Board accept, with thanks the **donation of boxes of toys** from the **Watervliet Police Department**, to provide holiday gifts to district children, as recommended by the Superintendent.
25. Resolved that the Board **accept the Internal Claims Auditor Report** for the month of **December 2017**, submitted by Michaeleen Backus, as recommended by the Superintendent.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

XI. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: All district appointments are subject to fingerprint clearance by the NYS Education Department and verification of Permanent or Pending Certification by NYS.