

Watervliet City School District
Watervliet, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

DATE: January 15, 2008

TYPE OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

MEETING OPENED: 7:08 P.M.

WHERE: Watervliet Jr.-Sr. High School

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: PRESIDENT, Donna Neary-Hart
VICE PRESIDENT, Mark S. Scully
Christine Chartrand
Frank McGrouty

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT Virginia Mullaney

SUPERINTENDENT: Paul J. Padalino

STUDENT COUNCIL REP: Grace Collette

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Richard Fisher, Science teacher at WJSHS, asked if there were **completion dates** for the **construction projects**. Mr. Padalino said Phase 1 would be completed February 15 and then Phase 2 would be sent to the State Education Department for approval.

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Following the second reading of the *Grading System Policy* and *Student Progress Reports to Parents Policy*, a motion was made by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted to approve both these policies as recommended by the Superintendent. David Wareing, Assistant Principal, will provide copies of his power- point presentation on these policies to the Superintendent and members of the Board.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the Board of Education **minutes** for the meeting held **December 18, 2007**, submitted by Carol Aussicker, 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 following **Treasurer's Reports** for the month of **December 2007**, submitted by John Heid, Business Manager, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Schedule of Warrants & Payrolls
Revenue Status Report
Cash & Investments
Budgetary Transfers

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **transportation contract** between the Watervliet City School District and the **Maplewood-Colonie** Common School District, at a cost of \$48,253.00 to Maplewood-Colonie Common School District, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved thirty-one regular school **Special Education transportation** contract extensions for 2007-08, between **Star & Strand** and the Watervliet City School District, at a cost of \$994,632.00, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the 2007/08 regular school transportation contract extension between **Folmsbee Transportation** and the Watervliet City School District, at a cost of \$276,146.00, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the appointment of **Carol Aussicker** and **John Heid** as **Election Registrars** for the Watervliet City School District, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the designation of Watervliet Jr.-Sr. High School as the **Registration location** February 12, 2008, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following **payment requests**, submitted by John Heid, Business Manager, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Watervliet CSD Addition & Alterations

<i>Eastern Building</i>	<i>Application #7</i>	<i>\$ 47,559.75</i>
<i>T. Lemme Mechanical</i>	<i>Application #7</i>	<i>\$ 47,138.50</i>
<i>B.P. Donegan, Inc.</i>	<i>Invoice Dated 11/30/07</i>	<i>\$ 4,040.14</i>
<i>B.P. Donegan, Inc.</i>	<i>Invoice Dated 11/30/07</i>	<i>5,678.50</i>

Construction Trailer

<i>Williams Scotsman</i>	<i>12/27/07 – 1/26/08</i>	<i>345.00</i>
<i>Time Warner</i>	<i>1/02/08 – 2/01/08</i>	<i>201.50</i>
<i>Verizon</i>	<i>12/16/07 – 1/15/08</i>	<i>104.09</i>
<i>Crystal Rock</i>	<i>December 2007</i>	<i>10.10</i>

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Committee on Pre-School Special Education**'s recommendations for the meeting held December 19, 2007, submitted by Janelle Yanni, CPSE Chair, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Committee on Special Education**'s recommendations for the meetings held December 17 and 20, 2007, submitted by Janelle Yanni, CSE Chair, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, 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 Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the Watervliet City School District's **Computer Systems Recovery Plan**, as submitted by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following **appointments** to spring **coaching positions**, submitted by Richard Cowles, Athletic Director, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Frank Parisi Varsity Girls' Softball
Eric Lewis J.V. Girls' Softball

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **maternity leave** request of **Christina Ortloff**, Speech/Language Teacher, from approximately March 14, 2008, to June 9, 2008, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **resignation** request of **Michael Burke** as Hall Monitor, WJSHS, effective December 21, 2008, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Donna Neary-Hart and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following **appointments**:

