

**Watertown Board of Education  
Special Board of Education Meeting**

**Meeting Date:** October 6, 2020  
**Meeting Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Meeting Place:** REMOTE MEETING

**Members Present:** Ms. Leslie Crotty, Chairman  
Ms. Janelle Wilk, Secretary  
Mr. Robert Makowski  
Ms. Cathie Rinaldi  
Ms. Diane Bristol  
Ms. Cindy Eastman  
Mr. Jason Malagutti  
Ms. Josephine Cavallo-Rosa

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Dr. John Ramos – Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Mary Broderick – Senior Search Consultant, CABE

- A. Convene Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**
- B. Roll Call – Ms. Davidson**
- C. Discussion: Superintendent Search Committee**

**Ms. Crotty** – As the Board knows at our last meeting, we appointed CABE to conduct the Watertown Public School’s search for a new Superintendent. We are very excited to get going on this and I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with Ms. Mary Broderick. Tonight, we will take the next step in the process by naming a personnel search committee. I would like to recommend to the Board that we consider appointing Dr. Ramos, Ms. Mary Lu Lerz, Ms. Lisa Fekete, and a member of the WEA leadership team to join the Board on the search committee. That would make it an 11-member committee, two less than we had the last time that we did our search, we have one less Board member, and one less cabinet member on the committee. Boards of Education may choose to designate Board of Ed members and others to serve on the personnel search committee. When the Board operates as a committee, the meetings are

exempt from posting and public access requirements that normally apply to meetings. Details of the personnel search committee exemptions can be found in Connecticut General Statute 1-200 and more under Connecticut General Statute 1-212 B2. Records of a personnel search committee are exempt from disclosure if they would reveal the identity of a candidate for an executive level position.

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

Agenda Item: D.1  
 Subject: Consideration of the Approval to Appoint Members to the Personnel Search Committee for a Superintendent of Schools

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

Text of the Motion: Yes, Madame Chair, I move that the Board appoint the following Board of Education members to the personnel search committee whose sole purpose is to recommend the candidate for the executive level of the employment position of Superintendent of Schools: Leslie Crotty, Cathie Rinaldi, Rob Makowski, Diane Bristol, Josephine Rosa, Cindy Eastman, Jason Malagutti, and myself, Janelle Wilk. In addition to the said Board of Education members, the following individuals shall be appointed to the personnel search committee: Dr. John Ramos, Interim Superintendent, Ms. Lisa Fekete, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Ms. Mary Lu Lerz, Watertown Administrators Association President, and a member of the Watertown Educators Association Executive Leadership team.

Discussion:

Opposed: None  
 Abstained: None  
 Vote: Motion Passes

**E. Adjournment**

Agenda Item: E.1

Subject:	To adjourn the meeting
Motion Presented By:	Mr. Makowski
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 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mindi Davidson  
Recording Secretary

Janelle Wilk  
Secretary of the Board