



Agenda

WATERTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, June 14, 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

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- A. Convene**
- B. *Moment of Silence* in remembrance of Katherine Consalvo**
- C. Pledge of Allegiance**
- D. Roll Call**
- E. Minutes**
Board Minutes – May 24, 2021
- F. Award & Student Recognitions**
 - 1) Recognition of Watertown High School Students entering the Military**

The Watertown Board of Education would like to recognize and thank the following five (5) Watertown High School Seniors for their commitment to serve our country in the Military:

- Shawn Ambs - U.S. Air Force
- Justin Francis - U.S. Air National Guard
- Jose Marin - U.S. Marine Corps
- Griffin Relyea - U.S. Navy
- Joshua Rinaldi - U.S. Air Force

- 2) Watertown High School - Connecticut High School Fine Arts Award**

The Watertown Board of Education would like to recognize the following seniors from Watertown High

School who received the Connecticut High School Fine Arts Award. Students must excel in the performing or visual arts and possess the qualities of scholarship and leadership in their respective field:

- Lindsey Lombardo
- Jesse Kaye

3) CAS-Middle School-Scholar Leader Award

The Watertown Board of Education would like to recognize the following two students from Swift Middle School, who received the Connecticut Association of Schools Middle School Scholar Leader Award. Consideration is given to academic success, leadership, active participation in school and community organizations, citizenship, a positive influence on school climate, dependability, responsibility, character, and integrity.

- Olivia Van Dyke
- Andrew Brown

4) Recognition of Student Council Representative – Natalie Lindstrom

G. Retirees Recognition

The Watertown Board of Education would like to thank the following retirees for bringing their experience, knowledge, and compassion to the Watertown School District. While you will be missed, your presence will be with the students and people you have influenced in the district. Thank you for all that you have done for the Watertown School District.

Name	Position	School	Years in District
Mary O'Neill	School Secretary	JTPS	30
Debra Lipeika	Library Clerk/Secretary	JTPS	29

H. Report from Student Council Representative – Natalie Lindstrom

I. Superintendent's Recommendations and Report

1) Appointments (Information Only)

The following people have been appointed to the Watertown Summer School Tuition Program at Watertown Public Schools, effective June 28 through July 16, 2021. Instructors will receive a salary of \$1,100 per instructional block.

- Maureen Pflomm, Mathematics
- Chelsie Guerrero, Mathematics
- Elizabeth Loughlin, Social Studies
- Gamaliel Rosa, World Language
- Alison Hasenbein, Science
- Alexandra Computzzi, Social Studies 6/28-7/9

Mr. Michael Lewis has been appointed to Social Studies teacher for the Watertown Summer school tuition program, effective July 12-July 16, 2021, at a salary of \$1,100 per instructional block.

Ms. Leah Bellemare to the position of Summer School Registrar for Watertown Tuition Summer School,

effective June 23 and June 24, at an hourly rate of \$27.00. This is a two-day program.

2) Resignations (Information Only)

Ms. Elise Archibald from the position of Math Instructional Specialist for Watertown Public Schools, effective June 30, 2021, for the purpose of accepting another position.

Mr. Thomas Allen from the position of Social Worker for Watertown Public Schools, effective June 24, 2021, for the purpose of accepting another position.

Ms. Gail DeFrancesco from the position of Paraprofessional at Swift Middle School, effective June 30, 2021, for the purpose of pursuing a career as a school counselor.

Ms. Debra Lipeika from the position of Library Clerk/Secretary at John Trumbull Primary School, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2021. (29 years of service for Watertown School District).

Ms. Lorie Bidmead from the position of Paraprofessional at John Trumbull Primary School, effective August 25, 2021. (Lorie has worked for Watertown Public Schools for a total of 21 years).

Ms. Mary O'Neill from the position of School Secretary at John Trumbull Primary School, effective August 6, 2021, for the purpose of retirement (30 years of service for Watertown Public Schools).

Mr. Matthew Paylor from the position of Assistant Principal at John Trumbull Primary School, effective, June 30, 2021, for the purpose of accepting a position in another school district.

Ms. Amy Mordarski from the position of Paraprofessional at Polk Elementary School, effective June 15, 2021.

Ms. Ashley Pettinato from the position of School Psychologist at Watertown High School, effective June 30, 2021, for the purpose of accepting a position in another school district.

Ms. Joan Miller from the position of Speech & Language Pathologist at Polk and John Trumbull Schools, effective July 8, 2021.

Mr. Matthew Saccoman from the position of Special Education teacher at Watertown High School, effective June 30, 2021, for the purpose of accepting another position. Mr. Saccoman has worked for the district for 17 years.

J. Presentation: Technology Insurance

Mr. Jeff Turner, Director of Technology, will review and discuss possible use of a technology insurance for our 1:1 technology program for Watertown Public Schools for the 2021-2022 school year.

K. Updates and Adjustments to the following Policies-First Reading

- a) 5100R-1 Students-Administrative Regulations Regarding Health Assessments/Screening & Oral Health.
- b) 5060 Students-Food Allergies/Glycogen Storage Disease.

L. Items of Discussion:

- a) Sunsetting Remote learning as of June 30th and Virtual Learning opportunities.
- b) Constellation Energy Proposal Regarding Electricity Rates for Watertown Public Schools.
- c) 2% Non-Lapsing Fund C.G.S. 10-248a (Unexpended Education Funds Account) see policy #5010.

M. Update on Re-Opening -American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER III Funding and its relation to the

following policies:

- a) 5070 Non-Discrimination Policy
- b) 5015 Safe Schools Climate Plan

N. Public Participation - (The subject of your comments should be limited to the re-opening plan), please state your name, and address.

O. Communications - Secretary

P. 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

Q. Report from the Board Chair

R. Action Items – Adoption of items to be Approved by Consent

- 1) Consideration to Approve Constellation Energy to Provide Electricity to Watertown Public Schools through Richard DuPont Associates (RDA)

It is recommended that the Board approve of Constellation Energy to provide electricity to Watertown Public Schools through RDA, effective December 26, 2021, for thirty-six (36) months.

- 2) Consideration for the Approval to Discontinue Offering Remote Learning to Students Associated with the COVID -19 Pandemic for the 2021-2022 School Year

Move that consistent with the Interim Guidance for Remote Learning for the 2021-2022 School Year as issued by the Connecticut State Department of Education, effective with the commencement of the 2021-2022 school year, the Watertown Board of Education ("Board") shall discontinue offering remote learning opportunities for students associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. The District shall no longer provide students with voluntary access to remote learning at the unilateral request of students/families. The Board authorizes its Superintendent of Schools to take such actions necessary to implement this change. The Board further authorizes the Superintendent to take any emergent steps necessary relating to remote student programming associated with the COVID-19 pandemic or other emergencies as may be needed, subject to the Board's subsequent approval.

- 3) Consideration of the Approval of Acceptance of a Gift

A Yamaha Trumpet was donated to Watertown High School from Horns for Kids, valued at \$600.00.

It is recommended that the Board accept this generous donation and a letter of appreciation be sent to the donor.

S. Future Agenda Items and Board Members' Comments

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

U. Executive Session

Personnel

- a) Discussion regarding the Superintendent of Schools Contract.

V. Regular Session

- a) Possible Action regarding the Superintendent of Schools Contract.

W. Adjournment.