



Agenda

WATERTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION Monday, May 24, 2021 - 7:30 PM

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN ATTEND IN PERSON AT

Watertown High School Lecture Hall, 324 French Street, Watertown, CT
Please rsvp to QUESTIONS@WATERTOWNPS.ORG to reserve a seat.

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Board of Education Meeting Materials Link

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xHyiHeCRJUlnsXvaul1z5jo6KmvT-L1bdO0a8RiTjvQ/edit>

A. Convene

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

D. Minutes

Board Minutes – May 10, 2021

E. Award & Student Recognitions

1) CAS-CIAC Scholar-Athlete Award

The Watertown Board of Education would like to congratulate the following two high school seniors who received the Scholar Athlete Award. These students have excelled in their academic and athletic careers. The students were honored at the 2021 CAS-CIAC Virtual Scholar-Athlete Banquet on Sunday, May 2, 2021. Both students were among 363 student athletes across the State of Connecticut honored.

- Emma Gallagher
- Keith Caouette

2) Connecticut Invention Convention (CIC)

The Watertown Board of Education would like to congratulate the following students from Polk & Judson Elementary Schools, who excelled and were recognized by the Connecticut Invention Convention.

Judson Elementary School - Students below received Honorable Mention:

Grade 3

Evan Edwards -The Fan Duster 5

Nora Stentiford - The Travel dog bowl
Cason Hurley - The Scratchpult
Grade 4
Suzie Seelenbinder - The Buddy Bot
Grade 5
John Capuano - 3-in-1 Cat Loft
Arianna Tran - Antibacterial Patches

Judson Elementary School-The following students advanced onto the State level:

Grade 3
Francis Brevetti - The Survival Stick
Grade 4
Hanalei Cocchiola - The Korner Light
Austen Stango - The Bug Be Gone
Daniel Moreira - The Nighttime Walker
Grade 5
Lily Roberts - The Pool Protector
Olivia Franson - The Portable Meltdown Kit

Polk Elementary School - Students below advanced onto the State level:

Grade 3
Willa Zanesky - SnoSox
Grade 5
Kyle McGuire - The Magic Mask
Miles Kellnhauser - The Bunk Box

Polk Elementary School, other participants:

Grade 3
Mia Flamengo - Music Muffs
Shane Peck - Soap-a-Nator
Grade 4
Keegan Kores - The Scrubooter
Riley Mays - Wheel of Decision

F. PTO Recognition

The Watertown Board of Education would like to honor the Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO) for their outstanding service to the school community. In order to support our students, they have created strong working relationships between our parents and our teachers. Their volunteer efforts in planning activities, events, fundraisers, and much more are greatly appreciated. We sincerely thank you for your hard work and your dedication to our schools.

John Trumbull Primary School

Allison Demarest, President
Carolyn Boynton, Vice President

Judson Elementary School

Becky Zadlo, President
Cara Edwards, Vice President

Polk Elementary School

Lauren Kellnhauser, President
Jen Gabel, Co-President

Matt Grabel Co-President

Swift Middle School

Julie Hayes, President

Jessica Huchko, Vice President

Watertown High School

Robin Guerrero, President

Mindi Davidson, Vice President

G. Report from Student Council Representative – Natalie Lindstrom

H. Superintendent's Recommendations and Report

1) Appointments (Information Only)

Mr. Gino Faiella was reappointed to the position of Facilities Manager for Watertown Public Schools, effective July 1, 2021, at an annual salary of \$86,487.50.

Ms. Lisa Fekete was reappointed to the position of Director of Curriculum & Instruction for Watertown Public Schools, effective July 1, 2021, at an annual salary of \$142,212.60.

Ms. Amy Sjovalld was reappointed to the position of Director of Student Services for Watertown Public Schools, effective July 1, 2021, at an annual salary of \$139,906.25.

Ms. Elese Taylor was re-appointed to the position of Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Central Office, effective July 1, 2021, at an annual rate of \$59,186.58.

Mr. Jeff Turner was reappointed to the position of Director of Technology for Watertown Public Schools, effective July 1, 2021, at an annual salary of \$128,645.16.

2) Resignation (Information Only)

Ms. Cynthia Randall from the position of Paraprofessional at Judson Elementary School, effective June 18, 2021, for the purpose of relocating to another state. Cynthia has worked for the school district for 23 years.

3) Grant (Information Only)

As budgeted, we have received the expected IDEA grant funds in the amount of \$735,370 for our current programming:

- IDEA Special Education Assistance (611 Funds) \$719,491.
- IDEA Preschool Education (619 Funds) \$15,879.

The award for IDEA 2021-2023 is intended to support current special education programming, program development, professional development and technical assistance for staff.

The grant was written by Amy Sjovalld, Director of Student Services.

I. Presentation – American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER III Funding

Administrators will present the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan.

J. Items of Discussion:

- a) Non-Tenured Teacher Notices
- b) A Town of Watertown and Board of Education tribute to the history and legacy of the Watertown High School Indians.
- c) Unanticipated FY21, Special Education, and COVID-19 related cost and appropriation request.

K. Public Participation - (Please state name, address and topic of discussion)**L. Communications - Secretary****M. Committee Reports:**

Curriculum and Instruction Committee, Ms. Cathie Rinaldi, Chair
Policy and Labor Committee, Ms. Janelle Wilk, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee, Mr. Robert Makowski
Facilities/PBC/Operations Committee, Leslie Crotty
Governance and Community Engagement Committee, Mr. Robert Makowski, Chair

N. Report from the Board Chair**O. Action Items – Adoption of items to be Approved by Consent**

- 1) Consideration of the Approval of the Watertown Annual Healthy Food Certification Statement under Section 10-215F of the CT General Statutes (C.G.S)
 - a) **Healthy Food Options:** The Watertown Public School District and Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.
 - b) **Exception for Food Items:** The Watertown Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held.
- 2) Consideration of the Approval to address requirements for the sale of beverages to student in Watertown Public Schools - C.G.S. Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes

Beverage Exemptions: The Watertown Board of Education will allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting or extracurricular activity. The “school day” is the period from midnight before to 30

minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held, and must be the same place as the beverage sales

- 3) Consideration to Approve and Rescind the Non-Tenured Teacher Notices
The Administration recommends that the Board of Education rescind the action taken on April 26, 2021, regarding the non-renewal notices of non-tenured teachers.
- 4) Consideration to Approve the Joint Partnership with the Town of Watertown in Building a Town Tribute
It is recommended that the Board of Education approves a joint partnership with the Town of Watertown in building a town tribute to the history and legacy of the Watertown High School Indians.
- 5) Consideration to Approve the Amount of the Appropriations Requested from the Town of Watertown
The Board of Education experienced unanticipated special education costs and COVID related expenses in the fiscal year 2021 that were unforeseen.

It is recommended that the Board approve that the Superintendent, on behalf of the board, make an appropriation request to the town council.

- 6) Consideration for the Approval of a Gift
The Lambert Family, Oakville donated tools & equipment to the Technical Education department at Watertown High School at an estimated value of \$4,260.00.

It is recommended that the board approve of this donation and a letter of appreciation be sent to the donor.

P. Future Agenda Items and Board Members' Comments

Q. Public Participation - (Please state name, address and topic of discussion)

R. Executive Session
Personnel

- a) Superintendent of Schools' Evaluation.

S. Regular Session

T. Adjournment.