

**MOTION SHEET  
WATERTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Meeting Date:** January 23, 2012  
**Meeting Time:** 7:30 PM  
**Meeting Place:** Watertown High School, Lecture Hall

**Members Present:** Mr. Richard Mazzamaro, Chairman  
Mr. Thomas Lambert, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Eric Berthel, Secretary  
Ms. Susan McCabe  
Mr. Guy Buzzannco  
Atty. Sean Butterly  
Mr. David Guerrero  
Mr. Raymond Nardella

**Absent:** Mr. Richard Beland

**Others Present:** Dr. Gail Gilmore, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Karen Clancy, Business Manager  
Dr. James Collin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Marc Balanda, Asst. Principal Watertown High School  
Ms. Marylu Lerz, Principal Swift Middle School  
Ms. Lisa Rommel, Principal Judson School  
Ms. Kathy Scully, Principal John Trumbull Primary School  
Ms. Laura Meka, Asst. Principal John Trumbull Primary School  
Ms. Jean Andrews, Interim Principal Polk School  
Ms. Julie Haggard, Supervisor of Special Ed  
Ms. Donnah Rochester, Supervisor of Special Ed  
Ms. Sage Davino, Student Council Representative  
Other interested guests

**Agenda Item No.**

**I.**

**Subject:**  
**Motion Presented by:**  
**Motion Seconded by:**

**Minutes**  
Eric Berthel  
Raymond Nardella

**Text of Motion:**

To approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting, January 9, 2012

**Discussion**

None

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**Opposed:** None  
**Abstained:** None  
**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

**L.** **Action Items** – Adoption of Items to be Approved by  
Consent

**Agenda Item No.:** **L1.**  
**Subject:** Consideration of the Approval of Acceptance of Gift

**Motion Presented by:** Guy Buzzannco  
**Motion Seconded by:** Eric Berthel

**Text of Motion:** A Longo Electric would like to donate \$25.00 to Watertown High School to be used towards the CARE group's habitat for humanity trip.

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

**Discussion:** None  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstained:** None  
**Vote:** Vote passed unanimously.

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**Agenda Item Number:** **L3.**  
**Subject:** Consideration of the Approval of Increase in Substitute Teacher Rate of Pay - (Postponed from December 12, 2011)

**Motion Presented by:** Eric Berthel  
**Motion Seconded by:** Raymond Nardella

**Text of Motion:** At its meeting on October 24, 2011, the Policy and Labor Committee reviewed an increase in pay rate for substitute teachers in order to attract a larger pool of substitute teachers and sent it to the Budget and Finance Committee for review. The Budget and Finance Committee reviewed an increase in the pay rate for substitute teachers, increasing the pay rate from \$65.00 to \$75.00 per diem, at its meeting on November 28, 2011 and now presents it to the full Board for approval effective immediately. (Attachment A)

It is recommended that the Board approve of an increase in the pay rate for substitute teachers from \$65.00 to \$75.00 per diem effective immediately.

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**Discussion:** None  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstained:** None  
**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item Number:** L4.  
**Subject:** Consideration of the Approval of Purchasing the Polk Camera Enhancement

**Motion Presented by:** Thomas Lambert  
**Motion Seconded by:** Eric Berthel

**Text of Motion:** At its meeting on January 18, 2012, the Watertown Public Building Committee approved the project covering the purchase of the Polk School camera enhancement. If the purchase and installation is done through ITS as an approved sub-contractor for the project, as long as the equipment was on State contract, then it is reimbursable.

It is recommended that the Board approve of the purchase of the Polk School Camera Enhancement and installation through the building project but at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.

**Discussion:** None  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstained:** None  
**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item Number:** L5.  
**Subject:** Consideration of the Approval of Family Medical Leave of Absence

**Motion Presented by:** Guy Buzzannco  
**Motion Seconded by:** Sean Butterly

**Text of Motion:** Ms. Corrine Stentiford, grade 1 teacher at John Trumbull Primary School, requests a childbearing leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act, commencing April 20, 2012 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year, with use of accumulated sick time and a medical doctor's note to return.

It is recommended that the Board approve of a childbearing leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act, for Ms. Corrine Stentiford, grade 1 teacher at John Trumbull Primary School, commencing April 20, 2012 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year, with use of accumulated

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sick time and a medical doctor's note to return.

**Discussion:** None  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstained:** None  
**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item Number:** Q.  
**Subject:** Adjournment

**Motion Presented by:** Richard Beland  
**Motion Seconded by:** Eric Berthel

**Text of Motion:** That the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**Discussion:** None  
**Opposed:** None  
**Abstained:** None  
**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

Deborah Jacobs  
Minutes Secretary