

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

Meeting Date: October 13, 2020
Meeting Time: 7:30 p.m.
Meeting Place: Watertown High School Lecture Hall

Members Present: Ms. Leslie Crotty, Chairman
Ms. Janelle Wilk, Secretary
Ms. Cathie Rinaldi
Ms. Diane Bristol
Ms. Cindy Eastman
Mr. Jason Malagutti

Members Absent: Mr. Robert Makowski
Ms. Josephine Cavallo-Rosa

Others Present: Dr. John Ramos – Interim Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Tom DiStasio – Business Manager
Ms. Natalie Lindstrom – Student Council Representative

A. Convene Regular Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Ramos – I would like to recognize two individuals with a moment of silence. It is with heavy heart that I share the loss of Ms. Elizabeth Sheehan, a food service employee for the Watertown Public Schools since 1984. Most recently, Betty was a cook/baker at Swift Middle School and was known as a very caring, dedicated hard worker. Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with her family, friends and colleagues at this time. We are grateful for every one of her 36 years with the district. She will be missed by all her knew her.

I would also like to recognize the passing of Mr. James Q. Holigan who recently passed away at the Courtenay Springs Rehab Center in Florida. Mr. Holigan served as Superintendent of Schools here in Watertown in the 1970's. We are thinking of his family and all of those who cared deeply for him as well. With that, we would like to have a moment of silence now.

B. Salute to the Flag

C. Roll Call – Ms. Davidson

D. Minutes

Agenda Item: D.1
Subject: Minutes of the September 22, 2020 Special Board of Education Meeting

Motion Presented By: Ms. Wilk
Motion Seconded By: Mr. Malagutti

Text of the Motion: So moved.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Vote: Motion passed

Agenda Item: D.2
Subject: Minutes of the September 29th, 2020 Regular Board of Education Meeting

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

Text of the Motion: So moved.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Vote: Motion passed

Agenda Item: D.3
Subject: Minutes of the October 6th, 2020 Special Board of Education Meeting

Motion Presented By: Ms. Wilk
Motion Seconded By: Mr. Malagutti

Text of the Motion: So moved.

Discussion:	None
Opposed:	None
Abstained:	None
Vote:	Motion passed

E. Award Recognitions

2020-2021 Watertown Paraeducator of the Year Award

The Watertown Board of Education wishes to recognize and congratulate Watertown’s 2020 - 2021 Paraeducator of the Year, Ms. Lori Birtwistle. Ms. Birtwistle was one of eight exemplary paraprofessionals nominated, representing all five of our schools, for the committee’s consideration. Ms. Birtwistle has been employed as a paraprofessional for Watertown Public Schools for sixteen years, the past eleven of which have been within Watertown High School. She brings a specific skill set to support students within the math and science courses but can also be found working with individual students and small groups to provide academic remediation and practice across all content areas. Ms. Birtwistle knows that learning requires effort, organization and confidence so she is constantly working to help restart students so that they get the most out of each school day. Her dedication to the students is unmistakable and in her words: “I am never going to give up on any of the students. I will try and try until the student succeeds.” We are proud to have Lori Birtwistle represent Watertown Public Schools and to be considered for the statewide Anne Marie Murphy Paraeducator of the Year Award.

Paraeducator of the year Recognition of Seven Nominees

The Watertown Board of Education would also like to congratulate and recognize the other seven nominees, nominated for the 2020-2021 Paraeducator of the Year pool: each are talented professionals who exemplify the work ethic and commitment to nurturing our children and supporting our teachers.

Nanette Brodeur (Judson)	Susan Chowaniec (Judson)
Gail DeFrancesco (Swift)	Rose Farrow (John Trumbull)
Wendy Goodman (Polk)	Roseann Mancini (Judson)
Amy Mordarski (Polk)	

F. Report form Student Council Representative – Natalie Lindstrom

Ms. Lindstrom - John Trumbull - This week at JTPS we had our annual visit from the Watertown Fire Department. Our amazing volunteer firefighters taught classes about fire safety and students received fire hats to remember this special day! We held our first virtual PTO meeting and were proud to have 50 parents attend. The PTO will host a pumpkin decorating contest which Mr. Paylor and Mrs. Meka are looking forward to judging. Teachers participated in professional development to begin to set goals for themselves as well as their students.

