

Agenda

WATERTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Watertown High School

324 French Street, Watertown

Lecture Hall

Monday, April 8, 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**

1. The Board would like to recognize the following Seven (7) Eighth Grade Students, from Swift Middle School, who received the prestigious award, "*Best in the State*", for the Verizon Innovative App Challenge. Over 1000 schools across the country competed and only thirty five (35) middle schools received this prestigious award. This honor recognizes the talent and creativity of these students work and dedication. Congratulations on your excellent work.

- Nicholas Cancellaro
- Nathaniel Davino
- Ethan Mehlin
- Nicolette Meka
- Riley Peterson
- Caleigh Petrillo
- Annie Romano

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

2. Board of Education Recognition

The Watertown Board of Education would like to honor Donald Stepanek, with a special appreciation plaque in recognition & appreciation of his Outstanding Community Leadership.

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

1. Board of Education Regular Meeting - March 11, 2013
2. Board of Education Regular Meeting - March 25, 2013

J. Superintendent's Recommendations and Report

1. Appointments – (Information Only)

- a. Ms. Tina Augelli to the position of Girls Varsity Track Coach at Watertown High School for the 2012-2013 school year, at the contractual stipend of \$2,942.00. Payable at the end of the season.
- b. Mr. Keith Borkowski to the position of Softball Varsity Coach at Watertown High School, for the 2012-2013 school year, at the contractual stipend of \$4,063.00. Payable at the end of the season.
- c. Mr. Edwin Esson to the position of Assistant Boys & Girls Co-Head Lacrosse Coach at Watertown High School, for the 2012-2013 school year, at the contractual stipend of \$2,451.00. Payable at the end of the season.
- d. Mr. Justin Froese to the position of Assistant Baseball Varsity Coach at Watertown High School, for the 2012-2013 school year, at the contractual stipend of \$2,520.00. Payable at the end of the season.

- e. Ms. Phyllis Knell for the position of Board Clerk, for the Superintendent and the Board of Education, effective April 5, 2013 with an hourly rate of \$15.00.
- f. Ms. Rachael LaFlamme to the position of Assistant Cheerleading Coach at Watertown High School for the 2012-2013 school year, at the contractual stipend of \$2,382.00. Payable at the end of the season.
- g. Ms. Sharon Maia to the position of Category #1, Paraprofessional at Watertown High School, effective April 2, 2013, for 12.5 hours per week at the hourly rate of \$12.85.
- h. Mr. Timothy Malootian to the position of Girls Tennis Coach at Watertown High School for the 2012-2013 school year, at the contractual stipend of \$2,520.00. Payable at the end of the season.
- i. Mr. Darren Scott Mallette to the position of Assistant Boys & Girls Lacrosse Co-Head Coach at Watertown High School for the 2012-2013 school year at the contractual stipend of \$2,451.00. Payable at the end of the season.
- j. Ms. Linda Marino transferred from the position of Secretary 1 Grade II, to Head Secretary II grade IV, at Judson School, effective April 1, 2013, at an hourly rate of \$22.09.
- k. Mr. Roberto Medic to the position of Boys & Girls Lacrosse Head Coach at Watertown High School for the 2012-2013 school year. The stipend amount is \$2,801.00 for the 2012-2013 school year.
- l. Mr. Eric Miller to the position of Boys Tennis Coach at Watertown High School for the 2012-2013 school year, at the contractual stipend of \$2,520.00. Payable at the end of the season.
- m. Mr. Nicholas O'Brien to the position of Assistant Girls Varsity Track Coach at Watertown High School for the 2012-2013 school year, at the contractual stipend of \$1,817.00. Payable at the end of the season.
- n. Mr. George Palomba to the position of Assistant Varsity Softball Coach at Watertown High School for the 2012-2013 school year, at the contractual stipend of \$2,801.00. Payable at the end of the season.
- o. Mr. Stephen Paternoster to the position of Assistant Boys Varsity Track Coach at Watertown High School for the 2012-2013 school year, at the contractual

stipend of \$1,817.00. Payable at the end of the season.

