

Watervliet City School District
Watervliet, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

DATE: September 20, 2011

TYPE OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

MEETING OPENED: 6:05 P.M.

WHERE: Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President, Mark W. Scully
Vice President, Christine Chartrand
Jeffrey Clermont
Jennifer Donovan
Frank McGrouty

SUPERINTENDENT: Dr. Paul J. Padalino

The meeting was opened at 6:05 P.M., with President Mark Scully officiating.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Jennifer Donovan, seconded by Frank McGrouty and unanimously accepted, the Board entered into executive session at 6:05 p.m. to discuss an appeal of a student's suspension.

On a motion by Jennifer Donovan, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board adjourned executive session at 7:17 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Bob Gusberti – 1212 Hillside Drive, Watervliet, NY 12189 – commented about an article in the newspaper regarding the sportsmanship in football.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to be discussed.

BOARD STAFF AND STUDENT REPORTS

Janelle Yanni	<i>Special Education Plan</i> Presentation
Kirsten DeMento	<i>3-8 ELA/Math State Test Results</i> Presentation
Sergeant Mark Spain & Theresa O'Brien	<i>School Resource Officer</i> Presentation

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the Board of Education Minutes for the meetings held **August 23, 2011**, submitted by Bernadette L. Boardman, Clerk of the Board, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Committee on Pre-School Special Education's** recommendations for the meeting held **August 23, 2011**, submitted by Janelle Yanni, CPSE Chair, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Treasurer's Reports** for the month of **August, 2011**, submitted by Diane Malecki, School Business Administrator, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **payment requests**, submitted by Diane Malecki, School Business Administrator, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Independent Internal Audit Report, Annual Risk Assessment as of June 2011**, prepared by Bonadio & Co., LLP, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **OPEB Actuarial Valuation as of July 1, 2010**, prepared by John Robinson, Chief Actuary for Capital Region BOCES, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Special Education Plan** for the 2011 – 2012 school year, as submitted by Janelle Yanni, Director of Special Education, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Annual Professional Performance Review Plan** for the 2011 – 2012 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **Substitute Registry** submitted by **BOCES**, as recommended by the Superintendent (packets #3 and #4).

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **creation** of four **NovaNet Program Teacher** positions at the Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School, for one hour per week, per position, for up to 40 weeks, at an hourly rate as per contract, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **accepted** the **resignation** of **Francesca LoGiudice** from the position of **Literacy Coach** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, effective October 17, 2011, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **accepted** the **resignation** of **John Heid** from the position of **Interim Treasurer** for the Watervliet City School District, effective October 14, 2011, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **accepted** the **resignation** of **Diane Malecki** from the position of **District Treasurer** for the Watervliet City School District, effective October 14, 2011, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **accepted** the **resignation** of **Jennifer Dugan** from the position of **Purchasing Agent** for the Watervliet City School District, effective October 14, 2011, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **accepted** the **retirement request** of **Audrey Courcelle** from the position of **Teacher Aide** at the Watervliet Elementary School, effective August 31, 2011, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **accepted** the **retirement request** of **Cathy Fruscio** from the position of **Teacher Aide** at the Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School, effective August 22, 2011, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **accepted** the **resignation** of **Samantha Nazarian** from the position of **Teaching Assistant** at the Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School, effective August 25, 2011, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **accepted** the **resignation** of **Aseba Harris** from the position of **Instructional Coach** at the Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School, effective August 24, 2011, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the two week extension of **maternity leave** for **Roni Updyke**, effective September 16, 2011 through October 4, 2011, to return October 5, 2011, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved three additional days of summer work**, for **Mrs. Alison Novotarski**, Watervliet City School District Media Specialist, at her 2011-2012 per diem rate, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved five additional days of summer work**, for a total of eight additional days, for **Mrs. Francesca LoGiudice**, Watervliet Elementary School Literacy Coach, at her 2011-2012 per diem rate, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **Janel Dievendorf** to the position of **Teaching Assistant** at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School**, for a probationary period beginning September 6, 2011 and ending September 6, 2014, at a Step 1 hourly rate of \$9.50, plus Associate and Bachelor degree stipends, as per contract, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **Jeffrey DiPaola** to the position of **Teaching Assistant** at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School**, for a probationary period beginning September 6, 2011 and ending September 6, 2014, at a Step 1 hourly rate of \$9.50, plus Associate and Bachelor degree stipends, as per contract, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **Katie Serfilippi** to the position of **Teaching Assistant** at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School**, for a probationary period beginning September 6, 2011 and ending September 6, 2014, at a Step 1 hourly rate of \$9.50, plus Associate and Bachelor degree stipends, as per contract, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **Rosa George** to the position of **Hall Monitor**, at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School**, for a probationary period beginning September 7, 2011 and ending September 7, 2012, at an hourly rate of \$8.74, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **Arpy S. Ernest** to the position of **Part-Time School District Treasurer**, for the **Watervliet City School District**, beginning October 17, 2011, at an hourly rate of \$28.85, not to exceed 20 hours per week, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **John Heid** as **Accounting Consultant** for the **Watervliet City School District**, beginning October 17, 2011, through January 31, 2012, at an hourly rate of \$69.35, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **Jennifer DelSignore** to the position of **Lunch Monitor**, at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, for a probationary period beginning September 7, 2011 and ending September 7, 2012, at an hourly rate of \$7.25, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **Elizabeth Waterbury** to the position of **Substitute Cafeteria Worker**, at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, for a probationary period beginning September 6, 2011 and ending September 6, 2012, at an hourly rate of \$7.25, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **Janeen Schoonmaker** to the position of **Buddy Program Advisor** at the **Watervliet Junior-Senior High School**, effective September 21, 2011 – June 30, 2012, at a pro-rated stipend of \$683.00, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **Diane Malecki** to the position of **Purchasing Agent** for the Watervliet City School District effective October 14, 2011, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of the following **Coaches** for the **2011 – 2012** school year, at a rate as per contract, as recommended by the Superintendent:

