Watervliet City School District
Watervliet, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

DATE: August 6, 2024

TYPE OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

MEETING OPENED: 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President, Mary Beth Whited
Vice President, Brian White
Heather Soroka
Victoria Donnelly

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kyle Daniels

SUPERINTENDENT: Dr. Donald Stevens Jr.

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m., with President Whited officiating.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/COMMENTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Stevens shared the following:

- An overview of the Board goals for the 2024-25 school year, which were revised at the Board of Education retreat, and included input from Administrators.
- Introduced Margaret (Meg) Maset, new Assistant Principal at WES and Andrew Hoffman, new Social Studies Teacher at WJSHS.
- Over the summer, a lot of cleaning and prep work took place. Maintenance has been happening in both buildings. At WES, we had generators turned on for the first time today and everything was working well. We anticipate the same up here next week.
- August Regents are just a few weeks away, on August 19 and 20.
- On August 20, we are going to have a Meet and Greet with all of our Administrators, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the WJSHS cafeteria. Board members are welcome to attend. We have three new administrators this year: Rebecca LaForest, Coordinator of Student Support Services, Michael Lopez, Assistant Principal at WJSHS, and Meg Maset. Teachers can stop in, meet administrators, grab breakfast and coffee, and decorate their classrooms, if they like.
- We have New Staff Orientation on August 27. The Board is welcome to join us for lunch on that day.
- The Board is also welcome to join us to welcome staff back on September 3.
- Students return September 5.
- Athletic information was shared with high school students and their families yesterday. We have moved to a digital platform, so if students are interested in playing a fall sport, they still have to complete all of the athletic forms – we've just gone paperless. Hopefully it is easier for families to complete the paperwork and upload a photo of their child.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee

There was no report.

Policy Committee

Mrs. Soroka noted that the Policy Committee's recommendations are on tonight's agenda.

First Reading of **Revised Policies:**

Code of Conduct

Second Reading of **Revised Policies:**

Wellness Policy
Minutes
Absentee, Military and Early Mail Ballots
Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment in the District
Administration of the Budget
Inspection, Operation and Maintenance
School Safety Plans
Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
Evaluation of Personnel
Probation and Tenure
Determination of Employment Status: Employee or Independent Contractor
Leaves of Absence
Remote Instruction
Sports and the Athletic Program
Student Voter Registration and Pre-Registration
Student Physicals
Concussion Management
Child Abuse and Maltreatment
Due Process Complaints: Selection and Board Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officers
Instruction in Certain Subjects
Home Tutoring (Homebound Instruction)

PUBLIC HEARING

A. DISTRICT-LEVEL SAFETY PLAN

The **District-Level Safety Plan** has been available for **public review** on the district web site for over 30 days. During that time, the public has been welcome to submit any comments to boepubliccomment@vlietschools.org. There were no comments submitted.

BOARD DISCUSSION

A. CODE OF CONDUCT

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 September Board of Education Meeting. If the public has any comments, they can also email them to the boepubliccomment@vlietschools.org.

Mrs. Donnelly shared the following:

- Thank you for the opportunity to attend the Leadership in Education event. It was nice to network and get a glimpse of how other boards run.
- I would like to see the student representative role developed more on the policy committee and possibly other committees. I think it would be good to learn how other districts are doing it.
- Some of us are attending the NYSSBA convention in October.

Mrs. Soroka gave a shoutout to the Cannoneer Club for collecting 42 pairs of crocs and socks in a short time.

Mrs. Whited gave a shoutout to Melique Garcia. Melique was in the Olympics last week. Congratulations to him.

Dr. Stevens added that Kumi Tucker, from Channel 13, did a story on Melique that everyone should check out.

The Board thanked Jill O'Connell for her years of service to the district.

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board **rescinded** the **appointment** of **John Bolt** to the position of **Modified Football Coach** at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **termination** of **Lucas Dunn** from the position of **Full-Time Night Cleaner** for the **Watervliet City School District**, effective June 19, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **termination** of **John DeGeorge** from the position of **Full-Time Night Cleaner** for the **Watervliet City School District**, effective June 26, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board accepted the **resignation** of **Margarita Rodriguez** from the position of **Lunch Monitor**

