

Waterford Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
March 15, 2007  
Great Neck Elementary School  
165 Great Neck Road  
Waterford, CT 06385

PRESENT: Mr. Brunelle, Mr. Egan, Mrs. McCarty, Mrs. Nazarchyk and Mrs. Ogden

ABSENT: Mr. Benoit, Mr. Blevins, Mrs. Cairns, and Mr. Taglianetti

STAFF: Dr. Michael Seroussi, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Rosenfield, Director of Special Services; Mr. Jay Miner, Director of Buildings & Grounds; Mrs. Cumming, Administrative Assistant; Mrs. Masterjoseph, Director of Curriculum; Mr. Powers, Principal, Great Neck Elementary School; Dr. Dexter, Principal, Cohanzie Elementary School; Mrs. Fedor, Principal, Southwest Elementary School; Mrs. Macione, Principal, Oswegatchie Elementary School; Mr. Lovetere, Principal, Clark Lane Middle School; and Mr. Macrino, Principal, Waterford High School

LIAISON/TOWN AGENCIES: Mr. Daniel Steward, First Selectman, Mrs. Shoemaker, WFCT President

Mrs. McCarty called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

On behalf of Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, Mrs. Sharon Hightower, Ledyard Board of Education Chairwoman and co-director for CABA Region 9 presented the Board with the 2006 Award of Excellence in Education Communication for its annual budget. Mrs. Kathleen McCarty accepted the award on behalf of the Board of Education.

First Selectman Dan Steward presented board members with Certificates of Appreciation for their service on the Board of Education. Mrs. McCarty read aloud a letter of recognition from Dr. Collins who could not be present at the meeting.

Dr. Seroussi introduced visitors and guests.

Motion: That the Waterford Board of Education approves the consent agenda consisting of: Minutes of February 7, 2007 Special Meeting; Minutes of February 15, 2007 Regular Meeting; Financial Report for February 2007; and Food Service Report for January 2007.  
Nazarchyk, Egan—Unanimous

Dr. Seroussi reported on a recent presentation on the Dual Language Arts Academy, a middle school magnet program for students from Waterford and New London scheduled to open in the fall of 2007 at the B.P. Learned Mission on Shaw Street in New London. Instruction will be in both English and Spanish in order to support the learning of the students' second language while refining their native language. Instruction will also utilize the arts as a vehicle for linking the academic disciplines.

*Pending Consent Agenda Approval*

Physical Education teachers reviewed the Connecticut Physical Fitness Assessment with students demonstrating the components of the test including modified sit and reach, partial curl-ups, right angle push-ups, one mile run/walks and body mass index. Curl-ups and push-ups are performed to a cadence of one complete repetition every 3 seconds. Goals are based on gender and age of the students.

Mrs. McCarty called a brief recess at 8:15 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:24 p.m. Mrs. Nazarchyk offered a committee report for Youth Services Bureau. The skateboard park proposal was approved by the Board of Selectmen and will go to Board of Finance and RTM for review. A spaghetti supper fundraiser is planned for March 23 at the Community Center, proceeds will benefit Waterford Week fireworks display. Mrs. McCarty reported that the Waterford Education Foundation and Youth Services Bureau will sponsor an appearance by Bob Bigelow at the Waterford Public Library on March 26.

Mrs. McCarty reviewed Policy 1324, Solicitation of Funds by School Groups, Booster Clubs or Parent Groups. The policy received first reading at the February meeting. Mr. Brunelle suggested including an explanation for the acronyms (i.e., OSO, PTA, PTO) in the policy.

Motion: That the Waterford Board of Education approves and adopts Policy 1324, Solicitation of Funds by School Groups, Booster Clubs or Parent Groups.  
Nazarchyk, Ogden—Unanimous

Mrs. Masterjoseph offered a brief review of the Physical Education curriculum for grades K through 12. Brief discussion followed on extending Phys. Ed. requirement for high school students beyond two years, and encouraging students to participate in lifetime sports (i.e., tennis, volleyball, golf, etc.).

Motion: That the Waterford Board of Education approves and adopts the Physical Education Curriculum, grades K through 12, 2007-2014.  
Nazarchyk, Brunelle—Unanimous

Mrs. McCarty opened discussion on request for Leave of Absence from Mrs. Jan Hybel. The request was for one academic year (2007-08).

Motion: That the Waterford Board of Education approves a Leave of Absence request from Mrs. Jan Hybel for the 2007-08 academic year.  
Ogden, Egan—Unanimous

Motion: That the Waterford Board of Education adjourns its regular meeting at 8:41 p.m.  
Ogden, Brunelle—Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Jody Nazarchyk  
Secretary