

Agenda

WATERTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Watertown High School

324 French Street, Watertown

Lecture Hall

Monday, March 28, 2016, 7:30 PM

A. Convene

B. Salute to the Flag

C. Roll Call

D. Minutes

1. Board of Education Regular Meeting – March 14, 2016

E. Award Recognitions

The Watertown Board of Education would like to congratulate the following Polk and Judson Elementary School Students. Each student is a Golden Bucket Award Winner, who was recognized for his or her excellent citizenship for the month of February 2016:

Judson Students

- Christina Mattei - Grade 3
- Nathan Oun - Grade 3
- Jason Hanis - Grade 4
- Julia Conard - Grade 4
- Sophia Quadrato - Grade 5
- Luca Merolle - Grade 5

Polk Students

- Mattingly Creter - Grade 5
- Nathan Guerrera - Grade 5
- Jack Geise - Grade 5
- Benjamin Schweyer - Grade 5
- Sara Cox - Grade 5
- Abby Gallagher - Grade 5

Polk Elementary School - Special Area Winners:

In the month of February three (3) students were recognized for outstanding dedication in the disciplines of art, music, and physical education. These students are as follows:

- Sebastian Creter – Grade 3, Physical Education
- Giselle Baranowski – Grade 4, Music
- Nicholas Mancini – Grade 4, Art

F. Report from Student Council Representative – Karina Mancini

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

H. Committee Reports:

Curriculum and Instruction Committee, Ms. Cathie Rinaldi, Chair
Policy and Labor Committee Mr. Victor Vicenzi, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee, Mr. Thomas Lambert, Chair
Facilities/PBC/Operations Committee, Mr. Thomas Lambert, Chair
Governance and Community Engagement Committee, Mr. Robert Makowski, Chair

I. Communications - Secretary**J. Superintendent's Recommendations and Report****1. Appointments (Information Only)**

- a) Ms. Jennifer Geise to the position of Central Office Secretary to the Supervisor of Special Education, effective March 28, 2016 at John Trumbull Primary School. Her hours will be thirty-five hours per week at an hourly rate of \$20.57, Step 1 of the Watertown Secretarial Agreement.
- b) Ms. Nadine DaGraca to the position of School Nurse at John Trumbull Primary School, effective March 30, 2016, at an annual rate of \$44,160.00, prorated, per the Watertown School Nurses Union.
- c) Ms. Amy Mordarski to the position of Title I Tutor at Polk Elementary School, effective March 28, 2016 until the end of the school year. Her hours will be six (6) hours per day, at an hourly rate of \$16.00.
- d) Ms. Haleigh O'Toole to the position of Durational Certified Elementary Educator at Judson and Polk Elementary Schools, effective March 29, 2016 through the end of the school year, with a salary of \$44,670.00, prorated, MA degree, per the Watertown Education Association.

2. Transfer

Ms. Susan Galpin transferred from the position of Head Secretary at Swift Middle School to Head Secretary at Watertown High School, effective April 4, 2016, at the contractual rate of \$23.62 per hour, per the Watertown Educational Secretaries Agreement.

3. Resignation

Mr. Daniel Buchner from the position of Music Teacher at Swift Middle School, effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year, for personal reasons.

K. Discussion Regarding Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Teachers

Connecticut State Law requires that non-tenured teachers whose contracts are not being renewed shall be notified in writing prior to May 1, 2016. Following the Boards approval to non-renew the non-tenured teachers.

L. Presentation - Best Practice

Jeff Turner, Director of Technology, will update the Board on PowerSchool implementation.

M. Report from the Board Chair

N. Action Items – Adoption of items to be Approved by Consent**1. Consideration of the Approval of an Out-of-Town Field Trip to Waterford Connecticut**

Ms. Sandra Ammirato and Ms. Marie Vallee, teachers at Watertown High School, request permission for an out-of-town field trip to Waterford, Connecticut, for ten (10) Watertown High School students and six (6) chaperones. The students will travel to Waterford Connecticut, from May 10, 2016 through May 12, 2016. The purpose of this field trip is to provide the students with an opportunity to demonstrate their independence, age-appropriate social behaviors, and daily living skills in an authentic context.

It is recommended that the Board approve of this field trip to Waterford Connecticut, from May 10, 2016 through May 12, 2016.

2. Consideration of the Approval of an Out-of-Country Field Trip to Spain

Ms. Gretchen Uryase, Ms. Rhoda Emmanouil and Ms. Sarah Baker, teachers at Watertown High School, request permission for an out-of-country field trip to Spain: Madrid, Granada, Seville and Barcelona, for approximately twenty (20) Watertown High School students and three chaperones. The purposes of this trip is to experience new cultures, explore the wide avenues, open plazas of Spain's capital city, and get to experience the fine architecture of modern day Madrid. Students will travel to Spain from April 7, 2017 through April 17, 2017.

It is recommended that the Board approve of this field trip to Spain, from April 7, 2017 through April 17, 2017, for approximately twenty (20) Watertown High School students.

3. Consideration to Approve the Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Teachers

It is recommended that the Board approve of the non-renewal of non-tenured teachers based upon the possible need for a reduction in force. Connecticut State Law requires that non-tenured teachers whose contracts are not being renewed shall be notified in writing prior to May 1, 2016.

It is recommended that The Board of Education vote to accept the superintendent's recommendations for non-renewals.

O. Future Agenda Items and Board Members' Comments**P. Public Participation (Please state name, address and topic of discussion)****Q. Adjourn**