WATERVLIET JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Coaching:

Scott O'Reilly – Boys' JV Baseball
Mark Spain – Boys' Modified Baseball
Nick Tambolleo – Boys' Modified "B" Basketball

Volunteer:

Dave Havnen – Boys' Basketball Fundraising

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **Victoria Eddy-Heleneck** to the position of **Chemical Hygiene Officer** at the **Watervliet Junior-Senior High School**, effective July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012, at a stipend of \$1,366.00, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **appointment** of **Ashleigh Rozelle** to the position of **Transition Leader** for the **7th Grade Orientation/Preparation Summer Program** at the Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School, at a per diem as per contract, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jeffrey Clermont and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** the **home schooling** request of Holly Larson for her son, Anders Larson, Grade 12, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Frank McGrouty, seconded by Jennifer Donovan and unanimously accepted, the Board **tabled** the **One-Year Extension of Probationary Period** for **Jacqueline Chiera**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Jeffrey Clermont, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **accepted**, with thanks, the **donation** of **\$2,500.00**, from **The Giants Foundation, Inc.**, to Watervliet students and their respective football associations, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Jeffrey Clermont, seconded by Christine Chartrand and unanimously accepted, the Board **accepted**, with thanks, the **donation** of notebooks and pencils, from the parents of **Megan Thouin**, Business and Marketing Teacher, to Watervliet students, as recommended by the Superintendent.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Padalino thanked the students, teachers and administrators for a successful **opening day** of school.

Dr. Padalino noted that the **transportation** change has worked out very well and students are arriving to school earlier, allowing them time to eat and get ready for their first class.

Dr. Padalino also noted that **Meet the Teacher Night** at the Elementary School was a success.

Dr. Padalino welcomed **Craig Clark** and **Judy Frost** to the District. They will be replacing Jill Aurora as the District's Communications Specialists.

Dr. Padalino suggested that everyone take a look at “**Keepin’ it Real**” by student athlete Antoine Johnson, on the Times Union web site.

Dr. Padalino expressed his gratitude for the **School Resource Officer** program.

Dr. Padalino noted that he would like to continue exploring the **Building Project** options presented by **CSArch** at the August 23, 2011 Board meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Dr. Caplan thanked the teachers, students and staff for a seamless first few weeks of school and expressed gratitude for the new bussing situation and cafeteria.

Dr. Caplan noted that the **Jr. – Sr. High School Meet the Teacher Night** will be Thursday, September 22, 2011 at the Dome.

Mr. Bob Gusberti – 1212 Hillside Drive, Watervliet, NY 12189 – inquired about where he could find out more information about the potential **Building Project**.

Mrs. O’Brien thanked staff for a great opening of the school year.

Mrs. O’Brien thanked the Board for their support with the facilities and gave kudos to the new cleaning company.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Christine Chartrand, seconded by Jennifer Donovan and unanimously accepted, the Board **adjourned** the meeting at 7:51 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.