Watervliet City School District
Watervliet, New York

Board of Education

Regular Meeting

DATE:	July 6, 2023
TYPE OF MEETING:	Organizational Meeting
MEETING OPENED:	6:01 PM
WHERE:	Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Heather Soroka Mary Beth Whited Brian White Victoria Donnelly
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	Sheri Senecal
SUPERINTENDENT:	Dr. Donald Stevens Jr.

The meeting was opened at 6:01 p.m., with Superintendent Stevens officiating.

Oath of Office

Superintendent Stevens administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Victoria Donnelly. Ms. Donnelly will serve a three-year term of office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

On a motion by Mary Beth Whited, seconded by Heather Soroka and unanimously accepted, the Board **tabled** the appointment of a **President** and **Vice President**.

In the absence of a new board president, Dr. Stevens continued officiating the meeting.

REPORTS/COMMENTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Stevens shared the following:

- We had a terrific end to the school year. Thank you for joining us at graduation and the many moving-up ceremonies.
- Summer programs have started and there is a lot going on in the district. Fall sports open gyms, extended school year program, summer academy, summer school, and the travel program - which was brought back this year - have all started.
- The Civic Center is using space at WES for their summer programming.
- Little construction projects are wrapping up from our recent building project. We are excited to see the progress and hoping for a September completion.
- While administrators are overseeing summer school, they are also preparing for the next school year, building schedules, creating programs, outlining new classrooms, bringing new staff up to speed, and setting up summer professional development. Those programs start July 17 and teachers can sign up for them.

  Mrs. Webster noted that professional development topics include equity, grading, training on the new social-emotional software program, writing curriculum, scheduling, RTI, MTSS, etc.

- New Teacher Orientation will be held in August.
- At each Board member's place setting is a pamphlet on the EVOLVE program. It explains the program in detail. We have 13 students confirmed. We would like to have 15-20 students. It is going to be a great program.
- Hiring is almost all set for September. We may have a few more on the August agenda and we will hopefully then be set.
- Our Board retreat is July 18. It is a closed meeting and will be facilitated by the new District Superintendent of BOCES.
- Our next public meeting will be held on August 8.

B. **Committee Reports**

i. **Audit Committee**

There was no Audit Committee report.

ii. **Policy Committee**

First Reading of **Revised/Merged Policies:**

Education of Students in Temporary Housing
Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs, and Other Substances (Students)
Sports and the Athletic Program
Suicide
Dignity for all Students
Hazing of Students
Student Gender Identity
Curriculum Development, Resources, and Evaluation
Equal Educational Opportunities
Safety Conditions and Prevention Instruction
Career and Technical (Occupational) Education
Instruction in Certain Subjects
Instruction for English Language Learners
Instructional Materials and Nonpublic School Students

Second Reading of **Revised Policies:**

2023 – 24 District-Wide Code of Conduct
Temporary Personnel
Use of E-mail in the District
Public Access to Records
Equal Employment Opportunity
Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
Employee Medical Examinations

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

The **Code of Conduct** has been uploaded to the district web site and will be available for **public review** on the web site, or in-person, for 30 days. A public hearing will be held at the August Board of Education Meeting. If the public has any comments, they can send them to the boepubliccomment@vlietschools.org.

The **District Level Safety Plan** has been uploaded to the district web site and will be available for **public review** on the web site, or in-person, for 30 days. A public hearing will be held at the August Board of Education Meeting. If the public has any comments, they can send them to the boepubliccomment@vlietschools.org.

