

*Pending Consent Agenda Approval*

Waterford Board of Education  
February 28, 2008  
Regular Meeting  
15 Rope Ferry Road  
Waterford, CT

PRESENT: Mr. Blevins, Mr. Brunelle, Ms. Cairns, Ms Cote, Mr. Egan, Mrs. McCarty,  
Ms. McLaughlin, Mrs. Nazarchyk and Ms. Ogden

STAFF: Dr. Collins, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Seroussi, Assistant Supt., Mr.  
Powers, Director of Curriculum & Special Projects, Mrs. Rosenfield, Director of  
Special Services, Mrs. Cumming, Admin. Asst., Dr. Dexter, Principal, Cohanzie  
Elementary School, Mrs. Fedor, Principal, Great Neck Elementary and  
Southwest Elementary Schools, Mrs. Macione, Principal, Oswegatchie  
Elementary School, Mr. Lovetere, Principal, Clark Lane Middle School, and Mr.  
Macrino, Principal, Waterford High School

LIAISON/TOWN AGENCIES: Mr. Steward, First Selectman, Mrs. Brailey, representing WFCT,  
Mrs. Macione, WASA President, Mrs. Larder, Board of Finance Liaison, Mr.  
King, School Building Committee Member, and Mr. Pisacich, Treasurer.

Mr. Blevins 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.

Mr. Greg Smolley and Mr. Jim Hoagland of JCJ Architecture reviewed the Waterford High  
School project and distributed floor plans for similar school projects, i.e., Hand High School,  
Woodland High School, Fitch High School, Manchester High School and Bedford High School.  
Programming which originally totaled 288,000 square feet was revised and reduced to  
approximately 226,000 square feet. The building currently totals approx. 260,000 square feet.  
Discussion followed on shared rooms for teachers who would not necessarily have their own  
individual classrooms. Dr. Collins explained that the structural condition of the swimming pool  
was of concern as a preliminary inspection revealed rusted girders beneath the structure. Further  
review by a structural engineer will be necessary to determine the extent of the problem. A  
survey of the property reveals wetland areas that must be taken into consideration. Brief  
discussion followed on size of the classrooms and whether to maintain two gyms.

Mr. Blevins called for questions or comments on the consent agenda.

Motion: That the Waterford Board of Education approves the consent agenda consisting  
of: Minutes of December 20, 2007 Special Meeting, Minutes of January 24,  
2008 Regular Meeting, Financial Report for January 2008, and Food Service  
Report for December 2007.  
Nazarchyk, Egan—Unanimous

Mr. Blevins reviewed correspondence received and upcoming events such as CABA Day on the  
Hill on March 12. Under Superintendent's report, Dr. Collins distributed information from the  
United States Dept. of Agriculture regarding a beef recall. The school lunch program did not  
receive any of the affected food.

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Mrs. Rosenfield reviewed the Clinical Service Analysis performed by Futures Healthcore, which focused on Speech, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Services to Waterford students. The report was complimentary toward the district overall, citing the pre-referral process and inclusion among the system's strengths. Caseloads were said to be consistent with industry standards. The analysis found the district needs improvement in developing entry and exit criteria for the program.

Under Committee Reports, Mrs. McCarty reported that the Waterford Education Foundation is sponsoring the first annual adult spelling bee on March 12, 2008 at Clark Lane Middle School. Mr. Blevins reported on CAFE legislative issues including a bill before the educational committee that would allow tax credits for donations to education foundations. The definition of an education foundation is an important aspect of the bill as scholarships to non-public schools may be seen as vouchers. The education committee will also hold a hearing next week regarding the recent in-school suspension act and possible corrections. Mr. Blevins reviewed proposed committee assignments and announced that policy will be addressed by the board as a committee of the whole.

Motion: That the Waterford Board of Education accepts Committee Assignments for 2008 as presented excluding Policy Committee.  
Ogden, Nazarchyk—Unanimous

Mr. Blevins opened discussion on Policy #4112.4/4212.4, Health Examinations and Policy #6141.321, Use of the Internet, Other Computer Networks and Internet Safety. Both policies were reviewed previously during the January meeting.

Motion: That the Waterford Board of Education approves and accepts Policy #4112.4/4212.4, Health Examinations, as presented.  
Nazarchyk, McCarty—Unanimous

Motion: That the Waterford Board of Education approves and accepts Policy #6141.321, Use of the Internet, Other Computer Networks and Internet Safety, as presented.  
Nazarchyk, Egan—Unanimous

Motion: That the Waterford Board of Education adjourns its regular meeting at 8:48 p.m.  
Ogden, Brunelle—Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Anne Ogden  
Secretary

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