Last year one of our primary focuses at **Polk** was on building community and developing positive relationships with our students. This year, more than ever, this continues to be of the utmost importance and is at the heart of our work each day. Polk staff started participating in #FaceLiftFridays- a Twitter challenge encouraging educators to think of creative ways to welcome students to school and start their day on a positive note. We are continuing the challenge this year as well and have expanded to add #MotivationalMondays. We begin and end each week by greeting students with positive affirmation signs, music, and dancing in our drop-off and bus loops as well as hallways. While we've replaced hugs and high-fives with air hugs and elbow bumps, our students still know we care. In addition, each Monday we post a new motivational quote on a special bulletin board in the main hallway.

Mr. Hogrefe has been the interim Principal at **Judson** for two weeks and the transition has gone smoothly. Mr. Hogrefe has been enjoying his time at Judson visiting classrooms and getting to know the students and staff. Teachers are supporting the social/emotional learning of students by completing the next phase of RULER. Each classroom developed a class charter which indicates how students want to feel when they are in class to maintain a positive classroom environment. Over the next few months staff will introduce the next anchor tools.

Swift - Students recently completed their I-Ready diagnostics, giving teachers important data as to which Language Arts and which Math standards have been mastered and which need additional instruction and practice. Intervention groups can now be identified and students can get directed support. We are grateful to the district for the addition of SRBI coordinators who play a critical role in this process. This year it is especially important for us to examine where students are in relation to mastery so we can develop a viable plan moving forward to meet everyone's needs. An important piece of our mission here at Swift is to encourage students to try new things as they begin to explore their interests and talents. We are grateful for a new intramural program that began last week and will run the month of October. Close to one hundred students participate in these after school soccer and running clubs. The weather has cooperated and it's great to once again see our fields filled with young athletes. We are also pleased to announce that our clubs are starting up. This year our clubs will meet either virtually or in-person depending on the activity.

Watertown High School continues to have smooth weeks as we entered October. Students are doing very well with wearing their masks and frequently hand sanitizing. We are still able to use the outside learning space and outside eating area for a few more weeks, at least. Students are getting comfortable with doing hybrid learning, where part of the week is online and part of the week is in school. These two types of learning are very different, and students and teachers are adjusting well to their work. During the Friday professional learning session for teachers, they worked on developing goals for their instruction and classroom practices for this year. Teachers' goals are connected to our school and district success plans. Teachers are focusing on student engagement, family engagement, and social-emotional learning as they create goals and indicators of progress. Teachers' professional learning during the rest of the year will connect with their goals and indicators. Students in the Video Production classes created their first broadcast of the year, and this 15-minute news and information program was shared with all students this week during our Student Success Planning meetings.

G. Superintendent's Recommendations and Report

1. Appointments – (Information Only)

Ms. Teresa Baldwin to the position of Sixth Grade Co-Peer Helper for Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid half the WEA stipend amount of \$513.00.

Ms. Krisl Beres to the position of Lego Club Advisor for Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the WEA stipend amount of \$1,068.00.

Ms. Alyssa Buzzelli to the position of Honor Society Advisor for Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, at the WEA contractual stipend of \$1,079.00.

Ms. Alyssa Buzzelli to the position of Evergreen Team Leader for Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, at the WEA contractual stipend of \$2,020.00.

Ms. Jessica Cagno to the position of Green Team Leader at Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, at the WEA contractual stipend amount of \$2,020.00.

Mr. Warren Campbell to the position of Perkins Grant Advisor for Watertown High School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the WEA contract stipend amount of \$1,150.00.

Mr. Warren Campbell to the position of Webmaster for Watertown High School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the WEA contractual stipend amount of \$2,308.00.

Mr. Nicholas Claps to the position of Long-Term Substitute/Library Media Specialist at Watertown High School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, being paid a daily rate of \$85.00 for the first ten days and on the eleventh day the rate will change to \$252.24, Step 3 of the WEA Contract.

