

Pending BOE Approval

**Watertown Board of Education
Regular Board of Education Meeting**

Meeting Date: June 22, 2020
Meeting Time: 7:30 p.m.
Meeting Place: REMOTE MEETING

Members Present: Ms. Leslie Crotty, Chairman
Mr. Tom Lambert, Vice Chairman
Ms. Janelle Wilk, Secretary
Mr. Robert Makowski
Ms. Cathie Rinaldi
Ms. Diane Bristol
Ms. Cindy Eastman

Members Absent: Mr. Jason Malagutti
Ms. Josephine Cavallo-Rosa

Others Present: Dr. Rydell Harrison –Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Tom DiStasio – Business Manager

- A. Convene Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.**
- B. Salute to the Flag**
- C. Roll Call – Ms. Davidson**
- D. Minutes**

Agenda Item: D.1
Subject: Minutes of the June 8, 2020 Regular Board of Education Meeting

Motion Presented By: Ms. Wilk
Motion Seconded By: Ms. Rinaldi

Text of the Motion:	Madame Chair, I move that the Board approved of the June 8th, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented by Ms. Davidson.
Discussion:	None
Opposed:	None
Abstained:	None
Vote:	Motion passed

E. Superintendent's Recommendations and Report

1. Appointments – (Information Only)

The following people have been appointed to the Tuition Summer School Program (being held virtually) effective June 22, 2020, through July 10, 2020. Instructors will receive a salary of \$1,100 per course.

Christopher Bengnal - English Teacher	Alexandra Computzzi - Social Studies Teacher
Chelsie Guerrero - Mathematics Teacher	Alison Hasenbein - Science Teacher
Elizabeth Loughlin - Social Studies Teacher	Richard Peronace - Social Studies Teacher
Maureen Pflomm - Mathematics Teacher	Gamaliel Rosa - World Language Teacher

Ms. Leah Bellemare to the position of Summer School Registrar for Watertown Tuition Summer School Program, effective June 18 & June 19, 2020 at an hourly rate of \$27.00. This is a two-day program.

2. Transfers – (Information Only)

None

3. Resignations – (Information Only)

Ms. Stacey Frizzell from the position of 7th Grade Yellow Team Mathematics teacher at Swift Middle School, effective August 15, 2020 for personal reasons.

Mr. Kyle Fellows from the position of Computer Education teacher at Swift Middle School, effective June 30, 2020. Mr. Fellows has accepted a position in another school district.

4. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Harrison – Good evening everyone. I want to start by saying thank you to all of our board members for assisting in graduation. It was a great afternoon/evening and I wanted to thank all of you and all of our community for your continued support. I also want to say thank you

to all of our administrators, teachers, and volunteers who planned and executed a great event and you can see all of the effort that went into that. You can tell that it was very special and I wanted to let you know that I appreciate that support. We had four graduates from the Transition Academy and I want to give a special congratulation to Chris, one of the graduates, who has already been offered a job in town. We will be excited to see him around town. We had 201 graduates from the high school and 232 from Swift. I know many of you had the opportunity to see the live streaming graduation video on Wednesday. The video already has 670 views, which is really nice and a way for our kids to see that they are being supported. I also want to say a big thank you to those folks who worked behind the scenes. From the high school graduation, to Facebook live streaming, and then all of the live video footage so that they can prepare a video that all of our students and they're families can have an opportunity to see this summer at the drive-in movie theatre. It was so great to have all of the families of the students up close and being there to share in their moment.

This week, I will be in meetings with Instructional Delivery group to discuss our re-entry in the fall on Thursday and the Logistics and Operations working group on Friday. Next Monday at 7 p.m., we will be having a Special Board Meeting to discuss the re-entry planning process and the survey results. The survey closed today, so I want to say thank you to the 2,422 people who responded. 271 were students that responded, 312 staff, which is a pretty high response rate, and then 1,839 parents who filled out the survey. Overall, I feel it was a good representation of the community and we look forward to sharing those results. I sent out lots of information for that meeting so that if people wanted to log in and, just like tonight, they can sign up through the Google meets to make comments or ask questions, or they can just watch the live streaming.

