

ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

PLACE: ANSONIA HIGH SCHOOL, Media Center **DATE:** 13 March 2019 **TIME:** 6:00 P.M.
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: William Nimons, president

- I. **OPENING**
- A. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- B. **Roll Call – Mr. William Nimons, called a quorum.**

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	7	0	0

Mr. Nimons asked for everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for the passing of Ms. Cathy Gartland, retired Ansonia School District Teacher.

II. Public Session

Mr. Matt Hough, President Teacher’s union, came before the Board to ask they look into a “sick bank”. He said there are several teachers who are new to the district and do not have enough sick time accrued and also have health issues.

Mr. Hough said these teachers are either on leave without pay or being forced to work while sick. He is asking for a short term negotiation to allow teachers to donate sick days to these employees in need. He thanked the Board for their time.

IV. Action Items

- A. Accepting BOE meeting minutes dated January 9, 2019(regular), February 6, 2019(special), and February 27, 2019 (special).

MOTION: To accept minutes dated
 January 9, 2019, February 6, 2019,
 February 27, 2019.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	2	X		
MR. JOHN IZZO		X		
MR. JOE JEANETTE	1	X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS, president		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS		X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA		X		
TOTAL		7	0	0

B. Certified Appointments.

1. Ms. Deanna Souza/Special Education/AMS.
2. Ms. Dawn Marzella/Psychologist/AMS.
3. Ms. Maria Lopes/Science/AMS.

Dr. Joe DiBacco asked the Board to approve the appointments of the new teachers. He said these teachers are eager and excited to be in the district. Dr. DiBacco said after meeting with the teacher; he is positive they are the best fit for their position and will be an asset to the district.

MOTION: To accept the Certified appointments of Ms. Deanna Souza, Ms. Dawn Marzella, and Ms. Maria Lopes.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	2	X		
MR. JOHN IZZO		X		
MR. JOE JEANETTE		X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS, president		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS	1	X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA		X		
TOTAL		7	0	0

C. Non-Renewals.

ATTACHMENT #1

Ms. Fran DiGiorgi asked to make a motion that the contract of employment for the certified teachers which is scheduled to expire at end of the 2018-2019 school year be notified of their possible lay-off. Mr. Nimons asked Dr. DiBacco if he has spoken with any of the teachers. Dr. DiBacco confirmed he went to each individual with representatives from the teachers union and spoke regarding the issued pink slip. He said he is hoping the financial agreement with the City of Ansonia will move forward so we can keep the teachers we have and the cuts will not take place. Dr. DiBacco said there will not be room to add additional staff, but we will be able to keep the contractual obligations.

MOTION: To move that the contract of employment of the attached list of names which is scheduled to expire at the end of the 2018-2019 school year, is not to be renewed for the 2019-2020 school year, and that the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Joseph DiBacco, is directed to advise the attached names of this action in writing.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI		X		
MR. JOHN IZZO		X		
MR. JOE JEANETTE			X	
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS, president			X	
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS	2	X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA	1	X		
TOTAL		5	2	0

D. Recommendation from Policy Committee regarding 9000 Series.

ATTACHMENT #2

Ms. Fran DiGiorgi told the Board the Policy Committee met and reviewed all of the attached Policies and made changes. She said some of the changes were at the request of CABE. She asked if there were any questions.

MOTION: To approve the Policy Committee's changes made regarding the 9000 Series Policies.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI		X		
MR. JOHN IZZO		X		
MR. JOE JEANETTE		X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS, president		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS	1	X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA	2	X		
TOTAL		7	0	0

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS:

ATTACHMENT #3

A. Assistant Superintendent's Report-

Dr. DiBacco gave his report, mentioning an important note that the District's Accountability Index scores for the entire district has gone up. He commended the teachers, staff and parents for this improvement. Dr. DiBacco said he has been meeting with PCRC regarding mental health services that may be available for the students. He said the Special Education budget is being reviewed to make any cost savings possible. There were no questions.

B. Special Education Director's Report-

ATTACHMENT #4

Mr. Kevin Keating reviewed his report. He pointed out the large percentage of students coming into the district, who are previously Special Ed qualified. He also said the true needs of Special Ed students are being looked at, hoping to reduce the number of Instructional Aides in the district. Mr. Keating read a letter recognizing a positive act made by an outplaced special Ed student. He said it is very important to note our students are thriving in the environment that is best fitted for them. Mr. Izzo said he has heard of some very great interaction and high quality service Mr. Keating is providing at Assumption School.

C. Technology Report

ATTACHMENT #5

Mr. Vincent Pastore presented the jobs his department are currently working on, including a new district website. There were no questions.

D. School Business Administrator Financials

ATTACHEMNT #6

1. **2018-2019 Year-to-date** - Ms. Lisa Jones briefed the Board on her financial report mentioning she continues to work with ADP regarding payroll issues. She said the settlement with the City, along with receiving the first payment of Excess Costs, will have a positive impact on the budget. She said things are consistent in the report. Ms. Jones asked for a Financial Committee Meeting soon to discuss finances. Mr. Phipps said he will set that up. There were no questions regarding the current year's budget.

ATTACHMENT #7

2. **Athletics** – Report was given with no questions.

ATTACHMENT #8

3. **Food Services** – Report was given with no questions.

ATTACHMENT #9

4. **Grants and other income** – Report was given with no questions.

ATTACHMENT #10

E. Enrollment-

ATTACHMENT #11

Dr. DiBacco gave the Enrollment Report. There were no questions.

F. Youth Family Outreach Summary - Mr. Bobby Lisi gave his report. There were no questions. **ATTACHMENT #12**

G. Notes from the Desk of the Superintendent

ATTACHMENT #13

Mr. Nimons asked the Board to review Superintendent Merlone's report and email her with any questions.

H. Additional Administration or Board of Education –

Kaitlyn Caple, student member, gave her report, mentioning the annual Blood Drive, the induction of National Honor Society students, as well as several fundraisers taking place throughout the high school.

Mr. Bobby Evans, Facilities Director, briefed the Board on the activity and projects he is working on with focus on the dilemma of the boiler situation at the Middle School. He said it is a big problem because he is stuck on the decision of buying a new boiler or fixing the old. He said there are also several other obstacles that go along with that question.

VII. Executive Session re: Expulsion.

MOTION: To enter into Executive session at 6:50 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO	2	X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	1	X		
MR. JOHN IZZO		X		
MR. JOE JEANETTE		X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS, president		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS		X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA		X		
TOTAL		7	0	0

To return to regular meeting.

MOTION: To approve Superintendent Merlone's recommendation regarding the expulsion.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO	2	X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	1	X		
MR. JOHN IZZO		X		
MR. JOE JEANETTE		X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS, president		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS		X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA		X		
TOTAL		7	0	0

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO	2	X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	1	X		
MR. JOHN IZZO		X		
MR. JOE JEANETTE		X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS, president		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS		X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA		X		
TOTAL		7	0	

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cassie Venson', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Cassie Venson
Recording Secretary
Date 03/17/2019