

**Watertown School Committee
Minutes
March 22, 2017**

**Watertown Public Schools
Administration Building, Data & Innovation Lab
30 Common Street, Watertown, Massachusetts 02472**

I. Roll Call

Mr. John Portz, School Committee Chairman, called the March 22, 2017 meeting to order at 8:25 PM. Present were School Committee members Dr. Guido Guidotti, Ms. Eileen Hsü-Balzer, Dr. Candace Miller, and Ms. Elizabeth Yusem. Also present were interim Superintendent Dr. John Brackett and interim Director of Business Services Ms. Mary DeLai.

School Committee members Ms. Kendra Foley and Mr. Mark Sideris were not in attendance.

II. Public Forum

No member of the public spoke.

III. Action Item: Vote on Watertown High School Statement of Interest (SOI)

Ms. Elizabeth Yusem, Chair of the Buildings & Grounds Subcommittee, delivered the following statement:

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, prior to the closing date, the School Committee of Watertown, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form, dated March 22, 2017 for the Watertown High School located at 50 Columbia Street, Watertown, MA 02472, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

Priority #2: Elimination of existing severe overcrowding.

Priority #3: Prevention of the loss of accreditation

Priority #4: Prevention of severe overcrowding expected to result from increased enrollments.

Priority #5: Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility.

Priority #7: Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements.

and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the

City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

A motion was made to approve the Superintendent to submit of a Statement of Interest for Watertown High School to the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

A roll call vote was taken:

Guidotti: Aye

Hsü-Balzer: Aye

Miller: Aye

Yusem: Aye

Portz: Aye

The motion passed unanimously with two School Committee members not present for the vote.

IV. Reports

A. Chairman's Report

The Chairman had no report.

B. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent had no report.

V. New Business

No new business was presented.

VI. Adjournment to Executive Session

The School Committee members adjourned to an Executive Session for discussion of strategy with respect to non-unit negotiations as an open meeting may have had a detrimental effect on the Watertown Public School's bargaining position.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.