

*Watervliet City School District
Watervliet, New York*

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

DATE: *OCTOBER 21, 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: Marissa Pownall, Public Relations

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

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. **Bob Gusberti** – 1212 Hillside Drive, Watervliet, New York 12189 – commented on a recent article in the Times Union about increased collaboration between community colleges and local high schools. The goal is to reduce the number of students who either never arrive to college after acceptance or who drop out once they enroll.

OLD BUSINESS

The **second reading** of the **revised Extracurricular Activity Eligibility Policy and Standards** was held.

Superintendent Padalino discussed the options presented by NYSCOSS for reviewing and updating the **Policy Manual**. He will contact Erie BOCES to discuss their services.

BOARD STAFF AND STUDENT REPORTS

Matthew McDonough, from **CSArch**, gave an **update** on the school district renovation project.

Mr. Wareing gave a **presentation** on the **2008 Summer School Program**. He thanked Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. DeMento, Mrs. Strangis and Mrs. Yanni for their hard work.

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **revised Extracurricular Activity Eligibility Policy and Standards**, effective November 17, 2008, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the Board of Education Minutes for the meetings held **July 1, 2008, September 16, 2008** and **September 29, 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 meetings held **September 18, 2008** and **September 24, 2008**, submitted by Janelle Yanni, CPSE 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 **September 17, 2008**, submitted by Janelle Yanni, CPSE Chair, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Treasurer's Reports** for the month of **September 2008**, submitted by John Heid, Business Manager, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand 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 Christine Chartrand 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 Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the proposed **pay increase** for **tutors** from an hourly rate of \$20.00 to \$25.00, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **accepted** the **resignation** of **Erin T. Codd** from the position of **Special Education Teacher** at **Watervliet Elementary School** effective November 5, 2008, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **accepted** the **resignation** of **Christopher W. Lee** from the position of **Teacher Assistant, Attendance Office** at **Watervliet Junior-Senior High School** effective December 19, 2008, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **Ann M. Keefer** to the position of **Substitute Teacher Assistant** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, beginning October 14, 2008 at an hourly rate of \$7.15, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **Jennifer McBain** to the position of **Teacher Assistant** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, for a probationary period beginning October 14, 2008 and ending October 14, 2011, at an hourly rate of \$7.40, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **Molly E. Fanning** to the position of **Home Tutor** for the **Watervliet City School District**, beginning October 21, 2008, at an hourly rate of \$25.00, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **Margaret Repicky** to the position of **Home Tutor** for the **Watervliet City School District**, beginning October 21, 2008, at an hourly rate of \$25.00, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of the following staff to the position of **Homework Club Monitor** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, for the 2008 – 2009 school year, at an hourly rate of \$16.52, as recommended by the Superintendent:

- Shannon Quinlivan
- Jennifer Swyer
- Andrea DeLollo
- Don Stevens
- Lauryn Lloyd
- Meghan McGrouty
- Kelly Collins
- Cristi Green
- Krista Graham
- Debbie Shevy

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of the following staff to the position of **After School AIS Teacher** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, for the 2008 – 2009 school year, at an hourly rate of \$24.45, as recommended by the Superintendent:

- Michele Deguire
- Jennifer Rogowski
- Alison Reynolds
- Lisa LaJoy
- Kristen LaClaire
- Sharon Foglia
- Kimberly Tallmadge
- Toni DeFilippo
- Jennifer Meehan
- Samantha McCabe
- Jennifer Salvi

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **maternity leave** request for **Melissa Kussler**, effective April 9, 2009 through the rest of the 2008 – 2009 school year, to return at the start of the 2009 – 2010 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **home schooling** request of Matthew and Deborah Tremblay for their son, Jacob Tremblay, Grade 5, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **accepted**, with thanks, the following gifts and donations to the Athletic Department, as recommended by the Superintendent:

- **\$1,500 donation** from **Vicky DiMura** and **John Fisher** in memory of their son, **David Fisher**, to be used toward the purchase of travel warm-up suits for the **football program**.
- **\$750 donation** from the **Verizon Foundation** and **Mary Beth Whited**, to be used toward the purchase of travel warm-up suits for the **football program**.
- **\$650 donation** from the **Dad's Club**, to be used toward the purchase of travel suits for the **boy's basketball program**.
- **\$200 donation** from the **Ladies Auxiliary**, to be used toward the purchase of pants for the **modified football team**.
- **\$125 donation** from the **Dad's Club**, to be used toward the purchase of pants for the **modified football team**.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **excision** of approximately 35 **outdated computers/monitors** and **two printers** and approved the **donation** of those that can be refurbished to the **Watervliet Housing Authority**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **excision** of **outdated shop equipment** deemed to be broken, irreparable and inappropriate for use by children, and approved the **disposal** of the equipment to a metal junkyard, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **recognized** the **Watervliet High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee Members** for all of the time and hard work each of them put into developing the Hall of Fame, as recommended by the Superintendent.

NEW BUSINESS

Marissa Pownall, Student Council Public Relations, noted plans are in the works for **Talent Show**. Ms. Pownall also noted that the Student Council will hold a **Holiday Food Drive** during the first three weeks of December. More information on both activities is forthcoming.

Superintendent Padalino noted that the District is halfway through the entire construction project.

Mr. Padalino reported that he attended the **NYSSBA Conference** October 16 – 18 with Mr. Scully, Mr. McGrouty and Mrs. Mullaney.

Superintendent Padalino thanked Mr. Cowles for all of the time and hard work he put into developing the **Watervliet High School Athletic Hall of Fame**.

Mr. Padalino shared the positive feedback he received from staff conducting the **Comptroller's audit** of the District's **nutritional program**. A report is forthcoming.

Superintendent Padalino read a proclamation in honor of **School Board Recognition Week**. He thanked the Board members for their service and dedication.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Bob Gusberti – 1212 Hillside Drive, Watervliet, New York 12189 – said he likes the microphones and wishes the audience would use them when they make comments from the floor.

Mr. Cowles noted that the **Hall of Fame** will be forming a **non-profit 503(b) corporation**. Led by a Board of Directors, the corporation could apply for grant monies and explore options for a life insurance program. Mr. Cowles reported that the Hall of Fame received a **\$10,000.00 pledge** at the Hall of Fame Induction Dinner. In addition, two pledges for **planned gifts** and **\$5,000.00** in donations toward the purchase of a \$10,000.00 bronze statue were also received.

ADJOURNMENT

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