- p. Mr. Shawn Stanco to the position of Freshman Baseball Coach at Watertown High School for the 2012-2013 school year, at the contractual stipend of \$2,241.00. Payable at the end of the season.
- q. Mr. Michael Theriault to the position of Boys & Girls Lacrosse Coach at Watertown High School for the 2012-2013 school year, at the contractual stipend of \$1,817.00. Payable at the end of the season.
- r. Mr. Jerry Valentino to the position of Varsity Baseball Coach at Watertown High School for the 2012-2013 school year, at the contractual stipend of \$4,063.00. Payable at the end of the season.
- s. Mr. Richard Valletta to the position of Golf Coach at Watertown High School for the 2012-2013 school year, at the contractual stipend of \$2,382.00. Payable at the end of the season.
- t. Mr. Brian Walker to the position of Boys Varsity Track Coach at Watertown High School for the 2012-2013 school year, at the contractual stipend of \$2,942.00. Payable at the end of the season.

2. Wall of Honor

The Watertown Board of Education is currently seeking nominations for the Watertown High School Wall of Honor. The purpose of the Wall of Honor is to recognize those individuals that have brought distinction to Watertown High School and the community through their commitment to excellence. To be nominated to the Wall of honor, a candidate must have graduated from Watertown High School at least 10 years prior to the year of induction and consistently demonstrated the highest standards of excellence and honor in his or her chosen vocation. Award recipients will be chosen from the fields of Athletics, Business/Finance, Fine/Performing Arts, Education, Health/Medical Services, Government/Public Service, and Science/Technology. Nomination Forms can be found on the district's website at www.watertownps.org. The completed nomination forms must be received in the district offices no later than April 22, 2013.

3. Presentation—(Information Only)

Instructional Best Practice

Ms. Peck will present an updated overview of the new State Teacher Evaluation System. SEED (CT's System for Educator Evaluation and Development) is an

evaluation and support system that is aligned to the CT Guidelines for Educator Evaluation. It is being piloted in a few districts in the state this year and will roll out for statewide implementation during the 2013-2014 school year. The model was informed by research studies that have consistently found that no school-level factor matters more to student success than high-quality teachers.

K. Report from the chairman

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

1. Consideration of the Approval of High School and Middle School Graduation Dates

There have been a total of nine (9) school closings during the 2012-2013 school year, due to inclement weather. Therefore, it would bring the last day of school for the 2012-2013 school year to Wednesday, June 26, 2013.

- a. It is recommended that the Board vote to approve Wednesday, June 26, 2013 as the date for graduation exercises for Swift Middle School.
- b. It is recommended that the Board vote to approve Tuesday, June 25, 2013 as the date for graduation exercises for the Watertown High School, Class of 2013.

2. Consideration of the Approval of the Proposed 2013-2014 School Year Calendar- Second reading and approval.

The Proposed 2013-2014 school year calendar was presented to the Board for the first reading on March 25, 2013. The calendar is presented to the full board for the second reading and approval tonight.

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

3. Consideration of the Approval of Acceptance of Gifts

- a. Ms. Donna LaRusso would like to donate a wooden chair for a musical production at Watertown High School, with an approximate cost of \$50.00.
- b. A donation was received from Swift Middle School Leo Club, in the amount of \$200.00 to support an eighth grade student in need of assistance to attend the yearly educational trip to Washington D.C.
- c. A donation was received from Fletcher W. Judson School Staff, in the amount of \$150.00 to support an eighth grade student in need of assistance to attend the yearly educational trip to Washington D.C.

It is recommended that the Board accept these generous donations and a letter of thanks be sent to the donors.

- M. Future Agenda Items and Board Members' Comments**
- N. Public Participation (Please state name, address and topic of discussion)**
- O. Adjournment**