at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, effective July 1, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board accepted the **resignation** of **Emma Buck** from the position of **Teacher's Aide** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, effective July 7, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board accepted the **resignation** of **Melissa Smith** from the position of **Library Aide** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, effective July 7, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board accepted the **resignation** of **Allison Proctor** from the position of **Elementary Teacher** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, effective August 31, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board accepted the **resignation** of **Michaela Bissonette** from the position of **Social Studies Teacher** at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School**, effective August 24, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board accepted the **resignation** of **Jordanne Stanley** from the position of **Teaching Assistant** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, effective July 26, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board accepted the **resignation** of **Jack Ferris** from the position of **Full-Time Night Cleaner** for the **Watervliet City School District**, effective August 9, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board accepted the **resignation** of **Tami Karbowski** from the position of **English Language Arts Teacher** at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School**, effective August 22, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board accepted the **resignation** of **Eric Brady** from the position of **School Bus Driver** for the **Watervliet City School District**, effective August 23, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board accepted the **resignation** of **Sean McGovern** from the position of **Teaching Assistant** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, effective September 2, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board accepted the **resignation** of **Mia Rockwell** from the position of **Long-Term Substitute School Counselor** at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School**, effective August 14, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board accepted the **resignation** of **Angela Wareing** from the position of **Teaching Assistant** at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, effective August 26, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board accepted the **resignation** of **Kayla Freeden** from the position of **Music Teacher** at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School**, effective August 30, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **retirement request** of **Jill O'Connell** from the position of **Clerk Typist** for the **Watervliet City School District**, effective August 31, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following **Emergency Summer Lunch Program 2024** appointment, at a salary as per the working agreement:

Watervliet Elementary School

Laura Deming (Housing)

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following **Emergency Summer Academy Program 2024** appointments at a salary as per contract:

Summer Attendance Aide:	Jennifer Delsignore
Substitute Teacher(s):	Kerry Degnan, Scott Emerson

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **emergency transfer** of **Edwin Miranda** from the position of **Part-Time Night Cleaner,** to the position of **Full-Time Night Cleaner** for the **Watervliet City School District,** effective July 8, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Heather Soroka, seconded by Victoria Donnelly and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **probationary appointment** of **Margaret Maset** to the position of **Assistant Principal,** in the tenure area of Administration, at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, beginning August 14, 2024, at a salary of $87,500, per WAA contract, **contingent upon receipt of required NYS certification**. The probationary period shall expire on August 14, 2028, contingent upon satisfactory compliance with Education Law Sections 3012 and/or 3012-d.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Heather Soroka and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **probationary appointment** of **Andrew Hoffman** to the position of **Social Studies Teacher,** in the tenure area of Social Studies, at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School**, beginning September 3, 2024, at a **Step 1** salary, plus master's degree and credit hours, as per contract. The probationary period shall expire September 3, 2028, contingent upon achievement of effective or highly effective APPR ratings necessary to receive tenure throughout his/her probationary period, consistent with the requirements of Education Law Sections 2509, 3012-c, and/or 3012-d. Andrew Hoffman holds a Social Studies 7-12 Transitional B certification, (certificate #18131654241).

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **probationary appointment** of **Andrea Morris** to the position of **English Language Arts Teacher,** in the tenure area of ELA, at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School**, beginning September 3, 2024, at a **Step 2** salary, plus master's degree and credit hours, as per contract. Ms. Morris will continue her current probationary period, which shall expire September 3, 2027, contingent upon achievement of effective or highly effective APPR ratings necessary to receive tenure throughout his/her probationary period, consistent with the requirements of Education Law Sections 2509, 3012-c, and/or 3012-d. Andrea Morris holds an English Language Arts certification, (certificate #178665241).

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **probationary appointment** of **Nicole Zumpano** to the position of **Art Teacher,** in the tenure area of Art, at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School**, beginning September 3, 2024, at a **Step 1** salary, plus master's degree and credit hours, as per contract. The probationary period shall expire on September 3, 2028, contingent upon achievement of effective or highly effective APPR ratings necessary to receive tenure throughout his/her probationary period, consistent with the requirements of Education Law Sections 2509, 3012-c, and/or 3012-d. Nicole Zumpano holds a Visual Arts certification, (certificate #1692185231).

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **probationary appointment** of **Sean McGovern** to the position of **Special Education Teacher,** in the tenure area of Special Education, at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School**, beginning September 3, 2024, at a **Step 1** salary, plus master's degree and credit hours, as per contract. The probationary period shall expire on September 3, 2028, contingent upon achievement of effective or highly effective APPR ratings necessary to receive tenure throughout his/her probationary period, consistent with the requirements of Education Law Sections 2509, 3012-c, and/or 3012-d. Sean McGovern holds a Students with Disabilities certification, (certificate #1778114241).

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **probationary appointment** of **Susan Rollin** to the position of **Teaching Assistant,** in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant, at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School – EVOLVE Program**, beginning September 3, 2024, at a **Step 6** salary, plus Associate or Bachelor degree stipends, as per contract. The probationary period shall expire on September 3, 2028, contingent upon positive evaluations from his/her direct supervisor throughout his/her probationary period, consistent with the requirements of Education Law Sections 2509, 3012-c, and/or 3012-d. Susan Rollin holds a Teaching Assistant, Level III, certification (certificate #1028304161).

