# WATERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION - MINUTES

**December 1, 2016**

## OPENING

The Waterford School District Board of Education interim 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 Sutherland, Himmelspach, Torres, Piggott, Halls, Petrusha, and Seeterlin
Absent: None
Others: Keith Wunderlich, William Holbrook, Lisa McFee, Darin Holley, Carly Stonel, Jason Frank, Jeff Frankowiak, Troy Beasley, Janie Brown, Scott Johnson, Sandra and Kaela List, Dawn Anders, Vanesa Jennings, Shanette Kidd, Becky Lesh, Vanessa Marks, Kris Libstaff, April Lennox, Celeste Duryea, Nick Frazee, Elizabeth Kutchey, Tom Wedder, Jessica Beck, Amy Klopman, Kelly Mathiah, Scott Kortlandt, Marty Robak, Rob Stack, Gwyn Reece, Nicole Janower, Sarah Johnson, Lisa Welch, Angela Stover, Connie Smith, Wendy Nash, Michele Ming, Renee Tenagua, Jessica Fraga, Elizabeth Baudino, Liz Smolinski, Ted Bowersox, Angela Dziadzio, Renee Clark, Heather McDonald, Julie Thompson, Margy Newberry, Amy Klaus, Craig & Cathy Schlaufman, Ann Reiche, Jane Sawyers, Breahn Post, Angela Redick, Jennifer Craig, Jamie Detter, Deanna Barcey, Rick Hilliard, Nikki Freed, Jo Schoonover, Jen Dobrin, Danielle Toeper, Christy Ward, Lisa Batchelder, Susanne Sims, Kelly MacDonald, Brad Mosclier, Jessica Ghislain, Laura Pocle, Stephanie Watteny, Liz Robertson, Valerie Rzepka, Scott Moccia, Kristen Wirz, Michelle Dahl, Julie Gross, Vicki Dinkins, Pat Dinkins, Dale Collins, Dalgan Tcholakian, Jessica Johnson, Carol Jackson, Jill Avenal, Cindy Wyatt, Kim Casagrande, Krista Garrow, Amy McNulty, Chelsea Cortise, Jay Watson, Jane Lane, Mary Ebrat, Lindsey Crozior, Sue Austin, Adonica Jennings, Jodi Curry, Nancy Haller, Katie Muhleck, Elizabeth Tallent, Karen Smith, Kristin Miller, Carol Snyder, Dawn Sanford, Rachel Bryce, Kelli Lathwell, Sue Case, Sara Frontier, Susan Calaro, Courtney Casteel-John, Sharon Spencer, Tricia Stone, Estrellito Valencia, Mary Craite, Katherine Sloan, Laurie Runk, Mary Lazar, Karen DiLauren, Sarah Yates, Stacy Snow, Susie Abrams, Frank Puddy, Beth Hook, Dave Crane, Tony Miller, Ryan Negoshian, Mike Mally, Bob Wareck, Margaret Bryce, Sara Veltri, Tara Brazelton, Renee Preister, Jill Cummins, Elisa Wueuch, Kristen Strong, Brett Hanna, Michael Lebow, Jessica Blitchok, Shannon Sly, Amy Depolo, Denise Abad, Pan Ciesinski, Jen Bares, Tim Bares, Pam Schifer, Stephanie Donellio, Betsey McLachlan, Stacy Beach, Dan Krompatic, Sylvia Radhs, Shea Seckel, Jeff Eisenhart, Megan Roberts and others that did not register.

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

## RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS

Student-athlete leadership councils at both Kettering and Mott have adopted a family of five for the holidays. This past weekend, the athletes met up to shop for their family. We are proud of our student-athletes and the time and effort given to help others in need.

## RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS

We are also excited to congratulate Mott football players David McCullum for being selected as All-State Honorable Mention and Keith Fields for also being selected as All-State Honorable Mention as well as All-Metro North First Team. In addition, congratulations to Kettering's Kyle Piotrovsky for Academic All-State and honorable mention All-Metro North.

## CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

a. STEM Academy

The Board of Education received an update on the new Stem Academy, where students engage in real-world, project-based learning that integrate traditional science, technology and math curriculum using innovative methods.

## INFORMATION ITEM

a. Kettering Student Trip to Germany and Austria

Kettering High School is requesting approval for a German Cultures tour of Germany and Austria, June 19-18, 2018. A recommendation to approve the proposal will be presented under New Business. Approval would be rescinded if the area to be visited is issued a travel warning. Kettering German Teacher, Jason Frank shared further details and answered questions from the Board.

b. Head Start Reports

The Board of Education received as information the Head Start Directors Report for December 2016 and the Head Start Budget for November 2016.

c. 2017-2018 School of Choice Resolution

A recommendation to approve the following Schools of Choice resolution for the 2017-2018 school year will be presented on December 15, 2016.

***WHEREAS****, the Waterford Board of Education has the option permitted by section 105 of the State School Aide Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1998; and*

***WHEREAS****, it has the option, for purposes of sections 105 and 105c, to accept applications of nonresident students from outside the District, who reside in the Oakland Intermediate School District and/or a contiguous intermediate school district, which this district is a constituent district for the enrollment in our district for the 2017-2018 school year; and*

***WHEREAS****, the Waterford School District has the option to operate a Schools of Choice Program in the Waterford School District for second semester in compliance with the statutory requirements of Section 105 and 105c; and*

***WHEREAS****, the Waterford School District has outstanding school programs and there may be room for students from other districts to participate in these high quality schools, now therefore be it*

***RESOLVED****, the Waterford School District chooses to participate in the aforementioned Schools of Choice Program for 2017-2018; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED****, that the Waterford School District will accept applications for the 2017-2018 school year for the Kindergarten grade level (section 105) and grades 6-12 enrolled in the Cyber Academy only (section 105 and 105c) until the deadline established by law.*

## AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

There were no audience comments on action items.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. November 17, 2016, Regular Meeting

Moved by Member Halls and supported by Member Piggott that the Board of Education adopt the minutes of the November 17, 2016, Board of Education meeting.

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

## NEW BUSINESS

a. Superintendent's Recommendations

(1) Recommendation 41-16-17 Relative to Resignations/Retirements

Moved by Member Halls and supported by Member Himmelspach that the Board of Education accept the following resignation/retirement:

Connie Gannon-Piacentini, Teacher
Mason Middle School
Retirement
Effective January 27, 2017

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

(2) Recommendation 42-16-17 Relative to Kettering Student Trip to Germany and Austria

Moved by Member Halls and supported by Member Himmelspach that the Board of Education approve the proposed Kettering High School student trip to Germany and Austria, June 19-28, 2018. Approval will be rescinded if the area to be visited is issued a travel warning.

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

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Future Items –December 15, 2016

1. Celebration of Learning- Pierce Choir
2. Information – Board Meeting Schedule
3. Action – School of Choice Resolution 2017-2018

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

b. Board of Education Reports

Member Sutherland praised performing arts students and staff, talking about the recent productions and upcoming performances and concerts.

Member Himmelspach addressed the audience expressing appreciation and respect for being here.

Member Seeterlin spoke regarding the loss of Mary Lou Simmons, former teacher, administrator, Waterford Foundation President and true advocate for Waterford's youth.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS**

Troy Beasley and Shannon Sly addressed the Board of Education regarding negotiations and the education system.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Wunderlich addressed the public comments regarding the process of negotiations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by President Seeterlin at 6:44 PM.

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Secretary, Board of Education

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