Ms. Alison Clarke to the position of Time & Attendance Secretary for Watertown Public Schools, effective October 19, 2020 at a contractual rate of \$22.23 hourly, step 1 of the Secretaries contract.

Ms. Hannah Collier to the position of Green Pod Leader at John Trumbull Primary School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the WEA stipend amount of \$513.00.

Ms. Alexandra Computzzi to the position of Watertown/Oakville Adolescent Hero Co-Advisor for Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, being paid half the WEA contractual stipend amount of \$1,154.00.

Ms. Alexandra Computzzi to the position of Seventh Grade Peer Leader at Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, at the WEA contractual stipend amount of \$1,026.00.

Ms. Katherine Cunningham to the position of Student Council Advisor for Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, at the WEA contractual stipend of \$1,079.00.

Ms. Fawn Duffield to the position of long-term substitute Paraprofessional for Polk Elementary School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, being paid the hourly rate of \$12.00.

Ms. Leisha Eckerlin to the position of Grade Level Leader for 4th Grade at Polk Elementary School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, being paid the WEA contractual stipend amount of \$513.00.

Ms. Nicole Edmond to the position of Detention Monitor for Watertown High School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, being paid a rate of \$20.09.

Mr. Charles Esposito to the position of Webmaster for Judson Elementary School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the WEA contractual stipend amount of \$2,308.00.

Ms. Erica Fitzgerald to the position of Grade Level Leader for 3rd Grade at Polk Elementary School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, being paid the WEA contractual stipend amount of \$513.00.

Ms. Elisha Gesseck to the position of Red-Team Co-Leader for Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid half the WEA stipend amount of \$1,010.00.

Ms. Elisha Gesseck to the position of English Coordinator at Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the WEA stipend amount of \$2,020.00.

Ms. Anne Gibbons to the position of Webmaster at John Trumbull Primary School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the WEA stipend amount of \$2,308.00.

Ms. Michelle Goldfarb to the position of Yearbook Advisor for Watertown High School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the WEA contractual stipend amount of \$2,261.00.

Ms. Michelle Gorski to the position of Blue Team Leader for Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, at the WEA contractual stipend amount of \$2,020.00.

Ms. Colleen Haberern to the position of Mathematics Coordinator for Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the WEA contractual stipend amount of \$2,020.00.

Mr. Bret Hodorski to the position of Instructional Technology Facilitator grades 6-12 for Watertown Public Schools, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the contractual stipend amount of \$2,509.00.

Ms. Pam Hodorski to the position of Newspaper Advisor for Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the contractual stipend amount of \$1,079.00.

Mr. Joseph Kuziak to the position of Webmaster at Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, at the WEA contractual stipend of \$2,308.00.

Ms. Kristen Lauria to the position of Bucket Band Advisor at Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, being paid the WEA contractual stipend amount of \$700.00.

Ms. Kristen Lauria to the position of Jazz Band Advisor at Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, being paid the WEA contractual stipend amount of \$700.00.

Ms. Stephanie Lauro-Goetz to the position of Garden Club Advisor for Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, being paid the WEA contractual stipend amount of \$700.00.

Ms. Stephanie Lauro-Goetz to the Position of Art Club Advisor for Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, being paid the WEA contractual stipend amount of \$700.00.

Mr. Eric Lozaw to the position of Leo Club Advisor for Watertown High School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, being paid the contractual stipend amount of \$2,278.00.

Ms. Sherri Marquardt to the position of Homework Club Co-Advisor for Judson Elementary School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, being paid half the contractual stipend amount of \$784.50.

Ms. Sherri Marquardt to the position of Grade Level Leader for 5th Grade at Judson Elementary School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, being paid the contractual stipend amount of \$513.00.

Ms. Sherri Marquardt to the position of Invention Convention for Judson Elementary School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, being paid the contractual stipend amount of \$769.00.

Ms. Stephanie Milo to the position of Grade Level Leader for 5th Grade at Polk Elementary School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, being paid the WEA contractual stipend amount of \$513.00.

Ms. Christina Moher to the position of World Language Honor Society Advisor for Watertown High School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, being paid the WEA contractual stipend amount of \$2,336.00.