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board accepted the **resignation** of **Michaeleen Backus** from the position of **Teaching Assistant** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, effective June 30, 2023, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board accepted the **resignation** of **Dana Kowalchyk** from the position of **ENL Teacher** at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School**, effective July 20, 2023, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board accepted the **resignation** of **Lyndsay Mattice** from the position of **Special Education Teacher** at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School**, effective July 22, 2023, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board **rescinded** the appointment of **Luca Rentz** to the position of **Teaching Assistant**, **ExTRA Summer Academy Program 2023**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board **rescinded** the appointment of **Chelsea Shufelt** to the position of **Grade 1 Teacher**, **ExTRA Summer Academy Program 2023**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **leave of absence** request of **Beth Jones** from her position as **Teaching Assistant** at the Watervliet Elementary School, for the 2023 - 2024 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following **ExTRA Summer Academy Program 2023 emergency** appointments at a salary as per contract, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Watervliet Elementary School:

1st Grade:	Luca Rentz
Teaching Assistant:	Madelyn Degler

Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School:

Math 6-8 Grade:	Nicholas Grolley
Special Education 7-12 (.75):	Kimberleigh Barkamian

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following **Extended School Year (ESY) 2023 emergency appointment** at a salary as per contract, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Teaching Assistant	Ashley Tremblay

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment** of **Michaeleen Backus** to the position of **Long-Term Substitute Elementary Teacher, ELA AIS**, at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, effective September 5, 2023, at a Step 1 salary per WTA contract, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment** of **Beth Jones** to the position of **Long-Term Substitute Elementary Teacher, Math AIS**, at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, effective September 5, 2023, at a Step 1 salary per WTA contract, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved an additional **six (6) work days** during the **summer** for **Rebecca Phillips**, Watervliet Elementary School Psychologist, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board appointed the following staff to the positions outlined below for the **2023 – 2024** school year, at a rate as per contract, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Chemical Hygiene Officer: Jaclynne Bishop
Health Coordinator: Dennis Lane
Computer Coordinator (WES/WJSHS) (1.0): Allison Novotarski
Computer Coordinator (WES) (.5) : Samantha Walsh
Computer Coordinator (WJSHS) (.5): Rebecca Sweeney

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **voluntary transfer** of **Katrina Vacarelli** from the position of **Part-Time**

Bus Driver to the position of **Full-Time Bus Driver** for the **Watervliet City School District,** at her current hourly rate, effective **July 10, 2023**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **voluntary transfer** of **Donald Winterbourne** from the position of **Full-Time Hall Monitor** to the position of **Part-Time Hall Monitor** at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School,** at his current hourly rate, effective **September 5, 2023**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **emergency probationary appointment** of **David Pearson** to the position of **Technology Aide (.4 FTE)** for the **Watervliet City School District**, effective July 1, 2023, at a Step 20 salary per WSSA contract, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment** of **John Szkopiec** to the position of **Night Cleaning Supervisor** at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School** for a period beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, at a salary of $13,828.00, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment** of the following staff as **ExTRA Club Advisors** for the **2023 – 2024** school year, at the rate outlined below, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Watervliet Elementary School:

Michele Deguire & Janice Sogoian - Homework Help (Gr. 3-5) ($24.59/hr.)
Adrienne Todd - Book Buddies (K-2) ($24.59/hr.)
Rosie Sharpe - Game Club Advisor ($962.00 stipend)
Andrew Cowie - Drama Club Advisor ($1,675.00 stipend) and
Band ($2,636.00 stipend)
Mary Collett - 4th/5th Grade Chorus ($1,675.00 stipend)
Geraldine Ferris - Garden Club ($500.00 stipend)

Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School:

Nikki Laboissiere - Homework Help (Gr. 6-8) ($24.59/hr.)
Yuriy Berin - Masterminds ($962.00 stipend) and
Chess Club ($962.00 stipend)
Ashley Dorn - Drama Club ($1,675.00 stipend)
Madelyn Degler - Drama Club Assistant ($838.00 stipend)
Colin Eletto - Samba Drum Circle ($2,636.00 stipend)
Melissa Kussler & AnneMarie Gleason - Co-Best Buddies
($878.00 – split stipend)
Rosie Sharpe - Substitute

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following **payment requests**, submitted by Keith Heid, Business Manager, as recommended by the Superintendent:

WATERVLIET 2022 ARPA CAPITAL PROJECT –
ADDITIONS & ALTERATIONS

Duncan & Cahill, Inc.	Payment Application #002	$ 128,881.72
DLC Electric, LLC	Payment Application #003	$ 54,059.75

