



Agenda

WATERTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION Monday, October 26, 2020 - 7:30 PM

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Board of Education Meeting Materials

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- A. Convene**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Roll Call**
- D. Minutes**
Regular Board meeting- October 13,2020
- E. Award Recognitions**
 - 1) **2020-2021 Teacher of the Year Award**
The Watertown Board of Education wishes to recognize and congratulate Watertown’s 2020-2021 District Teacher of the Year, Ms. Kelly Bainer. Ms. Bainer is a Special Education teacher at Polk Elementary School, where she currently teaches. Ms. Bainer’s dedication to her students is evident. She is always looking for new ways to make connections with kids. She gets to know their interests and incorporates them into lessons and activities. You can often find her eating lunch with her students either in the cafeteria or during her weekly Friday “Lunch and a Movie” offering. Kelly also started and organized “Facelift Fridays” where participating staff greet students outside at arrival with music, signs, dancing and high fives. During the COVID-19 pandemic Kelly organized a parade for the Polk Students. She visited each of her students weekly at their homes, sent every student a care package and made a volcano with a struggling student in his driveway while observing social distancing.

Ms. Bainer will represent Watertown in the State of Connecticut Teacher of the Year Program for 2020-21. We wish her the best of luck in this endeavor.

2) 2020-2021 Teacher of the Year Nominees

The Watertown Board of Education would also like to congratulate and recognize the fourteen nominees, nominated for the 2020-2021 teacher of the year pool. Thank you for your diligent work:

- Sarah Baker, Watertown High School
- Susan Danaher, Polk School
- Kate DeSantis, John Trumbull School
- Diana DeBiase, Judson School
- Chelsie Guerrero, Watertown High School
- Jennifer Gruettner, Judson School
- Sharon Heady-Labansky, John Trumbull School
- Nicole Lewis, Watertown High School
- Marlena McDonnell, Judson School
- Kylee McIntosh, Judson School
- Tara Schulte, Polk School
- Kathleen Sklanka, Swift Middle School
- Molly Stepka, Judson School
- Jeff Turner, Watertown Public Schools

F. Distinguished Service Award: Thomas A. Lambert**G. Presentation: The Thomas A Lambert Career Partnership Fund****H. Report from Student Council Representative – Natalie Lindstrom****I. Superintendent's Recommendations and Report**1) Appointment (Information Only)

Mr. Jerry Aviles to the position of Network Coordinator II for Watertown Public Schools, effective October 19, 2020, being paid an hourly rate of \$27.94, Step 3 of the Custodial Contract.

2) Resignation (Information Only)

a) Ms. Carol Crean from the position of school nurse at Polk School, effective October 5, 2020 for the purpose of retirement. Ms. Crean has worked for Watertown Public Schools for twelve years.

b) Ms. Robin Quadrato from the position of paraprofessional at Polk Elementary School, effective November 27, 2020 for the purpose of retirement. Robin has worked for Watertown Public Schools for 24 years.

J. Quarterly Budget Summary – (Information Only)

a) Mr. Tom DiStasio, Business Manager, will discuss the Quarterly Budget Report.

K. Discussion Regarding the 2021 Board of Education Meeting Dates**L. Discussion Regarding the Schools Success Plans (SSP)****M. Discussion Regarding Superintendent Search Update****N. Public Participation - (Please state name, address and topic of discussion)****O. Communications - Secretary**

P. Committee Reports:

Curriculum and Instruction Committee, Ms. Cathie Rinaldi, Chair
Policy and Labor Committee, Ms. Janelle Wilk, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee, Ms. Diane Bristol, Chair
Facilities/PBC/Operations Committee, Leslie Crotty
Governance and Community Engagement Committee, Mr. Robert Makowski, Chair

Q. Report from the Board Chair

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

- 1) Consideration of the Approval of the 2021 Schedule of Meeting Dates for the Watertown Board of Education.

The Administration recommends that the Board approve of the 2021 schedule of meeting dates for the Watertown Board of Education this evening.

S. Future Agenda Items and Board Members' Comments

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

U. Executive Session

- a) Interview Candidate (s) for the position of Business Manager for Watertown Public Schools.

V. Regular Session

- a) Possible Action regarding the appointment of a Business Manager for Watertown Public Schools.

W. Adjourn.