Ms. Cynthia Murphy to the position of Special Education Building Coordinator at Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the WEA contractual stipend amount of \$2,020.00.

Ms. Cynthia Murphy to the position of Detention Monitor for Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the WEA contractual stipend amount of \$4,067.00.

Mr. Joseph Nappi to the position of Athletic Director at Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the WEA contractual stipend amount of \$3,109.00.

Ms. Lauren O'Toole to the position of Student Council Co-Advisor for Judson Elementary School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid half the contract stipend amount of \$523.00.

Mr. Richard Peronace to the position of Social Studies Coordinator at Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the contract stipend amount of \$2,020.00.

Mr. Richard Peronace to the position of Unified Sports Program Coordinator at Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid an hourly rate of \$30.39.

Mr. Richard Peronace to the position of Yearbook Advisor at Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the contract stipend amount of \$1,411.00.

Ms. Ashley Pettinato to the position of Best Buddies Co-Coordinator for Watertown High School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid half the contract stipend amount of \$1,154.00.

Ms. Donna Poliquin to the position of Tri -M Music Honor Society Advisor for Watertown High School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the WEA stipend amount of \$2,308.00.

Ms. Rachel Reiter to the position of Grade Level Leader for 4th Grade at Judson Elementary School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, being paid the contractual stipend amount of \$513.00.

Ms. Dorothy Rinaldi to the position of Webmaster at Polk Elementary School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the contract stipend amount of \$2,308.00.

Ms. Lori Santopietro to the position of Paraprofessional, Category 1, at Watertown High School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, being paid the hourly rate of \$15.17, Step 1 of the Paraprofessional Contract.

Ms. Joanna Schipke to the position of Director of Food Services for Watertown Public Schools, effective September 28, 2020 at annual salary of \$60,600.00 (prorated).

Ms. Fatima Selimovski to the position of Yellow Team Leader at Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, being paid the WEA contractual stipend amount of \$2,020.00.

Ms. Maria Shannon to the position of Homework Club Advisor for Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the WEA stipend amount of \$1,569.00.

Ms. Sarah Simmons to the position of System Wide Nurse Coordinator for Watertown Public Schools, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the stipend amount of \$2,849.00.

Ms. Amy Sjovald to the position of Director of Student Services for Watertown Public Schools, effective October 26, 2020 at a salary of \$137,500.00 (prorated).

Ms. Kathy Sklanka to the position of Crimson Team Leader for Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the WEA stipend amount of \$2,020.00.

Ms. Kathy Sklanka to the position of Watertown /Oakville Adolescent Hero Co-Advisor for Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid half the WEA stipend amount of \$1,154.00.

Ms. Kathy Sklanka to the position of Eighth Grade Peer Leader for Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the stipend amount of \$1,026.00.

Ms. Melissa Staples to the position of Building Substitute at Polk Elementary School, effective October 5, 2020, being hired at a daily rate of \$100.00.

Ms. Janet Sweetland to the position of Science Coordinator for Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the WEA stipend amount of \$2,020.00.

Ms. Janet Sweetland to the position of Red Team Co-Leader for Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid half the WEA stipend amount of \$1,010.00.

Ms. Janet Sweetland to the position of STEM Co-Advisor for Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid half the WEA stipend amount of \$500.00.

Ms. Janet Sweetland to the position of Sixth Grade Peer Co-Helper at Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid half the WEA stipend amount of \$513.00.

Mr. Nicholas Tirozzi to the position of Student Council Co-Advisor for Judson Elementary School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, being paid half the WEA contractual stipend amount of \$523.00.

Mr. Nicholas Tirozzi to the position of Homework Club Co-Advisor for Judson Elementary School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid half the WEA contractual stipend amount of \$784.50.

Ms. Robyn Troisi to the position of Grade Level Leader for 3rd Grade at Judson Elementary School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, being paid the contractual stipend amount of \$513.00.

Ms. Diana Wohlhieter to the position of STEM Co-Advisor at Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid half WEA stipend amount of \$500.00.