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board designated **Utica National Insurance Group (OneGroup)** as the property & casualty insurance carrier for the Watervliet City School District for the 2023-2024 school year, submitted by Keith Heid, Business Manager, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board designated **Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc.** as the Student Accident insurance carrier for the Watervliet City School District for the 2023 –2024 school year, submitted by Keith Heid, Business Manager, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board designated the following banks as **Official Depository of Funds**, as recommended by the Superintendent:

- Bank of America
- JP Morgan Chase Bank
- Pioneer Savings Bank

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the establishment of **mileage reimbursement** for district employees authorized to travel in performing official school district business based upon the **"IRS Standard Mileage Rates,"** as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **designation** of **The Troy Record** as the **official newspaper**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board established the following **Petty Cash Funds**, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Business Office – $100
Cafeteria WHS – $100
Cafeteria WES – $100
WHS Main Office – $40
WES Main Office – $40

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following **appointments**, effective July 1, 2023, as recommended by the Superintendent:

District Treasurer, Part-Time – John Heid
Assistant District Treasurer – Keith Heid
Assistant Clerk of the Board – Jill O'Connell
Financial Consultant – Capital Market Advisors, LLC
Bond Counsel – Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP
Independent Auditor, CPA – Teal, Becker and Chiaramonte
School Medical Directors – Lori Caruso, M.D. & William Kostun, M.D.
Internal Claims Auditor – Michaeleen Backus
Faculty Auditor for Extracurricular Activities Account – Ryan Groat (WES)
& Jessie Richards (WJSHS)
Attorney – Girvin & Ferlazzo, PC
Purchasing Agent – Dani Jones
Pesticide Representative – Donald Ploof
Asbestos LEA Designee – Donald Ploof
FOIL Officer – Bernadette Boardman
Residency Determination Officer – Donald Stevens Jr.
Records Management Officer – TBD
Data Protection Officer – Kirsten DeMento
Civil Right Compliance Officers – Kirsten DeMento & Molly McGrath
Title IX Coordinators – Kirsten DeMento & Molly McGrath
Dignity Act Coordinators – Alison Santiago (WES) & Madelyn Degler (WJSHS)
Attendance Officer – Brenda Zawistowski
Liaison for Homeless Children and Youth – Kirsten DeMento
Chief Emergency Officer – Donald Stevens
Designated Educational Official – Donald Stevens Jr.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following appointments, effective July 1, 2023, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Name	**Position**	**Stipend**
Bernadette L. Boardman	Clerk of the Board	$2,000.00
Keith Heid	Tax Collector	$1,500.00
Roni O'Brien	Transportation Dispatcher	$1,000.00
Danielle Jones	Activity Treasurer WCSD	$1,500.00

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **bonding** of District employees, as recommended by the Superintendent:

- District Treasurer – $1,100,000.00
- Tax Collector – $1,100,000.00
- Internal Claims Auditor – $1,100,000.00
- Assistant District Treasurer – $100,000.00
- Central Treasurer – $100,000.00
- Other Staff – $100,000.00

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board authorized the **signature on checks** issued against all accounts of the school district to be that of the **District Treasurer** or, in his/her absence, the **Assistant District Treasurer**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board authorized the **District Treasurer** or his/her designee to **invest and/or deposit funds** according to the District's investment policy, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board authorize the Superintendent of Schools to:

