

# **WATERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION - MINUTES**

**September 15, 2016**

## **OPENING**

The Waterford School District Board of Education regular meeting, held at the Waterford Township Hall Auditorium, 5200 Civic Center Drive, Waterford, Michigan, was called to order by President Seeterlin at 6:00 PM.

## **PLEDGE**

The audience joined the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL**

Present: Members Piggott, Halls, Sutherland, Himmelspach, Petrusha, Torres and Seeterlin  
Absent: None  
Others: Keith Wunderlich, William Holbrook, Janet McLeod, Carly Stone, Danielle Corbiel, Rhonda Lessel, Becky Lesh, Dee Alessi, Elizabeth Kutchev, Kellie Determan, Kim Nye, Vanesa Jennings, Troy Beasley, Eric Longuski, Toni Weddle, Shanette Kidd, Megan Roberts and others that did not register.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

## **CELEBRATION OF LEARNING**

This summer the Waterford School District launched its Summer of Steam Camp program in which students from both inside and outside of the Waterford School District participated in a variety of camp opportunities throughout the summer. Elementary art teacher Kellie Determan shared information from her Maker Innovation Camp, information was given about the Little Engineers Robotics camp, and Instructional Specialist Elizabeth Kutchev shared a video highlighting our Jr Hour of Code and Hour of Code camps.

## **RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS**

Congratulations to the Kettering Varsity Volleyball team! They took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Silver Division this past weekend. Way to go Captains!

Waterford Mott Football hosted Armed Forces Recognition Night on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The evening included numerous representatives from all branches of the military, local veteran support groups, and different activities led by military personnel. Kettering will host Armed Forces Night tomorrow, as they take on Walled Lake Northern at 7PM.

## **INFORMATION ITEM**

### **a. Reading with Wilbur**

The ability to read is a gift that parents and teachers give to children. The gift is a little bit more special when the book was written by other students.

The "Reading with Wilbur" series began with an English class at Waterford Mott High School in Waterford, MI. It grew from a single story, Wilbur's Wonderful Day, to a series of books, videos, activities, and adventures. Our objective is to give parents and educators the tools needed to help a child learn to read. We hope that our lovable Wilbur will get children interested and excited to read about his adventures.

A crew of high school students also began filming a series of Reading with Wilbur episodes. Each episode is approximately six minutes long and includes a read aloud story, live animals, elementary "favorite book"

**INFORMATION ITEM**

- a. Reading with Wilbur

reviews and a song. There are 26 episodes in the YouTube series. Episodes will be released once every two weeks, beginning in September. The series was made possible by a grant from the AT&T Foundation awarded to the Waterford Foundation for Public Education and supports the Waterford READS initiative.

Dr. Wunderlich shared a closer look at Wilbur’s book, series, and the fun Wilbur brings to reading in Waterford.

**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:24 PM, by roll call vote, the Board of Education moved to Executive Session for the pupose of discussing negotiations. No action was taken in closed session.

Member Himmelspach: Aye                      Member Halls:                      Aye  
Member Petrusha:                      Aye                      Member Torres:                      Aye  
Member Sutherland:                      Aye                      Member Piggott:                      Aye  
Member Seeterlin:                      Aye

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING**

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 6:45 PM.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS**

There were no audience comments on action items.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- a. August 18, 2016, Regular Meeting
- b. August 22, 2016, Study Session

Moved by Member Halls and supported by Member Piggott that the Board of Education adopt the minutes of the meetings listed above.

Ayes: Members Halls, Piggott, Himmelspach, Sutherland, Seeterlin, Torres, and Petrusha  
Nays: None  
Motion carried. (7-0)

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Moved by Member Himmelspach and supported by Member Halls that the Board of Education approve the accounts payable for the month of August 2016 per the reports included in the September 15, 2016 Board materials.