Ms. Beth Wolf to the position of Best Buddies Co-Coordinator for Watertown High School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid half the contract stipend amount of \$1,154.00.

Mr. Jack Zaino to the position of Select Choir Club Advisor for Swift Middle School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid the contract stipend amount of \$700.00.

2. **Transfers – (Information Only)**

Ms. Laura Leary from the position of Purchasing Clerk for Watertown Public Schools, to the position of School Secretary at Judson Elementary School, effective September 28, 2020.

3. **Resignations – (Information Only)**

Mr. Thomas DiStasio from the position of Business Manager for Watertown Public Schools, effective November 11, 2020 to accept a position in another district.

4. **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Ramos - Good evening everyone. As you know, yesterday, the Watertown Public School District was notified that a member of our school community tested positive for coronavirus. We are not at liberty to say any more about the affected person. Based on contact tracing conducted by the Torrington Area Health District in conjunction with school administration, anyone considered a close contact with this person has been contacted by school or local health officials and provided with instructions on the appropriate steps to take. As a result, John Trumbull Primary School, which was closed today, will be open tomorrow. Again, all Watertown Public Schools will be open tomorrow. Please remember that we have early dismissal on Wednesdays.

I would also like to report that central office has been relocated from Munson House to our new quarters in the new Town Hall. It was a bittersweet moment as people left Munson House after so many years. There is so much history there. They were greeted by a lovely floral bouquet from our Chair this morning which was very well received. Folks needed that lift. Thank you so much, we are settling in nicely.

H. Discussion Regarding Superintendent Search

Ms. Crotty - The Superintendent Search Committee held its first meeting last Tuesday, October 6th with the Connecticut Assoc. of Boards of Education Senior Search Consultant Mary Broderick. During the meeting we planned for the Superintendent Vacancy Listing, and shortly thereafter, Ms. Broderick had a draft for our review and the final version was officially posted on Friday, October 9th, 2020. Watertown's superintendent candidate application deadline is November 6th. The Search Committee is very much looking forward to reviewing the applications for our next superintendent in early November and plan to begin the interview process shortly thereafter. It is critical to the search process that we, as a Search Committee and as a community, develop a Superintendent Leadership Profile for final review by our November 9th Board of Education meeting. The work of developing the Leadership Profile began at our meeting last week, and will continue with the gathering of data from stakeholders through focus groups and an online survey. Eight different focus groups were identified and scheduled between October 13th and October 20th: High School Students, Residents, Watertown Administrators, Watertown Teachers, Non-Certified Staff, Town Manager and Town Council Members, and lastly, Business Leaders. An invitation to participate was released to the public on Thursday October 8th. At the meeting, we also reviewed the online survey questions and that was also released to the public on October 8th. I encourage our staff, families and community to participate in both the survey and a focus group if they are able to. Since being released, we have had 61 people take the survey and unfortunately, we have only had a handful of people sign up for some of the focus groups. In addition to being emailed and sent to local newspapers,

the information on how to participate can be found on our website, Twitter page, and Facebook. If you have any search related questions, please feel free to reach out to Mary Broderick at 860-608-1763 or mbroderick.cabesearch@cabe.org. Lastly, I want to thank to Dr. Ramos, Ms. Lisa Fekete, Ms. Mary Lu Lerz, and Ms. Terri Baldwin for agreeing to join the Board on the Search Committee.

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

None

J. Communications – Secretary

None

K. Committee Reports:

Curriculum and Instruction Committee, Ms. Cathie Rinaldi, Chair –Yes

There will be a Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting on October 26th at 6:15, prior to the 7:30 Board of Education meeting. Dr. Ramos and Ms. Fekete will discuss the K-3 I-Ready scores and the academic strategies and goals for the 2020-2021 school year.