Last week we launched a new Summer Learning Opportunities website has been shared with families and can be accessed through the news story posted on the district website and on every school website. The activities are focused on English/language arts and math and are broken down by level. We know kids want to have a little of a break after a long school year but I want to encourage all of our students to continue reading through the summer and keeping their math skills sharp. Our site also includes information about the Governor's summer reading challenge called *Imagine Your Story*. I had some time today to spend a moment going through that, not as a Superintendent, but as a parent, and there is some really good reading suggestions on there for kids of all ages and ways that they can access a lot of those resources through their public library and also digital resources.

As far as our recommendations for tonight, you will see that we have a couple of appointments related to the tuition summer school program that is over at the high school, primarily focused on credit recovery and then we have two resignations.

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

None

G. Items of Discussion

Bid Waiver Request to renew the Connecticut Business Systems (CBS) Agreement & Bid Waiver Request to renew Frontier Service Agreement.

There are no comments or questions regarding this.

H. Committee Reports:

**Curriculum and Instruction Committee, Ms. Cathie Rinaldi, Chair - No
Policy and Labor Committee, Ms. Janelle Wilk, Chair – No
Budget and Finance Committee, Ms. Diane Bristol, Chair – No
Facilities/PBC/Operations Committee, Mr. Thomas Lambert, Chair – No
Governance and Community Engagement Committee, Mr. Robert Makowski, Chair - No**

I. Communications – Secretary

None

J. Report from the Board Chair

None

K. Action Items – Adoption of Items to be Approved by Consent

Agenda Item: K.1
Subject: Consideration of the Approval to Renew the Agreement with Frontier to Provide Phone Services for Watertown Public Schools, as presented.

Motion Presented By: Ms. Rinaldi
Motion Seconded By: Ms. Eastman

Text of the Motion: Madame Chair, I move that the board approve of the Agreement with Frontier to provide phone services to Watertown Public Schools as presented.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Vote: Motion Passes

Agenda Item: K.2
Subject: Consideration of the Approval to Renew the Agreement with Connecticut Business Systems (CBS) to Provide Services for Watertown Public Schools

Motion Presented By: Ms. Eastman
Motion Seconded By: Ms. Bristol

Text of the Motion: Madame Chair, I move that the board approve of the Agreement with Connecticut Business Systems to provide services to Watertown Public Schools, as presented.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Vote: Motion Passes

Agenda Item: K.3
Subject: Consideration of the Approval of Acceptance of a Gift

Motion Presented By: Ms. Bristol
Motion Seconded By: Mr. Makowski

Text of the Motion: Madame Chair, I move that the Board approve of the donation of \$719.93 made by Ms. Shirley Plourde of Oakville to Watertown High School Football and that a letter of appreciation be sent to the donor.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Vote: Motion Passes

L. Future Agenda Items and Board Members Comments

Mr. Makowski – We have a special meeting scheduled for next Monday and I want to make sure it is available to the public on some of the behind the scenes on what is going into the District’s planning for re-entry. So, I just wanted to remind everyone of that and over the next couple of days for the District to work to get that information out so we can get our parents aware for those that want to participate.

M. Executive Session (7:47p.m.)

Agenda Item:	M.1
Subject:	To go into Executive Session
Motion Presented By:	Mr. Makowski
Motion Seconded By:	Ms. Wilk
Text of the Motion:	I move that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of a discussion regarding an Attorney-Client Privileged Communication. Attending the Executive Session will be Dr. Rydell Harrison, Leslie Crotty, Tom Lambert, Janelle Wilk, Cathie Rinaldi, Diane Bristol, Cindy Eastman, Tom DiStasio and myself, Rob Makowski.
Discussion:	None
Opposed:	None
Abstained:	None
Vote:	Motion Passes

N. Regular Session (8:08 p.m.)

O. Adjournment

Agenda Item:	O.1
Subject:	To adjourn the meeting
Motion Presented By:	Ms. Wilk
Motion Seconded By:	Ms. Bristol
Text of the Motion:	Madame Chair, I move that we adjourn.
Discussion:	None
Opposed:	None
Abstained:	None
Vote:	Motion Passes

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mindi Davidson
Recording Secretary

Janelle Wilk
Secretary of the Board