Agenda

WATERTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Watertown High School

324 French Street, Watertown

Lecture Hall

Monday, February 25, 2013 – 7:30 PM

A. Convene Regular Meeting - 7:30 PM

B. Salute to the Flag

C. Watertown Public Schools' Mission Statement

The mission of the Watertown School District, with determination to be a world-class educational leader and a centerpiece of a dynamic and growing community, is to meet the diverse needs of each student – academic, artistic, athletic, emotional, ethical, social, and technological – to develop members of our community who:

- embrace life-long learning;
- are caring and responsible citizens;
- have a sense of social justice.

D. Award Recognition

The Board would like to recognize the following four Watertown High School students, who won Honorable Mention at the Connecticut Scholastic Art Awards which took place in January, 2013. The Connecticut Scholastic Art Awards Program is a prestigious event, where exemplary student artworks from throughout the state are selected by university art faculty and professional artists for recognition. Winning work was displayed in a state-wide art exhibition held at the University of Hartford Art School Silpe Gallery. The winning students this year were:

Jenna Cianciolo -Grade 12, for her charcoal portrait titled "Releasing Emotion"
Jordan Townsend -Grade 12, for her acrylic landscape "Passing Time".
Jennifer Sparso -Grade 10, for her charcoal portrait titled "Karinna" –
Jacquelyn Voghel-Grade 12, for her pen and ink landscape titled "Topsmead".

If the students could please come forward when their name is read, we would like to present the student with a certificate of recognition.

E. Report from Student Council Representative – Adam Kuegler

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

G. Committee Reports:
Curriculum and Instruction Committee, Mr. Eric Berthel, Chair
Policy and Labor Committee, Mr. Eric Berthel, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee, Mr. Tom Lambert, Chair
Facilities/PBC/Operations Committee, Mr. Tom Lambert, Chair
Governance and Community Engagement Committee, Mr. Ray Nardella, Chair

H. Communications - Secretary

I. Minutes

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J. Superintendent's Recommendations and Report

1. Appointments – (Information Only)

a) Ms. Randilynne Crudele to the position of Paraprofessional, Category #2 at Swift Middle School, effective January 28, 2013 for 30 hours per week at the hourly rate of $14.98.

2. Security/Safety Legislation
The Board is honored and wishes to thank Senator Rob Kane and Representative Sean Williams for agreeing to be with us tonight to provide the Board with Security/Safety Legislation Update. They are members of the Appropriations Committee that will review current policy and make specific recommendations in the areas of public safety, with particular attention paid to school safety, mental health, and gun violence prevention, according to a release from Malloy's office.

3. Presentation of Revised Recommended Board of Education Operating Budget For FY 2013-2014

Dr. Gail Gilmore, Superintendent, will give a presentation of the Board of Education's Operating Budget for FY 2013-2014.

K. Report from the chairman

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

1. Consideration of the Approval of Family Medical Leaves of Absence

a) Ms. Jennifer Longo, Second Grade Teacher at John Trumbull Primary School request a childbearing leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act commencing approximately, May 24, 2013 through January 2, 2014, with the use of accumulated sick time and a doctor's note to return.

It is recommended that the Board approve the Medical Leave for Ms. Jennifer Longo commencing approximately, May 24, 2013 through January 2, 2014 with the use of accumulated sick time and a doctor's note to return.

b) Ms. Bridget Carmemolla, Principal at Watertown High School request a childbearing leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act commencing approximately, March 22, 2013 through May 17, 2013, with the use of accumulated sick time and a doctor's note to return.

It is recommended that the Board approve the Medical Leave for Ms. Bridget Carmemolla commencing approximately, March 22, 2013 through May 17, 2013, with the use of accumulated sick time and a doctor's note to return.

2. Consideration of the Approval of the Proposed 2013-2014 School Year Calendar- Second Reading

The proposed 2013-2014 school calendar was presented to the Board for the first reading on February 13, 2013. The calendar is presented for the second reading tonight and for full board approval.

It is recommended that the Board approve of the proposed 2013-2014 school year calendar for the Watertown Public Schools.

3. Consideration of the Approval of Policy 10-15 Schools - Fire Drills
Second Reading and Approval

The Board of Education met on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 to review Policy 10-15, Schools-Fire Drills, and will present it to the full Board for the second reading and approval tonight, to be effective, February 26, 2013.

It is recommended that the Board approve of the Policy 10-15 Schools- Fire Drills to be effective February 26, 2013.

4. Consideration & Approval of the Revised Policy 5-3 Personnel-Crime Disclosure & Fingerprinting Guidelines –Second Reading and Approval

The Board of Education met on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 to review Policy 5-3, Personnel-Crime Disclosure & Fingerprinting Guidelines, and will present it to the full Board for the second reading and approval tonight, to be effective, February 26, 2013.

It is recommended that the Board approve of the Revised Policy 5-3 Personnel-Crime Disclosure & Fingerprinting Guidelines to be effective February 26, 2013.

5. Discussion and Approval of the Proposed 2013-2014 Budget

   A copy of the Board of Education's proposed budget for FY 2013-2014 is shared with the board for discussion and action. In accordance with the Town Charter, the proposed 2013-2014 budget must be provided to the town by March 1, 2013.

   It is recommended that the Board approve of the proposed budget for FY 2013-2014.

6. Consideration of the Approval of Out-of State Field Trip to New York City

   Mr. John Boucher, Mentor at Watertown High School request permission for an Out of State Robotics Team Competition for 19 students, from March 7, 2013 through March 9, 2013. There will be five (5) chaperones. The purpose of this trip is for students to test engineering solutions against other high school teams.

   It is recommended that the Board approve of this trip to New York City from March 7, 2013 through March 9, 2013, for 19 Watertown High School students.

7. Consideration of the Approval and Acceptance of A Grant

   a) The Watertown Foundation and AT & T would like to award a grant in the amount of $5000.00 to Watertown High School, to support a teen leadership and service program to benefit at-risk students.

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

M. Future Agenda Items and Board Members' Comments

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

O. Adjournment