

**Agenda**

**WATERTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**Watertown High School**

**324 French Street, Watertown**

**Lecture Hall**

**Tuesday, May 24, 2016 - 7:30 PM**

**A. Convene**

**B. Salute to the Flag**

**C. Roll Call**

**D. Minutes**

Board of Education Regular Meeting – May 09, 2016

**E. Report from the Board Chair**

**F. Award Recognitions**

- 1) The Watertown Board of Education would like to congratulate the following Judson Elementary School Students. Each student is recognized as STARS of the Month Winners and awarded for his or her excellent citizenship for the month of April 2016:

Judson Students

- Anthony Cataldo - Grade 3
- Sarah Krayske - Grade 3
- Anthony Vitale - Grade 4
- Vlera Zylali - Grade 4
- Mason Smutney - Grade 5
- Raina Caro - Grade 5

- 2) FIRST Robotics Team 237

(For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology)

The Watertown Board of Education would like to recognize Swift Middle School and Watertown High School FIRST Robotics Team 237, for their excellent teamwork throughout the 2015-2016 school year:

Swift Middle School - Grade 6

- Matthew Doolan
- Michael Gambucci
- Cassidy Geiger
- Mason Gowell
- Evan Hallock
- Patrick Lamson
- Joshua Pizzolorusso
- Cezar Rapacioli
- Santino Soto

Grade 8

- Steven LeClerc

Watertown High SchoolGrade 9

- Jessica Beverly
- Bethany Brown
- William Daddario
- Spencer Dodge
- Charles Mazzearella
- Garrett Mitchell
- Sahil Patel
- John Ryan

Grade 10

- Matthew Beres
- Elizabeth Downey
- Gabriella Liano
- Alexander Pannoni
- Mallory Roy

Grade 11

- Jack Clark

Grade 12

- Andrew Beres
- Michael Cullen
- Ethan Hoyt
- Duncan Ralicki
- Justine Roy

- 3) The Watertown Board of Education wishes to recognize and thank Karina Mancini, graduating senior at Watertown High School and student council representative for the Watertown Board of Education, for her outstanding service throughout the school year. Karina is a great student maintaining excellent grades in all of her courses, including multiple Advanced Placement courses. Next year she plans to attend the University of Connecticut, as a Biology major. She is aspiring to have a career in Cellular Research. Her dedication to the school has also been shown in the extracurricular activities that she has participated in and led. As the board of education student council representative, Karina reports on key events from all of our district schools. In her four years at Watertown High School, she has been an asset to the school and we wish her well in all of her future endeavors.

**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
Cynthia Gubbiotti	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher	Judson Elementary School	20
Pamela Halstead	School Psychologist	Judson Elementary School	17
Frances Palmer	Mathematics Teacher	Swift Middle School	16
Kim Mastropietro	Social Studies Teacher	Swift Middle School	14
Donna Lorusso	Spanish Teacher	Watertown High School	34

**H. Report from Student Council Representative – Karina Mancini****I. Superintendent's Recommendations and Report**1. Appointments – (Information Only)

Ms. Heather Traulsen-Rohrman appointed to the position of Paraprofessional, Category 2 at John Trumbull Primary School, effective May 31, 2016, working 25 hours per week at the contractual rate of \$14.01 hourly, per the Paraprofessional Contract.

2. Transfer - (information Only)

Mr. Edward Stack transferred from the position of custodian at Watertown High School to custodian at John Trumbull Primary School, effective May 9, 2016 at the contractual rate of \$21.90 hourly, per the Custodial Maintenance Contract.

3. Resignations

- a. Ms. Cynthia Gubbiotti from the position of Third Grade Teacher at Judson Elementary School, effective June 30, 2016 for the purpose of retirement.
- b. Ms. Kim Mastropietro from the position of Social Studies Teacher at Swift Middle School, effective June 30, 2016 for the purpose of retirement.
- c. Mr. Ferdinand Starbuck from the position of Fourth Grade Teacher at Polk Elementary School, effective June 30, 2016 for personal reasons.

**J. Presentation**Instructional Best Practice-FIRST Robotics Team

Andrew Beres, Grade 12, Watertown High School co-captain for the team, will update the Board on the 2016 FIRST Robotics Competition Game entitled "FIRST Stronghold". The Team participated in two district events (Hartford and University of New Hampshire), as well as the Palmetto Regional in Myrtle Beach, SC. The Team has since competed in two post-season events,

the Connecticut State Robotics Championship at Pomperaug High School and Battle Cry at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Team 237 would also like to share their success in sponsoring and mentoring a new FIRST Lego League team at Swift Middle School (Swift Black Magic Robotics) which competed at the Ragged Mountain Tournament and the Connecticut State FIRST Lego League Championship. A special thank you to the many mentors who donated their time in support of this program.

**K.** Discussion regarding the Non -Tenured Teacher Notices.

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

**M. 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

**N. Communications - Secretary**

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

1. Consideration to Approve and Rescind The Non -Tenured Teacher Notices

The Administration recommends that the Board of Education rescind the action taken on March 28, 2016 regarding the non-renewal notices of non-tenured teachers.

2. Consideration of the Approval of Acceptance of Gifts

- a) DonorChoose, a non-profit organization donated a Rug, Books, and iPads for John Trumbull Primary School in the amount of \$1,550.00.
- b) An anonymous donor donated Buddy Benches for each playground at John Trumbull Primary School in the amount of \$2,400.00.

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

**P. Future Agenda Items and Board Members' Comments**

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

**R. Executive Session**

1) Personnel

Discussion regarding the Superintendent of Schools' Contract

**S. Regular Session**

- 1) Possible action regarding the Superintendent of Schools' Contract.

**T. Adjournment**