

ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

PLACE: DTL Conference Room, Central Office **DATE:** 31 July 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	5	2	0

II. Action Items, consideration of approving:

A. Resignation of Board of Education member John Izzo

attachment #1

Mr. Nimons read the resignation letter written by Mr. John Izzo. He asked the Board if there were any questions. There were no questions.

MOTION: To accept resignation of Board member Mr. John Izzo.

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

B. Appointment of Public Official

Mr. Nimons briefed the Board on the interest of two candidates for temporarily filling the vacancy on the Board. He said there will need to be a member appointed to finish the remainder of the current term for Mr. Izzo's spot. Mr. Nimons said Mrs. Beverly Tidmarsh and Rich Bshara are both interested in the position. Members spoke highly of both candidates and decided unanimously to appoint Mrs. Tidmarsh to fill the vacancy. Members agreed this will be for the remaining time left from Mr. Izzo's term only.

MOTION: To appoint Mrs. Beverly Tidmarsh to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the current term on the Board of Education.

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

C. Approval of the Career and Technical Education Secondary Work-Based Learning Enhancement Grant

Superintendent DiBacco reviewed the details of this grant which is being worked on by Mrs. Karen Phipps. He said the grant will allow secondary students in the program to develop academic, career and technical skills. Superintendent DiBacco told the Board this grant is a very important step forward for participating students and their career pathways.

MOTION: To approve submission of the Carl D. Perkins Secondary Work-Based Learning Enhancement Grant.

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

D. Request for a leave of absence by a Paraprofessional to do an Internship.

Superintendent DiBacco informed the Board of a current Paraprofessional in the district who is requesting a leave of absence. He explained the paraprofessional will be completing an internship at a different school in the district and is asking for his paraprofessional job to be held while the internship is taking place. Board members did not agree it will be possible to hold the paraprofessional position. Mr. Chris Phipps commented that it was good to hear the internship is taking place in our district, but it would not be fair to our students to go without a paraprofessional during that time. He said if there is a position available when the employee is ready to come back as a paraprofessional, the employee will be highly considered.

MOTION: To give permission for leave of absence by Paraprofessional to do an internship.

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

E. Authorized Signatures Change Form of the ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Program.

Superintendent DiBacco asked the Board to approve an Authorized Signatures Change Form which will allow Ms. Lisa Jones and Superintendent DiBacco to revise the Authorized Signers of the ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs. Superintendent DiBacco said this will give authorization to also sign claims for reimbursement. Mr. Phipps, Board of Education Treasurer, authorized the form. **Attachment #2**

MOTION: To give permission to Superintendent DiBacco and Ms. Lisa Jones to become Authorized signers to the ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Program.

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

F. Resignation of Ms. Amy O'Brien, Principal Mead School.

Attachment #3

Superintendent DiBacco read the letter to the Board of Education regarding the resignation of Ms. Amy O'Brien, principal of Mead School. He asked the Board to accept her letter. Mr. Vinny Scarlatta said he wishes Ms. O'Brien well in her new position and asked a letter be sent thanking her for her years of service.

MOTION: To accept the letter of resignation from Ms. Amy O'Brien.

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

F. Budget updates.

Attachment #4

Ms. Lisa Jones updated the Board on recent activity regarding the year end budget. She explained the spreadsheet and spending for fiscal year 2018-2019 as of July 31, 2019. Ms. Jones said there are available funds which will most likely be taken up by salaries as well as outstanding purchase orders. Ms. Jones also discussed shared service contracts with the city and briefed the Board of meetings she has been having with members of the Finance department in City Hall. She also talked about the upcoming transportation contract. Ms. Jones reminded the Board of the agreement at a prior meeting to hold off on an RFP until this time. Steve Gardner from Student Transportation of America, former All-Star Transportation, made a request to have the chance to present an offer to the Board. Ms. Jones said she is beginning discussion with him now regarding the proposal. Board members suggested to continue meetings with the city regarding shared services as well as getting information from Steve regarding a proposal for transportation. Mr. Nimons said the Board will revisit these issues at the next regular Board meeting. Mr. Phipps said there will be a Finance Meeting the first week of September to further discuss. Mr. Phipps also congratulated the new principals into Mead School and Ansonia Middle School.

VIII. Adjournment.

MOTION: To adjourn meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Venson

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Recording Secretary
Date 08/12/2019