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **probationary appointment** of **Zainab Farook** to the position of **Teaching Assistant,** in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant, at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School**, beginning September 3, 2024, at a **Step 1** salary, plus Associate or Bachelor degree stipends, as per contract. The probationary period shall expire on September 3, 2028, contingent upon positive evaluations from his/her direct supervisor throughout his/her probationary period, consistent with the requirements of Education Law Sections 2509, 3012-c, and/or 3012-d. Zainab Farook holds a Teaching Assistant, Level I certification (certificate 17559528231).

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **emergency provisional appointment** of **Afia Khawaja** to the position of **Keyboard Specialist**, at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, for a one-year probationary period beginning August 15, 2024, at a pro-rated yearly salary of **$36,000.00**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **probationary appointment** of **Margarita Rodrigez** to the position of **Library Aide**, at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, for a one-year probationary period beginning September 3, 2024, at a Step 1 Teacher Aide salary, plus Associate or Bachelor degree stipends, as per contract.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment** of **Janice Hamilton** to the position of **Part-Time Cafeteria Worker** at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School**, at an hourly rate of $17.00, effective **September 3, 2024**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment** of the following staff as **ExTRA Club Advisors** at the **Watervliet Elementary School** for the **2024 – 2025** school year, at the current rate, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Name	**Position**	**Stipend**
Cassandra Berman	Game Club	$986
Geraldine Ferris	Environmental Club	$1,107
Andrew Cowie	WES Band	$2,702
Andrew Cowie	WES Drama Club	$1,717

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment** of the following staff as **ExTRA Club Advisors** at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School** for the **2024 – 2025** school year, at the current rate, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Name	**Position**	**Stipend**
Joanna Beams	Study Tables	$25.20/hr.
Madeline Rehm	Study Tables (ENL)	$25.20/hr.
Nikki Laboissiere	Grade 6 Homework Help	$25.20/hr.
Ashley Dorn	Drama Club Director	$1,717
Madelyn Degler	Assistant Director, Drama Club	$858

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment** of the following staff as **APEX Advisors** at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School** for the **2024 – 2025** school year, at the current rate, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Name	**Position**	**Stipend**
Rebecca Sweeney	Spanish	$37.33/hr.
Joanna Beams	Social Studies	$37.33/hr.
Christa Follett	English	$37.33/hr.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment** of the following staff to the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School Department Chairs** and **Club/Class Advisors** for the **2024 – 2025** school year, at a rate as per contract, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Department Chairs:

Mathematics: Jess Willson
World Language: Meghan Fronczek
Special Education: Daniel Mueller
Business, Art & Music: Megan Matuszek
School Counseling: David Olszewski

Clubs/Class Advisors:

Class of 2025: Donna Belokopitsky (Co-Advisor)
Student Council: Chris Curtis (Co-Advisor)
National Honor Society: James Murphy (Co-Advisor)
GSA: Michael Zitolo and Alexa Giardino (Co-Advisors)
Cannoneer Club: Meghan Fronczek
Yearbook Manager: Nikki Labossiere
Class of 2026: Nikki Laboissiere
Class of 2028: Rosie Sharpe & Kerry Degnan (Co-Advisors)

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment** of **Chrissy Daniels** to the position of **Extracurricular Activity Account Treasurer**, for the **Watervliet City School District**, at a stipend of $1,500, effective **August 7, 2024,** as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **appointment** of **Donald Ploof** to the position of **Assistant Night Cleaning Supervisor** at the Watervliet High School for a period **beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025**, at a salary of **$10,350.00**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following **teaching overages** for the **2024 – 2025** academic school year at the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School**, effective September 3, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent:

- Caitlyn Santiago (+.1 FTE)
- Claudia Bunting Marshall (+.1 FTE)
- Dennis Lane (+.1 FTE)
- Rebecca Sweeney (+.2 FTE)

On a motion by Brian White, seconded by Victoria Donnelly and accepted 3-0 (Mary Beth Whited abstained), the Board approved the following **School District Bus Drivers for the 2024-25 school year**, as recommended by the Superintendent:

- Chris Kowalewski
- Robin Donovan
- Starr Harris
- Darryl Whited (Substitute Driver)

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the appointment of the following **Coaches** for the **2024– 2025** school year, pending fingerprint clearance and fulfillment of NYSED coaching requirements, at a rate as per contract, as recommended by the Superintendent:

WATERVLIET JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Coaching Fall:

Junior Varsity Assistant Football: John Bolt
Volunteer Assistant Football: Joseph Schmidt

