



Agenda

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING Monday, December 13, 2021 - 7:30 PM

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN ATTEND IN PERSON

AT

**Watertown High School Lecture Hall
324 French Street, Watertown**

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Board of Education Meeting Materials Link

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jlsrRNPfSZyV3HpC4YczHSL_NK3ZSZToDr369-4q6I/edit

- A. Convene**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Roll Call**
- D. Minutes**
Board of Education Meeting – November 22, 2021
- E. Recognition of Judson Elementary School Students - Recycling Club**

The Board of Education would like to thank the following students from Judson Elementary School for their fundraising efforts, planning, and determination to bring recycling practices to Judson. A big thank you to Ms. Raymond, Principal, and former Facilities Manager, Mr. Faiella. In October of 2021, recycling bins were ordered for Judson, this includes smaller bins for the classrooms and larger containers for the copy rooms and cafeteria. Anna, Emma, Sophie, and Maggie created a presentation providing our school community with facts about recycling as well as educated them on what items can be recycled.

- Anna Romano,
- Emma Kuzia

- Sophie Antonucci
- Margaret Simonsen

F. Report from Student Council Representative – Evan Davidson

G. Superintendent's Recommendations and Report

1. Appointments (Information Only)

Ms. Kristen Gallino was appointed to the position of General Cafeteria Worker for Watertown High School, with an effective date of Monday, December 13, 2021, for the 2021-2022 school year, being paid the hourly rate of \$13.84, Step 1 of the Cafeteria Contract.

Ms. Destynie Ireland was appointed to the position of .8 Speech & Language Pathologist for Watertown Public Schools, with an effective date of Monday, January 3, 2022, for the 2021-2022 school year. Her salary will be \$70,984.00 (prorated), Step 11, MA, as published in the Watertown Education Association contract.

Ms. Carolyn McKay was appointed to the position of Special Education Teacher for Watertown High School, with an effective date of Wednesday, December 22, 2021, for the 2021-2022 school year. Her salary will be \$75,232.00 (prorated), Step 11, MA- 6th year, as published in the Watertown Education Association contract.

Ms. Carol Miller was appointed to the position of General Cafeteria Worker, for Polk Elementary School, with an effective date of Monday, December 6, 2021, for the 2021-2022 school year, being paid the hourly rate of \$13.84, Step 1 of the Cafeteria Contract.

2. Transfer (Information Only)

Ms. Lynda Avoletta transferred from the position of Assistant Cafeteria Manager at Swift Middle School to Cafeteria Manager at Judson Elementary School, effective Monday, December 6, 2021.

3. Resignation (Information Only)

Ms. Claire Capozziello from the position of Speech & Language Pathologist at Swift Middle School, effective January 7, 2022 to accept another position.

4. Grants (Information Only):

The FY 2022 Special Education Grant Programs (ARP IDEA) have been completed, submitted, and approved by the State Department of Education. The total amount of the grant is \$174,998.00. The grant consists of two components:

- ARP IDEA (611 Funds) \$159,833
- ARP IDEA (619 Funds) \$15,165

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

The FY 2022 Special Education Grant Programs (ESSER II) Special Education Recovery Activities have been submitted and approved by the State Department of Education. **(All grants listed below strictly follow requirements sent out by the State of Connecticut and federal parameters, and are reserved for specific activities that fulfill those specific requirements).** The total amount of the grant is \$78,000. The grant consists of the following components:

- ESSER II SPED Recovery Activities \$40,000
- ESSER II Bonus Special Pop Recovery \$25,000
- ESSER II Bonus Dyslexia Recovery \$13,000

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

H. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2023, Budget Priorities by Building.

I. Presentation: School Board Legal Roles & Responsibilities, Shipman & Goodwin LLP.

Attorney Jessica Ritter, Shipman & Goodwin, will present on the board's legal roles and responsibilities.

J. Board Policies - First Reading.

The following policies will be presented to the Board tonight for a first reading:

Series 1000: Community/ Board Operation

- Green Cleaning
- Visitors and Observations in Schools
- School Volunteers

Series 6000: Instruction

- Weighted Grading and Calculation of Grade Point Averages.

K. Communications-Secretary

L. Public Participation – (In accordance with Policy #9050, public participants must state their name and address for the record and limit statements to three minutes. The Board encourages speakers not to express defamatory comments about Watertown Board of Education Personnel or any other persons associated with the Watertown Public Schools system).

M. Committee Reports:

Curriculum and Instruction Committee, Ms. Karen Hosking, Chair
Policy and Labor Committee, Mr. Jason Malagutti, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee, Mr. Robert Makowski, Chair
Facilities/PBC/Operations Committee, Mr. John Gavallas, Chair
Governance and Community Engagement Committee, Ms. Christine Faressa, Chair

N. Report from the Board Chair

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

1. Consideration for the Approval of Gifts

Mutual Security Credit Union, Watertown, donated a check in the amount of \$1000.00 to Polk Elementary School, to help families in need during the holidays.

2. Ms. Beverly Hulten, Bristol, donated an Armstrong Flute valued at \$500.00 to Watertown High School.

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept these generous donations and letters of appreciation be sent to the donors.

P. Future Agenda Items and Board Members' Comments

Q. Adjourn.