

WATERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
November 16, 2006
15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

- PRESENT: Mr. Benoit, Mr. Blevins, Mr. Brunelle, Mrs. Cairns, Mr. Egan, Mrs. Ogden, Mrs. McCarty, Mrs. Nazarchyk and Mr. Taglianetti
- STAFF: Dr. Collins, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Seroussi, Asst. Supt.; Mrs. Lowther, Director of Human Resources; Mrs. Cumming, Admin. Asst.; Mrs. Rosenfield, Director of Special Services; Mrs. Masterjoseph, Director of Curriculum; Mr. Powers, Principal, Great Neck Elementary School; Dr. Dexter, Principal, Cohanzie Elementary School; Mrs. Fedor, Principal, Southwest Elementary School; Mr. Lovetere, Principal, Clark Lane Middle School; Mr. Macrino, Principal, Mr. Ryan, Dean of Students, Waterford High School
- LIAISON/TOWN AGENCIES: Mrs. Shoemaker, WFCT President

Mrs. McCarty established a quorum, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. Dr. Collins and Mrs. McCarty joined Mr. Macrino and Dr. Dexter in honoring recent retirees Marie Cramer-Slimowicz, Marlene Link and Dennis Curran. Following a short recess, the regular meeting resumed at 7:46 p.m.

Dr. Collins reported that Strategic School Profiles were presented as required at the first regular meeting in November. Discussion followed on physical fitness test results for Great Neck Elementary School, and the Talented and Gifted program which appeared only in the report for Southwest Elementary School. Mrs. Cairns also asked about the teacher absentee rate reported for Cohanzie.

Dr. Collins announced that Waterford High School's Knowing Thy Neighbor partnership with Habitat for Humanity was selected to represent Connecticut in the National Civic Star Award program. Brett Arnold, Civics Teacher, Kathy Racette, Learning Through Service Coordinator, and Doug Stoehr, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity for Southeastern Connecticut spoke briefly about the program.

Dr. Seroussi presented a brief report on Waterford's performance on the Connecticut Academic Performance Test and Connecticut Mastery Test. This is the first year the CAPT was administered in the spring. Also, there is no CMT multi-year data for grades 3, 5 and 7 since this is the first year for administering the CMT at those grade levels. Multi-year CMT data was included for grades 4, 6 and 8. Also, Education Reference Groups are no longer used for comparative purposes and have been replaced by Demographic Reference Groups. Overall, Waterford continues to perform well on standardized tests. Annual Yearly Progress, a requirement of NCLB, was not met at the middle school. Brief discussion followed on FastForward, a language and reading program, which will be piloted this year. A plan for improvement will be presented in the spring.

Pending Consent Agenda Approval

Dr. Collins distributed a timeline for the Administrative Team's Professional Growth Goal, which focuses on functioning as a professional learning community in order to redefine the district's mission, beliefs and core values, and utilize data to identify long-range district learning goals. Brief discussion followed on retreats and community involvement.

Dr. Collins also reported on GlobalConnect, a program being explored as a means to communicate timely information via telephone to parents, teachers, etc. Lastly, Mr. Powers demonstrated the newly redesigned web site for the school district.

Mrs. Nazarchyk reported on Youth Service Bureau's holiday collection campaign, results from the Drug and Alcohol Youth Survey, and additional funding available for YSB programs. Mrs. McCarty reported that the Waterford Education Foundation will meet again on November 29th and several grant requests are under consideration. Also, Metrocast has approved a \$500 grant for Waterford High School. Mr. Blevins announced that the CAFE Delegate Assembly was held earlier in the day and the CAFE/CAPSS Convention was being held on Friday and Saturday. The school district won a communications award for its budget publication.

Dr. Collins reported briefly on policies presented for second reading and adoption.

Motion: That the Waterford Board of Education approves and adopts Policy #5145.71, Surrogate Parent Program, as presented.
Nazarchyk, Taglianetti—Unanimous

Motion: That the Waterford Board of Education approves and adopts Policy #5131.911, Bullying, as presented.
Brunelle, Nazarchyk—Unanimous

Motion: That the Waterford Board of Education approves and adopts Policy #6159, Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program, as presented.
Nazarchyk, Taglianetti—Unanimous

Dr. Collins reviewed the proposed schedule of Board of Education regular meetings for 2007. The regular format is third Thursday with some exceptions.

Motion: That the Waterford Board of Education approves the schedule of Board of Education regular meetings for 2007, as presented.
Cairns, Ogden—Unanimous

Motion: That the Waterford Board of Education moves to Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. for the purpose of pupil-personnel matter and invites Dr. Collins, Mr. Macrino and Mr. Ryan to attend.
Brunelle, Taglianetti—Unanimous

The regular meeting resumed at 9:24 p.m.

Motion: That the Waterford Board of Education moves to expel Student A, who was the subject of Executive Session, in accordance with the terms of the stipulated agreement.

Blevins, Brunelle—Unanimous

Motion: That the Waterford Board of Education adjourns its regular meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Ogden, Nazarchyk—Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Jody Nazarchyk
Secretary

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