

WATERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

March 16, 2006

15 Rope Ferry Road

Waterford, CT

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

ABSENT: Mr. Blevins

STAFF: Dr. Collins, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Curran, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Lowther, Director of Human Resources; Mrs. Rosenfield, Director of Special Services; Mrs. Cumming, Administrative Assistant; Mr. DeRay, Business Manager; Mr. Miner, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Mrs. Giordano, Interim Principal, Cohanzie Elementary School; Mr. Powers, Principal, Great Neck Elementary School; Dr. Dexter, Principal, Quaker Hill Elementary School; Mrs. Fedor, Principal, Southwest Elementary School; Mrs. Macione, Principal, Oswegatchie Elementary School; Mrs. Lynch, Interim Asst. Principal, Clark Lane Middle School; Mr. Ryan, Dean of Students, Mrs. Amanti, Assistant Principal, Waterford High School; Mrs. Masterjoseph, Director of Curriculum

LIAISON/TOWN AGENCIES: Mrs. Cawley, Mrs. Scillieri, WFCT; Mr. Powers, WASA; Mrs. Larder, Board of Finance; Mrs. Niedojadlo, Recreation & Parks Liaison; Ms. Wernau, reporter for Waterford Times

Mrs. McCarty established a quorum, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Collins introduced visitors and guests.

Mrs. McCarty called for questions or comments on the consent agenda.

Motion: That the Waterford Board of Education approves the consent agenda consisting of: February 16, 2006 regular meeting minutes, February financial report, and February food service report.
Nazarchyk, Brunelle—Unanimous

Dr. Collins reviewed correspondence received from Mr. Dembek, RTM member, and Mrs. Scheiber, Recreation and Parks Chairman, in support of a larger gym at Oswegatchie Elementary School. Dr. Collins explained that cost figures for a larger gym at Oswegatchie are being prepared and should be ready by the next meeting in April. At present, preliminary estimate is an additional \$370,000 plus soft costs, and loss of revenue due to excess square footage not reimbursable by the state. Mr. Benoit suggested that the item be included under new business for discussion and possible action, and that Mr. Dembek and Mrs. Scheiber be invited to attend.

Mrs. McCarty read a thank you note received from Mrs. Stidfole who was honored at the February meeting. Mrs. McCarty also reviewed correspondence from Representative Tom Reynolds, 42nd district, inviting board members to an informational forum on March 21 at Ledyard High School to discuss Education Cost Sharing and other funding issues. Mrs. McCarty offered information received from Senator Stillman on the Connecticut Invention Convention and an informational disk on a math symposium.

Dr. Collins reported that the School Building Committee will hold a special meeting on Monday, March 20 at 5 p.m. in lieu of its regular meeting on March 21. Dr. Collins announced that action will not be required on agenda item 8B, non-renewal of non-tenured teacher as a resignation letter has been received. Dr. Collins distributed an enrollment analysis with comparison to two reports by Dr. Chung. He also distributed a year to date consolidation summary outlining savings of \$953,723 due to declining enrollment, school consolidation and additional support reductions. Net support reductions due to the closing of Quaker Hill School amount to savings of \$112,941 resulting in a total educational budget for 2006-07 of \$36,849,574, or 3.82% over current year. Lastly, Dr. Collins distributed an update on Elementary Phased Consolidation and Redistricting prepared by HMA. The redistricting plan will be placed on the April agenda for board approval. As part of the redistricting, four fifth graders affected by the consolidation have been offered the opportunity to stay at Cohanzie next year with parents providing transportation to and from Cohanzie Elementary School.

Under Committee Reports, Mrs. Nazarchyk announced that Youth Service Bureau will sponsor a Community Celebration for Youth on March 29 at the Clark Lane Middle School field house, including a police vs. fire department basketball game. This Friday, March 17 is the "Raising of the Green" St. Patrick's Day celebration, funds from which will be used to restore Waterford Week fireworks. Mrs. McCarty announced the opportunity to showcase our youth at the next annual CABE/CAPSS convention. Mr. Curran reported on Waterford Education Foundation's support for a film festival at the Hygienic as well as a high school student art display. WEF is also hosting a forum on school and health issues on May 11; more information to follow.

In response to a question from Mr. Taglianetti regarding the budget reduction, Dr. Collins said it would require a board vote to reduce the budget by \$112,941 before bringing it to the Board of Finance on March 20th.

Motion: That the Waterford Board of Education amends its 2006-07 educational budget request by a reduction of \$112,941 to a total amount of \$36,849,574 or 3.82% increase over current year.
Nazarchyk, Benoit—Unanimous

Motion: That the Waterford Board of Education moves to Executive Session at 8:01 p.m. and invites Dr. Collins, Mr. Ryan and Mrs. Amanti to attend for the purpose of pupil-personnel matter.
Nazarchyk, Brunelle—Unanimous

The regular meeting resumed at 8:19 p.m.

Motion: That the Waterford Board of Education moves to expel Student A, who was the subject of executive session, for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year in accordance with the terms and conditions of the stipulated agreement.
Nazarchyk, Ogden—Unanimous

Motion: That the Waterford Board of Education moves to expel Student B, who was the subject of executive session, for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year in accordance with the terms and conditions of the stipulated agreement.
Nazarchyk, Taglianetti—Unanimous

Motion: That the Waterford Board of Education adjourns its regular meeting at 8:20 p.m.
Ogden, Brunelle—Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Jody Nazarchyk
Secretary

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