

# Watertown School Committee

## Policy Subcommittee Report

**Meeting Date:** May 19, 2016

**Location:** Philips School

**Subcommittee Members in Attendance:** Guido Guidotti (chair), Eileen Hsu-Balzer and Elizabeth Yusem

**Other School Committee Members in Attendance:** John Portz and Candace Miller

**School Officials in Attendance:** Jean Fitzgerald and Donna Ruseckas

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M.

### **II. School Start Times**

The Subcommittee discussed advancing the school start times for the middle and high schools. This will likely have implications on busing schedules. For planning purposes, an ideal implementation date would be fall, 2017, but the idea was raised to advance only the middle school start times for fall, 2016. The subcommittee asked the superintendent to present a proposed plan at the next full school committee meeting for 2016 and 2017 implementation.

### **III. Reconfiguration of the Athletics Subcommittee**

Candace Miller presented a proposal to change the Athletics Subcommittee into a Student Development Subcommittee that would address issues such as social-emotional learning, physical and mental health, and extracurricular activities such as athletics, the arts, and other clubs and teams. By a vote of 3-0, the subcommittee moved that a member of the school committee should have a seat on the Wellness Committee. And by a vote of 3-0, the subcommittee moved that name of the Athletics Subcommittee should be changed to the Athletics and Extracurricular Activities Subcommittee.

### **IV. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

Submitted by Guido Guidotti, Chair