

ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

PLACE: DTL Conference Room, Central Office **DATE:** 06 February 2019 **TIME:** 8:30 p.m.
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: William Nimons, president

- I. OPENING
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Roll Call

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X	
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	X		
MR. JOHN IZZO	X		
MR. JOE JEANETTE	X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS, president	X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS	X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA	X		
TOTAL	6	1	0

- II. Action Items, consideration of approving.
 - A. Discussion and possible action regarding litigation with the City of Ansonia.

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session at 8:40p.m. for the purpose of discussion regarding litigation with the City of Ansonia. Further to invite Attorney McQuade, and Attorney Dorsey, Superintendent Merlone, Dr. DiBacco, and Ms. Lisa Jones.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO				
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI		X		
MR. JOHN IZZO		X		
MR. JOE JEANETTE	2	X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS, president		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS	1	X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA		X		
TOTAL		6	0	0

To return to regular meeting.

**MOTION: To approve the settlement
 In principle reached between the
 Administration of the School District
 And the City of Ansonia before retired
 Judge Robert Holzberg on February 4, 2019,
 As reflected in the Joint Statement of
 Mayor Cassetti and Superintendent of Schools
 Carol Merlone, subject to final approval of the
 written settlement agreement by this Board.**

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO				
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	2	X		
MR. JOHN IZZO	1	X		
MR. JOE JEANETTE		X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS, president		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS		X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA		X		
TOTAL		6	0	0

III. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO				
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI		X		
MR. JOHN IZZO		X		
MR. JOE JEANETTE	1	X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS, president		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS	2	X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA		X		
TOTAL		6	0	

Respectfully submitted,



Cassie Venson
 Date 02/08/2019

**JOINT STATEMENT OF MAYOR DAVID CASSETTI AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS DR. CAROL MERLONE**

We are pleased to recommend a settlement of the pending lawsuit between the Ansonia Board of Education and the City of Ansonia, and a proposed resolution of the matter before the State Board of Education.

The proposed settlement is the result of two days of mediation before Retired Judge Robert L. Holzberg of the law firm Pullman & Comley, during which the parties and their counsel discussed and resolved the issues arising out of the litigation between the parties.

The proposed settlement is subject to the approval of the Ansonia Board of Aldermen and the Ansonia Board of Education. We are recommending that both Boards approve this settlement. It provides the following:

-- The Board of Aldermen will appropriate to the Board of Education an additional \$850,000 for FY 2018-19.

-- The minimum budget requirement for the Board of Education will be increased by \$800,000.

-- The Board of Education will sign a letter of authorization with the City's insurance broker allowing it to analyze claims information for the purpose of evaluating insurance costs and options for the future.

-- The Board of Education will provide additional budgetary and financial information as agreed to by the parties.

-- The parties will work together to identify and implement a shared, modern financial platform to replace the current software.

The parties believe that this agreement is in the best interests of the Board of Education, the City of Ansonia and its citizens. We hope that this is a significant first step in establishing a positive working relationship between the parties, and greater transparency in City's and Board of Education budgeting process.