

Watervliet City School District
Watervliet, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

DATE: *MARCH 17, 2009*

TYPE OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

MEETING OPENED: 7:11 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 Collett

The meeting was opened at 7:11 P.M., with President Donna Neary-Hart officiating.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Bob Gusberti – 1212 Hillside Drive, Watervliet, New York 12189 – noted how **fantastic** the **Lady Cannoneers** played this season.

Mr. Pete Strand invited the Board of Education to stop by the gymnasium this Friday to watch the students **square dance**. Mr. Strand thanked Mr. Cowles for securing Mr. Finney's services, noting that the students enjoy the square dancing.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to be discussed.

BOARD STAFF AND STUDENT REPORTS

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

Mr. Richard Cowles provided the Board with a draft copy of the District's **Physical Education Plan**. The plan will be finalized by June.

Mr. Joseph Facin and **Jamal A. McPherson**, grade 11, gave a presentation on the **Sports Medicine/Training Room** the students designed using AutoCAD.

Mr. Matt Saucier gave a presentation with 7th graders **Travis Hogan** and **Joshua Sawyer**. The 7th grade students designed and built a portable 18-hole miniature golf course, which will be integrated into the Jr. – Sr. High School's physical education program.

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

On a motion by Virginia Mullaney, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the Board of Education Minutes for the meeting held **February 10, 2009**, submitted by Bernadette L. Boardman, Clerk of the Board, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Virginia Mullaney, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Committee on Special Education's** recommendations for the meetings held **February 24, 2009, February 26, 2009, March 3, 2009, March 4, 2009** and **March 5, 2009**, submitted by Janelle Yanni, CPSE Chair, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Virginia Mullaney, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Committee on Pre-School Special Education's** recommendations for the meetings held **February 11, 2009** and **March 4, 2009**, submitted by Janelle Yanni, CPSE Chair, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Virginia Mullaney, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Treasurer's Reports** for the month of **February 2009**, submitted by John Heid, Business Manager, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Virginia Mullaney, 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 Virginia Mullaney, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Substitute Registry** submitted by **BOCES**, as recommended by the Superintendent (packets #18, #19, #20 and #21).

On a motion by Virginia Mullaney, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **maternity leave** request for **Jennifer L. McBain**, effective March 30, 2009 through June 21, 2009, to return on June 22, 2009, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Virginia Mullaney, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **termination** of **Irene McCann** from the position of **Food Service Worker** at the **Watervliet Elementary School** effective February 12, 2009, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Virginia Mullaney, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **termination** of **Carly Razzano** from the position of **Food Service Worker** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, effective February 5, 2009, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Virginia Mullaney, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **termination** of **April Rogers** from the position of **Cafeteria Monitor** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, effective February 11, 2009, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Virginia Mullaney, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **Melissa DeGraw** to the position of **English Teacher** at the **Watervliet Junior-Senior High School**, for a probationary period beginning March 16, 2009 and ending March 16, 2012, 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 Virginia Mullaney, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **Hollis Milark** to the position of **Long-Term Substitute Self-Contained Special Education Teacher, Grades 7-8**, at the **Watervliet Junior-Senior High School**, effective April 20, 2009, at a per diem rate of \$170, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Virginia Mullaney, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **Charles Dunham** to the position of **Substitute Teacher Assistant** at the **Watervliet Junior – Senior High School**, effective March 10, 2009, at an hourly rate of \$7.65, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Virginia Mullaney, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **Kim Munhall** to the permanent position of **Clerk Typist** at the **Watervliet Junior – Senior High School**, effective March 17, 2009, at a pro-rated annual salary of \$21,000, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Virginia Mullaney, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **Jill O’Connell** to the permanent position of **Clerk Typist** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, effective March 17, 2009, at a pro-rated annual salary of \$21,000, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **motion to amend** the wording to item #16 on the agenda to read as follows:

16. Resolved that the Board approve the **appointment** of **Christina Daniels** to the position of **Cafeteria Monitor** at **Watervliet Elementary School** beginning March 18, 2009 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 **motion to amend** the wording to item #17 on the agenda to read as follows:

17. Resolved that the Board approve the **appointment** of **Janice Fiacco** to the position of **Food Service Worker** at **Watervliet Junior – Senior High School** beginning March 11, 2009 at an hourly rate of \$7.15, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **Christina Daniels** to the position of **Cafeteria Monitor** at **Watervliet Elementary School** beginning March 18, 2009 at an hourly rate of \$7.15, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **Janice Fiacco** to the position of **Food Service Worker** at **Watervliet Junior – Senior High School** beginning March 11, 2009 at an hourly rate of \$7.15, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **Daniel Mueller** to the position of **Before School Government/Economics Teacher** at the **Watervliet Junior – Senior High School** for six hours per week, beginning March 3, 2009, at an hourly rate of \$24.45, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of the following parents to the **CSE and CPSE Committees**, as recommended by the Superintendent:

- Danelle Danzy
- Nicole Rohenaz
- Carleen Legault
- Regina Ruchel
- Michelle Rosario

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **motion to amend** the wording to item #20 on the agenda to read as follows:

20. Resolved that the Board approve the **appointment** of the following volunteers for the **2009 Spring Sport season**, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Girls' Softball Program

- Pat Blum

Boys' and Girls' Track Program

- Jeremy Eveleth
- Chris Carpentier

Boys' Baseball Program

- Mike Robins
- Keith Halabuda
- Mark Spain
- Mike Durocher
- Don McManus

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of the following volunteers for the **2009 Spring Sport season**, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Girls' Softball Program

- Pat Blum

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On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Mark Scully and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **creation** of an **Honors Science 8 Course** for the 2009 – 2010 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board accepted with thanks, the **\$750 donation** from the **Verizon Foundation** and **Mary Beth Whited** to the **Character Education program**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

NEW BUSINESS

Donna Neary-Hart announced that the third **Budget Hearing** will be held on **April 2, 2009** at 6:30 p.m. in the library at the Elementary School.

Ms. Caplan noted that the Jr. – Sr. High School will be presenting a production of **Les Miserables** the weekend of April 17, 2009. **Donna Neary-Hart** volunteered to help where needed.

Grace Collett reported that the **Student Council** will be hosting a **Talent Show** on May 7, 2009. She also reported that they are looking into having a **Battle of the Bands** in addition to another possible event in June. More information will be forthcoming.

Mark Scully suggested assigning the current **Alma Mater** to a class to research the its' history. Mr. Scully also suggested putting the proposed Alma Mater to a public vote during the May election.

Superintendent Padalino shared two **options** he received from **3M** to address the **window** situation at the Jr. – Sr. High School. The samples range from \$7.00 to \$9.00 per square foot. Mr. Padalino will look into whether 3M will put one of each of the samples in classrooms for free to test and compare each option.

Mr. Padalino also shared information on the **School Improvement Plan**, noting that all students **met** their **Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)** in the 07 – 08 school year. If all students again meet their AYP in 08 – 09, WCSD can be removed from the SINI list.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Bob Gusberti – 1212 Hillside Drive, Watervliet, New York 12189 – suggested looking into **blinds** as an alternative to the 3M film covering for the windows.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Donna Neary-Hart, seconded by Virginia Mullaney and unanimously accepted, the Board **adjourned** the meeting at 8:03 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.