Ayes: Members Halls, Piggott, Himmelspach, Sutherland, Seeterlin, Torres, and Petrusha  
Nays: None  
Motion carried. (7-0)

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Board of Education received a statement of revenues and expenditures for the two month ended August 2016.

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. Superintendent's Recommendations

(1) Recommendation 24-16-17 Relative to Resignations/Retirements

Moved by Member Halls and supported by Member Petrusha that the Board of Education accept the following resignations:

Atkins, Emily, School Social Worker  
Houghton Elementary School  
Resignation  
Effective August 31, 2016

Nelson, Jamie, Teacher  
Donelson Hills Elementary School  
Resignation  
Effective August 26, 2016

Bell, Nicole, Counselor  
Mott High School  
Resignation  
Effective September 9, 2016

Ryba, Andrea, Speech & Language Pathologist  
Schoolcraft Elementary School  
Resignation  
Effective August 25, 2016

Broadwell, Shannon, Speech & Language Pathologist  
Schoolcraft and Crary Campus/Life Tracks  
Resignation  
Effective September 4, 2016

Saunders, Prea, Music Teacher  
Grayson Elementary School  
Resignation  
Effective August 18, 2016

Cawthray, Lindsye, Teacher  
Durant High School  
Resignation  
Effective August 23, 2016

Sly, Tanya, Teacher  
Donelson Hills Elementary School  
Resignation  
Effective August 18, 2016

Conrad, Kathy, Teacher  
Knudsen Elementary School  
Retirement  
Effective June 30, 2016

Smith, Kendra, Teacher  
Riverside Elementary School  
Resignation  
Effective August 19, 2016

Davis, Burnell, Teacher  
Children's Village School  
Retirement  
Effective September 9, 2016

Szczepanski, Stacey, Teacher  
Haviland Elementary School  
Resignation  
Effective August 31, 2016

Davis, Jacqueline, Social Worker  
Schoolcraft Elementary School  
Resignation  
Effective August 23, 2016

Kujala, Kelly, Teacher  
Donelson Hills Elementary School  
Resignation  
Effective September 6, 2016

Ayes: Members Halls, Piggott, Himmelpach, Sutherland, Seeterlin, Torres, and Petrusha

Nays: None

Motion carried. (7-0)

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. Superintendent's Recommendations

(2) Recommendation 25-16-174 Relative to Teaching Contract Changes/Appointments

Moved by Member Halls and supported by Member Petrusha that the Board of Education approve the following teaching contract changes/appointments for the 2016-2017 school year:.

Andrieux, Sara, Teacher  
Elementary Spanish  
40% Probationary Contract  
Effective September 6, 2016

McEvelly, Taylor, Teacher  
Haviland Elementary School  
100% Probationary Contract  
Effective August 25, 2016

Araiz, Morgan, Teacher  
Donelson Hills Elementary School  
100% Probationary Contract  
Effective September 6, 2016

Norton, Lisa, Teacher  
Children's Village School  
Recall, 100% Tenure Contract  
Effective September 1, 2016

Chapman, Laura, Teacher  
Pierce Middle School  
100% Probationary Contract  
Effective August 30, 2016

Russi, Marina, Teacher  
Haviland Elementary School  
100% Probationary Contract  
Effective August 30, 2016

DeFauw, Philip, Teacher  
Children's Village School  
Recall, 100% Tenure Contract  
Effective August 30, 2016

Sacks, Lainie, Teacher  
Houghton Elementary School  
100% Probationary Contract  
Effective August 30, 2016

DeLeeuw, Kristin, ASD Coordinator  
Kingsley Montgomery School  
100% Probationary Contract  
Effective August 30, 2016

Scott, Peter, Teacher  
Mott High School  
100% Probationary Contract  
Effective August 25, 2016

Harris, Shakari, Social Worker  
Schoolcraft Elementary School  
100% Annual Contract  
Effective September 6, 2016

Sims, Susanne, Teacher  
Mott High School  
100% Probationary Contract  
Effective August 30, 2016