Policy and Labor Committee, Ms. Janelle Wilk, Chair – No

Budget and Finance Committee, Ms. Diane Bristol, Chair – No

Facilities/PBC/Operations Committee, Ms. Leslie Crotty – No

Governance and Community Engagement Committee, Mr. Robert Makowski, Chair – No

L. Report from the Board Chair

Ms. Crotty - On September 14th the Watertown Board of Education outlined the parameters of and appointed a Mascot Committee in response to a public request to change the Watertown High School Mascot. The Board of Ed established the Mascot Committee to begin a community engagement process that will examine the use of the current "Indian" name and mascot. The committee includes the following members:

4 Students: Chelsea Betts, Anna Dost, Isaiah Powell, and Ty Zaccagnini

2 Board of Ed Members: Cathie Rinaldi & Cindy Eastman

2 Parents: Natalie Santangeli & Krista Palomba

2 Community Members: Joe Romano & Paul Vance Jr.

1 Athletic Director: Paul Catuccio

2 Administrators: Nicole Cote & Annette Miserez-Dillon

2 Faculty Members: Thomas Allen & Mark Southard

I would like to thank the committee members for agreeing to be a part of this, your recommendation to the Board is a critical component to this process.

The Mascot Committee will hold its first meeting on Wednesday October 14th at 7:00 PM where they will discuss the committee's purpose, overview, and the guiding questions and initial

discussions. The Committee has 5 additional meetings scheduled through January 6th and a virtual Town Hall for the public will take place on Tuesday November 17th, 2020 at 7:00 PM. As promised, all documents, agendas, and resources related to the Mascot Committee can be found on the newly developed Mascot Committee Website. The link to that website is available on www.watertownpublicschools.org. or you can reach it directly at www.watertownps.org/whs-mascot-committee/home.

The Watertown Board of Ed is looking for a new superintendent and clearly it was a point of discussion this evening and we are looking forward to meeting those in the surrounding area that are looking to become our next superintendent.

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

Agenda Item:	M.1
Subject:	Consideration of the Approval of Janelle Wilk to fill the Board Vice Chairman Vacancy
Motion Presented By:	Ms. Rinaldi
Motion Seconded By:	Ms. Bristol
Text of the Motion:	Madame Chair, I move that the Board appoint Ms. Janelle Wilk as the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Education to fill the vacant position left by Mr. Thomas Lambert.
Discussion:	Ms. Crotty – Ms. Wilk joined the Board of Education in November of 2013 and she has diligently represented the Board in strategic planning, hearings and union negotiations over the last 7 years. From very early on, she was a successful proponent of bringing full-day Kindergarten to Watertown, capital improvement planning, expanding student access to services, and increasing school security at every level. Her genuine passion for our town is evident in her desire to make Watertown Public Schools the beacon of light for both students and adults in our community. Janelle is currently serving as Board Secretary, Chair of Policy and Labor and Board Liaison to EdAdvance and John Trumbull Primary PTO. I would be very proud to now have her serve as our Board Vice Chair.
Opposed:	None
Abstained:	None

Vote:	Motion passed
Agenda Item:	M.2
Subject:	Consideration of the Approval of Ms. Cathie Rinaldi to fill the Board Secretary Vacancy
Motion Presented By:	Ms. Bristol
Motion Seconded By:	Mr. Malagutti
Text of the Motion:	Madame Chair, I move that the Board appoint Ms. Cathie Rinaldi as Board Secretary to fill the position vacated by Ms. Janelle Wilk.
Discussion:	Ms. Crotty – Ms. Rinaldi has served on the Board of Education for five years and in that time she has focused her advocacy on increasing our District’s math and science proficiency, consistent discipline strategies, transparent communication, and the expansion of school security. As a teacher, Cathie has a keen understanding of what is like to be in those shoes and has brought that important perspective to many discussions over the year. Cathie serves as Board Liaison to the Swift PTO and the Watertown High School PTO, she is the chair of Curriculum and Instruction where she has been laser focused on bringing best practices and resources to each of our classrooms. Her fresh ideas and creative thinking are an asset to our district and her advocacy for student learning in everything that she contributes. I would be proud to have you become an Officer of the Board of Education.
Opposed:	None
Abstained:	None
Vote:	Motion passed

N. Future Agenda Items and Board Members Comments

None

O. Public Participation – (Please state your name, address and topic of discussion)

None

P. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mindi Davidson
Recording Secretary

Cathie Rinaldi
Secretary of the Board