- Sign all applications for all State & Federal Grants and Programs;
- Transfer funds within the budget, up to $5,000, upon the recommendation of the Business Manager;
- Certify Payrolls;
- Sign all contracts pertaining to disabled students; and
- Approve attendance at educational meetings, conferences, graduate courses for administrative, instructional and support staff.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Memorandum of Agreement** between **Dr. Lori Caruso & Dr. William Kostun** and the **Watervliet City School District**, to provide school health services, effective July 1, 2023, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment** of **Tony Albanese** to the position of **Transition Coordinator**, for the **Watervliet City School District**, beginning July 1, 2023, effective July 1, 2023 – June 26, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved and adopted the **Fee Agreement for the 2023 – 24 School Year**, between **Girvin & Ferlazzo, PC** and the **Watervliet City School District**, dated June 13, 2023, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved and adopted the **Intermunicipality Agreement** between the **Green Island Union Free School District** and the **Watervliet City School District**, effective July 1, 2023 – June 30 2028, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Agreement for Services** with **Wildwood School**, for services provided to students placed in the Wildwood School Year Program and/or the Wildwood Summer Extension Program, effective July 1, 2023 – June 21, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Agreement for Services** with **the Center for Disability Services**, for services provided to students placed in the Langan School Program and/or the Langan Extended School Year Program effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **School District Tuition Agreement** with **Northern Rivers**, for services provided to students placed in the School Program operated by *Northeast Parent and Child Society*, effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **School District Tuition Agreement** with **Northern Rivers**, for services provided to students placed in the Neil Hellman School Program operated by *Parsons Child and Family Center*, effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Contract Letter** between **Crossroads Center for Children** and the **Watervliet City School District** for the provision of special education services, effective July 10, 2023 – August 18, 2023, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board **adopted** the following **revised policies,** as recommended by the Superintendent:

- Temporary Personnel
- Use of E-mail in the District
- Public Access to Records
- Equal Employment Opportunity
- Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
- Employee Medical Examinations

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Board of Education Minutes** for the meeting held **June 13, 2023**, submitted by Bernadette L. Boardman, Clerk of the Board, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Committee on Special Education's** recommendations for the meetings held **May 20, June 5, June 6, June 7, June June 8, June 13, June 15, June 16, and June 20,**

2023, submitted by Molly McGrath, Veronica Wilson and Daniele Tetrault, CSE Chairs, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Committee on Pre-School Special Education's** recommendations for the meeting held **June 14, 2023**, submitted by Molly McGrath, CPSE Chair, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following **Committee on Pre-School** and **Special Education (CPSE)** appointments, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE)

Molly McGrath	Chairperson/Director
Albany County Rep.	Designated by the County
Student's Regular Ed. Teacher	
Student's Special Ed. Teacher	
Parents of Student	
Related-Services Personnel (If applicable)	

Committee on Special Education (CSE)

Molly McGrath	Chairperson/Director
Veronica Bedard	CSE Chairperson/School Psychologist (Grades 6-12)
Daniele Tetrault	CSE Chairperson /School Psychologist (Grades K-5)
Becca Phillips	CSE Chairperson /School Psychologist (Grades K-12)
Kelly Bariteau	School Counselor – (Grades K-5)
Chelsea Clickner	School Counselor – (Grades 6-8)
Dave Olszewski	School Counselor – (Grades 9-12/A-K)
Katelyn McAvoy	School Counselor – (Grades 9-12/M-Z)
Alexa Giardino. Jessica Erickson	Social Workers (Grades 6-12)
Alison Santiago, Laura Zasada	Social Workers (Grades K-5)
Student's Regular Ed. Teacher	
Student's Special Ed. Teacher	
Parents of Student	
School Physician (If requested)	
Related-Service Personnel (If applicable)	
Student (If applicable)	

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

Veronica Bedard	Chairperson (Grades 6-12)/School Psychologist
Katelyn McAvoy	Chairperson (Grades 9-12)/School Counselor
David Olszewski	Chairperson (Grades 9-12)/School Counselor
Rebecca Phillips	Chairperson (Grades K-12)/School Psychologist
Chelsie Clickner	Chairperson (Grades 6-8)/School Counselor
Daniele Tetrault	Chairperson (Grades K-5)/School Psychologist
Student's Regular Ed. Teacher	
School Counselor	
Other persons having knowledge or special expertise regarding students (ex: related services personnel)	
Parents of student	

Student (If applicable)

Impartial Hearing Officers:

To be selected from a rotational selection list. Pursuant to section 200.1(x) of the Regulations of the Commissioner, these individuals are certified by New York State. This list, provided by the New York State education Department, is in alphabetical order and the officers are listed by county. An IHO must be selected from the school district's list of IHO's beginning with the first name appearing on the list. After an IHO has been selected by the district, the district continues down the list in alphabetical order upon request of any further impartial hearings.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board appointed **Scott O'Brien** as the **surrogate parent** for the 2023 – 2024 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following **District-wide School Safety Team** as recommended by the Superintendent:

Dr. Donald Stevens, Superintendent
Kelly Webster, Assistant Superintendent
Kirsten DeMento, Director
Molly McGrath, Director
Jessie Richards, WHS Administrator
Ryan Groat, WES Administrator
Chrissy Daniels, Administrative Assistant/Parent, WHS
Jackie Bishop, Chemical Hygiene Officer/Teacher
Joseph Centanni, Watervliet Police Chief
Michael Needham, Needham Associates Risk Management Consultant
Dennis Lane, Teacher/Health Coordinator
Thomas Garrett, Fire Chief
Allison Santiago, Social Worker WES
Danielle McKee, Social Worker WHS
Sue Vogel, School Nurse WES
TBA, School Nurse WHS
Katrina Vacarelli, Transportation
Sheri Senecal, School Board Member
Tito Negron, SRO

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** and **adopted** the ***confidential*** **Building Level Emergency Response Plan 2023 – 2024** for the **Watervliet Elementary School,** as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** and **adopted** the ***confidential*** **Building Level Emergency Response Plan 2023 – 2024** for the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School,** as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **home schooling** requests of the parents/guardians of the following students, as recommended by the Superintendent:

- Student ID 900013494 – grade 3

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following **Administrative Intern** request for the **Watervliet City School District**, as outlined below, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Name(s)	Cooperating Administrator(s)	Dates
Carissa Zuniga	Kirsten DeMento	Summer/Fall 2023, Spring 2024

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following **Student Teacher** requests at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School**, as outlined below, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Name(s)	Role	Cooperating Teacher(s)	Dates
Christopher Ramirez	Student Teacher	Dennis Lane	Fall 2023

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** and **adopted** the attached **Revised Professional Development Plan 2023 – 2026** for the **Watervliet City School District,** as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **excision** of **Outdated Algebra and Geometry Textbooks**, as outlined in the attached, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following paid holidays for **Full-Time, 12-Month Administrators (WAA) and Full-Time, 12-Month Management Confidential Staff** of the Watervliet City School District, effective July 1, 2023, as recommended by the Superintendent:

- Independence Day (7/4)
- Labor Day (9/4)
- Columbus Day (10/9)
- Veterans Day (11/10)
- Wednesday before Thanksgiving (11/22)
- Thanksgiving Day (11/23)
- Friday after Thanksgiving (11/24)
- Christmas Day Observed (12/25)
- December Break (12/26, 12/29)
- New Year's Day Observed (1/1)
- Martin Luther King Day (1/15)
- President's Day (2/19)
- February Break (2/23)
- April Break (3/29, 4/1)
- Memorial Day (5/27)
- Eid Al Adha (6/17)

- Juneteenth (6/19)

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Mary Beth Whited and unanimously accepted, the Board set the following dates as **Regular Board of Education Meetings for 2023 – 2024:**

- July 6 (Organizational Meeting)
- July 18 (Board Retreat – closed meeting)
- August 8
- September 12
- October 17
- November 14
- December 12
- January 9
- February 13
- March 12
- April 9 (Budget Adoption)
- April 24 (BOCES Budget Vote – 7:30 a.m.)
- May 7 (Regular Board of Education Meeting/Budget Hearing)
- May 21 School District Budget Vote & Election (Board meets to receive and accept results – 8:30 p.m.)
- June 11

BOARD DISCUSSION

There was no additional Board discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mary Beth Whited seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bernadette L. Boardman
Clerk of the Board

NOTE: All district appointments are subject to fingerprint clearance by the NYS Education Department and verification of Permanent or Pending Certification by NYS.