Kaczmarek, Lisa, Special Education  
Teacher  
Kettering High School  
100% Probationary Contract  
Effective September 2, 2016

Tcholakian, Haigan, Teacher  
Riverside Elementary School  
100% Probationary Contract  
Effective August 25, 2016

Weemaes, Shalyn, Teacher  
Donelson Hills Elementary School  
100% Probationary Contract  
Effective August 30, 2016

Ayes: Members Halls, Piggott, Himmelpach, Sutherland, Seeterlin, Torres, and Petrusha

Nays: None

Motion carried. (7-0)

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. Superintendent’s Recommendations

(3) Recommendation 26-16-17 Relative to Tentative Agreement: WFSP

Moved by Member Halls and supported by Member Himmelspach that the Board of Education approve the Tentative Agreement with the Waterford Federation of Support Personnel (WFSP) pending ratification by its membership.

Member Petrusha has a family member in this bargaining unit and must abstain due to conflict of interest.

Ayes: Members Halls, Piggott, Himmelspach, Sutherland, Seeterlin, and Torres  
 Nays: None  
 Abstentions: Member Petrusha  
 Motion carried. (6-0-1)

(4) Recommendation 27-16-17 Relative to Resolution: Cell Tower Lease

Moved by Member Halls and supported by Member Petrusha that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution of the proposed cell tower facility at the High School site, as well as the terms and conditions of the Lease Agreement.

Furthermore, the Superintendent or his designee is hereby authorized to finalize and execute the Lease Agreement with Verizon, as well as any and all documents necessary and incidental to said Lease Agreement, on behalf of the School District. Documents have been reviewed by legal counsel and have found to be in full conformance with the agreements previously presented to the Board of Education.

Ayes: Members Piggott, Himmelspach, Seeterlin, Torres, and Petrusha  
 Nays: Members Halls and Sutherland  
 Motion carried. (5-2)

b. Consideration of Certain Purchases

(1) Recommendation 28-16-17 Relative to Contract Award: Purchase of Buses

Moved by Member Himmelspach and supported by Member Petrusha that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Ten (10) diesel buses and Ten (10) propane buses as follows:

VENDOR	Units	Unit Price	Total Price
CAPITOL CITY			
77 Pass/Propane	10	\$88,640.00	\$886,400.00
54 Pass/Diesel*	7	\$87,145.00	\$610,015.00
54 Pass/Diesel-Ortho & AC*	3	\$94,835.00	\$284,505.00
HOLLAND			
77 Pass/Propane*	10	\$92,832.00	\$928,320.00
54 Pass/Diesel	7	\$90,343.00	\$632,401.00
54 Pass/Diesel-Ortho & AC	3	\$109,324.00	\$327,972.00
HOEKSTRA			
77 Pass/Propane	10	\$88,776.00	\$887,760.00
54 Pass/Diesel	7	\$87,250.00	\$610,750.00
54 Pass/Diesel-Ortho & AC	3	\$96,290.00	\$288,870.00

\*Contract Award

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- (1) Recommendation 28-16-17 Relative to Contract Award: Purchase of Buses (*continued*)

Delivery Requested by December 16, 2016

Funding Source: 2016 Bond Series 1

Ayes: Members Halls, Piggott, Himmelspach, Sutherland, Seeterlin, Torres, and Petrusha

Nays: None

Motion carried. (7-0)

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. Future Items – October 6, 2016
1. Celebration of Learning – Mott Drum Line
  2. Celebration of Learning – Mott Production: Arsenic and Old Lace
  3. Information – Head Start Budget

- b. Board of Education Reports

Member Piggott discussed Mott and Kettering's Armed Forces Recognition Nights.

## **AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS**

There were no audience comments on non-action items.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Wunderlich thanked everyone who made the start of the 2016-2017 school year so great.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by President Seeterlin at 7:01 PM.

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Secretary, Board of Education

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