IRENE MCCANN

Position: **Food Service Worker**
(From Part-time to Full-time)
Location: WES
Effective Date: December 1, 2007
Salary: \$ 7.15 Hour
Benefits: No

MICHELLE ROSARIO

Position: **Hall Monitor**
Location: WES
Effective Date: January 16, 2008
Salary: \$ 7.15 Hour
Benefits: Full
(New Position)

SHIWAN PARKER

Position: **Hall Monitor**
Location: WJSHS
Effective Date: January 16, 2008
Salary: \$ 7.15 Hour
Benefits: Full
(Replace Michael Burke)

NATHAN DELAP

Position: **Teacher Assistant**
Location: WJSHS
Effective Date: January 16, 2008
Salary: \$ 7.15 Hour
Benefits: Full
(Replace Anne Matott)

MORGAN ANNE G. MYOTT

Position: **Psychologist, Part-Time (.6)**
Location: **WES & WJSHS**
Grades: **K-12**
Effective Date: **January 28, 2008**
Step: **1**
Masters Degree: **May 2005**
Credit Hours: **66**
Certification Area: **Psychology**
Prior Tenure: **No**
(Replace Daniel Walters)

KATHLEEN STRANGIS

Position: **Reading Coordinator/Director UPK**
Location: **WES**
Effective Date: **January 22, 2008**
Salary: **\$ 65,000 Pro-Rated**
Benefits: **Full**
Step: **1**
Masters Degree: **Yes - Reading**
Prior Tenure: **Elem: Pre-K – 6, Brooklyn, NY - 1993**
(Replace Lara Horton)

DONNA CUSACK

Position: **Long-Term Sub (Maternity Leave)**
Location: **WES**
Effective Date: **Approx. Feb. 13, 2008 – June 1, 2008**
Salary: **\$ 170 per diem**
(Maternity leave for Sara Bammert)

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board recognized the **donation** of **twenty baskets** of personal care items to **St. Joseph's Homeless Shelter**, sponsored by the fifth and sixth grade students at Watervliet **Elementary School**, with items being donated by **families** of **WES students**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Mark Scully, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **resignation** of **Lori Genito**, Guidance Counselor at WJSHS, effective January 21, 2008, as recommended by the Superintendent

ADDENDUM ITEMS:

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following **appointment**, as recommended by the Superintendent:

DAVID OLSZEWSKI

Position:	Guidance Counselor
Location:	WJSHS
Effective Date:	February 25, 2008
Type of Appointment:	Probationary
Salary:	\$ 41,113 (Pro-Rated)
Benefits:	Full
Step:	6
Masters Degree:	Yes – School Counseling
Credit Hours:	60
Prior Tenure:	No
(Replace Lori Genito)	

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **home schooling** request of Patricia Chant, for her son Tyler Ray Price, a ninth grade student, as recommended by the Superintendent.

NEW BUSINESS

Board President Donna Neary-Hart noted the Board held a meeting the end of December, at which they signed a **new contract** with the **Superintendent**, extending his contract for five years. She stated the contract is posted on the school website.

The Superintendent explained the **NYS audit** process for those in attendance.

There will be a **Facilities Meeting** Wednesday, January 16, at 6:00 P.M., followed by a Budget Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Policy meeting dates will now be posted on the **website**.

Ms. Lori Caplan congratulated all who took part in the **Poetry Out Loud** Contest held recently at WJSHS.

The WES Annual **Spelling Bee** will be held January 30, 2008, at 1:30 P.M., at WES.

The **Snow Ball**, sponsored by the Student Council, will be held February 15th at St. Basil's Hall in Maplewood.

The **Talent Show**, sponsored by the Student Council, will be held in April.

Richard Fisher thanked **Lori Genito** for her work at WJSHS and wished her luck in her new venture.

The **Agenda** and **Minutes** of Board Meetings will now be posted on the school **website**. The Agenda will be posted prior to the meeting and the Minutes will post following Board approval at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **adjourned** the meeting at 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carol A. Aussicker
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.