

## Bethel Board of Education Special Meeting

Tuesday, July 18, 2023 6:30 PM

Board of Education Conference Room E, 1 School Street, PO Box 253, Bethel, CT  
06801

1. **Call to Order**

**Speaker(s):** Policy  
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1.A. Roll Call for Quorum

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

2. **Personnel**

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2.A. Assistant Principal, Ralph M. T. Johnson School  
- Appointment

3. **Adjourn**

***MICHELE L. WALSH***

**Certifications**

**Connecticut State Certification**

Intermediate Administrative (092)

Elementary Education (013)

**Education**

**Sacred Heart University**

**December 2013**

6<sup>th</sup> Year Degree in Administration and Supervision

Intermediate Administrative Certification

**Sacred Heart University**

**August 2004**

Master of Arts in Teaching

**Stonehill College, Easton, MA**

**May 1994**

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

**Leadership Experience**

**Ralph M. T. Johnson School and Bethel Middle School**

Bethel, Connecticut

**Literacy Instructional Coach, Grades 4-8**

**August 2021-Present**

- Collaborate with teachers across five grade levels in student-centered coaching cycles focused on improving student achievement
- Design and present professional learning sessions focused on the Science of Reading/Structured Literacy
- Work closely with classroom teachers to co-teach and support the piloting of two new programs aligned with the Science of Reading/Structured Literacy
- Act as a leader in curriculum development, revision, and implementation
- Partner with grade level PLC leaders to plan and lead Professional Learning Community weekly meetings that follow a structured PLC Cycle
- Analyze and disaggregate school and grade level data to determine trends in student achievement; make instructional recommendations based on those trends to help accelerate student learning
- Aid teams of teachers in Responsive Teaching by researching appropriate strategies and designing lessons focused around the Science of Reading and Structured Literacy
- Serve as a liaison between building administration, the Director of Teaching and Learning, and building faculty
- Support administration in the implementation of building and central office initiatives

**Frank A. Berry School and Ralph M.T. Johnson School**  
Bethel, Connecticut

**Professional Learning Communities Leader**

**August 2016-June 2021**

- Lead a team of teachers in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of a team Problem of Practice
- Coordinated the development of grade level Global Competency Rubrics to facilitate effective teacher feedback and student self-reflection
- Utilized a structured protocol to guide grade level in the review of student work to enhance teacher practice and improve student outcomes
- Worked closely with coaches and specialists to advise on curriculum and assessments
- Collaborated with specialists to plan agendas for and manage SRBI process for the third grade and fifth grade teams

**Berry School After School Program Supervisor**

**August 2016-Present**

- Function as liaison between the school and program administrators while overseeing a staff of twelve teachers and paraprofessionals
- Collaborate with the after school program staff and program administrators to ensure that attendees are engaged and productive

**Administrative Intern, Berry School**

**January 2013-March 2014**

- In conjunction with the building principal, conducted evaluative observations of K-3 teachers, including special education teacher and school psychologist
- Participated in planning and reflection conferences; drafted observation reports utilizing evidence based feedback aligned to the Charlotte Danielson Framework for Teaching
- Coached colleagues on curriculum and instruction; modeled lessons in classrooms; mentored two grade level colleagues through the TEAM process
- Managed behavioral concerns and communicated with parents about those concerns
- Collaborated with a colleague, the Director of the Bethel Senior Center, and various stakeholders to execute the development of a community/school organic vegetable garden
- Conducted kindergarten Parent Orientation and assisted with monthly Student of the Month assemblies
- Created a variety of schedules, including schedule of marking periods and NWEA/MAP testing schedule

## **Teaching Experience**

### **Ralph M.T. Johnson School**

Bethel, Connecticut

5th Grade ELA and Social Studies Teacher

**August 2020-June 2021**

- Planned and implemented Common Core Standards units of study in language arts, speaking/listening, and social studies
- Delivered synchronous instruction to in person and remote students
- Maintained a positive home-school partnership through on-going communication with parents, colleagues, administration, and support staff concerning student achievement and social-emotional growth
- Functioned as PLC/grade level leader, maintaining direct communication with building leadership about curriculum and building policy issues, as well as managed year end budget orders
- Active member of school based and district committees

### **Frank A. Berry School**

Bethel, Connecticut

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher

**August 2005-June 2020**

- Planned and implemented Common Core Standards units of study in mathematics, language arts, science, social studies, and speaking/listening
- Utilized Serravallo's Complete Comprehension, NWEA/Map testing, the Developmental Reading Assessment, and on demand writing assessments to design individual student goals and monitor/adapt those goals through student conferences
- Taught whole-group and small group lessons based on individual student needs and in accordance with SRBI protocol
- Functioned as grade level leader, maintaining direct communication with building leadership about curriculum and building policy issues, as well as manage year end budget orders
- Created a positive home-school partnership through on-going communication with parents, colleagues, administration, and support staff concerning student achievement and social-emotional growth
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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG) Honor Roll, Fall 2013
- Frank A. Berry School Teacher of the Year, May 2013
- Frank A. Berry School Rookie of the Year, May 2006