Modified Football: Peter Burdick
Modified Assistant Football: Vincent Uzzo
Modified Volunteer Assistant Football: Connor Leddick

Junior Varsity Volleyball: Jordan Reis

Varsity Assistant Girls' Soccer: Morgyn Legault

Varsity Volunteer Assistant Boys' Soccer: Tyler Nolet

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board **accepted** the **Internal Claims Auditor Reports** for the months of **June 2024 and July 2024**, submitted by Michaeleen Backus, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following **payment requests**, submitted by Keith Heid, Business Manager, as recommended by the Superintendent:

WATERVLIET 2020 CAPITAL PROJECT – ADDITIONS & ALTERATIONS

CSArch	Invoice No. 6959	$ 2,000.00
Colonie Mechanical	Invoice No. Q19160	$ 2,267.21
Colonie Mechanical	Invoice No. Q19715	$ 2,639.00

WATERVLIET 2022 ARPA CAPITAL PROJECT –
ADDITIONS & ALTERATIONS

DLC Electric, LLC	Payment App. #15	$ 14,235.75

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Final 2023-24 AS-7** Contract with Capital Region BOCES, submitted by Keith Heid, Business Manager, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Preliminary 2024-25 AS-7** Contract with Capital Region BOCES, submitted by Keith Heid, Business Manager, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Tax Collection Agreement** between the Watervliet City School District and Pioneer Savings Bank for the collection of 2024-25 school taxes, submitted by Keith Heid, Business Manager, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board designated **Anil Mulchandani, Pioneer Savings Bank** – Watervliet Branch, as the Deputy Tax Collector, as recommend by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Special Education Services Contract** with **St. Catherine's Center**, for services provided to students placed in the **R & E May School**, effective September 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Agreement for Services** with **Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc.**, for services provided to a student placed in the **Hillcrest Day Program** effective July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White 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, 2024 – June 30, 2025, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Tutorial Contract** with **Four Winds Saratoga**, for tutorial services provided to district students in their inpatient treatment program during the 2024 – 2025 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Event Agreement** with **CDPHP** for sponsorship and services provided for the **Welcome Back Celebration** on September 7, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board **adopted** the following **revised policies,** as recommended by the Superintendent:

- Wellness Policy
- Minutes
- Absentee, Military and Early Mail Ballots
- Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment in the District
- Administration of the Budget
- Inspection, Operation and Maintenance
- School Safety Plans
- Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
- Evaluation of Personnel
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- Due Process Complaints: Selection and Board Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officers
- Instruction in Certain Subjects
- Home Tutoring (Homebound Instruction)

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Board of Education Minutes** for the meeting held **July 2, 2024**, submitted by Bernadette L. Boardman, Clerk of the Board, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Committee on Special Education's** recommendations for the meetings held **April 24, May 15, July 10, July 13, July 16, July 23,** and **July 24, 2024**, submitted by Molly McGrath, Veronica Wilson and Daniele Tetrault, CSE Chairs, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **Committee on Pre-School Special Education's** recommendations for the meeting held **July 10, 2024**, submitted by Molly McGrath, CPSE Chair, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** and **adopted** the **District-Level Safety Plan 2024 – 2025 School Year,** as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** and **adopted** the ***confidential*** **Building Level Emergency Response Plan 2024 – 2025** for the **Watervliet Elementary School,** as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** and **adopted** the ***confidential*** **Building Level Emergency Response Plan 2024– 2025** for the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School,** as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **New Book Request** for the book entitled **"Who Moved My Cheese,"** by Spencer Johnson, M.D., to be added to the **Grade 12** curriculum at the Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School beginning in the 2024 – 2025 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **creation** of the following **courses** to be offered to students in the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School EVOLVE Program** beginning in the 2024 – 2025 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent:

- Practical Law
- History Through Film
- Human Relations

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** and **adopted** the **2024 – 2025 Watervliet City School District Board of Education Goals**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board **approved** and **adopted** the **Watervliet Jr. – Sr. High School Athletic Handbook 2024 – 2025,** as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a motion by Victoria Donnelly, seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the following **Student Teacher** request at the **Watervliet Elementary School**, as outlined below, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Name(s)	Role	Cooperating Teacher(s)	Dates
Hannah Brown	Student Observer	Ena Minnick	Fall Semester 2024
Jessica Senecal	Student Observer	Rachel Manning	Fall Semester 2024
Tyler Prince	Student Observer	Sarah Hulslander	Fall Semester 2024

On a motion by Brian White, seconded by Heather Soroka and unanimously accepted, the Board approved the **excision** of **58 Broken Calculators**, as recommended by the Superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Heather Soroka seconded by Brian White and unanimously accepted, the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:19 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.