

ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

PLACE: DTL Conference Room, Central Office **DATE:** 18 September 2018 **TIME:** 4:30 P.M.
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Fran DiGiorgi, chair

- I. OPENING
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Roll Call – Ms. Fran DiGiorgi called a quorum

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	PRESENT	ABSENT
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO	X	
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	X	
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS	X	
TOTAL	3	0

II. Discussion and possible action regarding Policy #5132.1(a) Uniform Dress Code Policy and Regulation-

DISCUSSION:

Ms. DiGiorgi said this discussion is due to a concerned parent who spoke about the uniform policy at the last Regular Board Meeting. She said the parent is against the uniform policy and sees it as a negative rule for the students. She said according to the parent, there is no known advantage to the policy. She added along with the question, there are also updates to the wording of the dress code policy as it stands. Ms. DiGiorgi asked the members to start by looking at the gender specific wording and notice where it specifies clothing for boys and girls. Ms. DiGiorgi said this would need to be changed to "student" in order for it to be gender neutral. She gave an example of skirts or jumper skirts referring specifically to girls would be removed and the word "students" will be added.

Ms. DeLiberio asked if athletes are allowed to wear their team jersey on game day. It was answered that yes, they are allowed. Ms. DeGiorgi said they will now discuss the concerns of the parent. Mr. Nimons asked what the concerns are. Ms. DiGiorgi said the parent asked for the reason uniforms are forced to be worn, what value they provide, and the fact that there are no known benefit for students to wear them. Mr. Nimons reminded Ms. DiGiorgi that he emailed her several pieces of information from his research and it showed there are many districts who are starting to wear uniforms. Ms. DiGiorgi said in her opinion, the policy is very lenient. She added it is written in the policy that any student having financial burden can submit a request with a statement of financial need and no student will be denied assistance. She said the uniform puts students on a level playing field which eliminates competition of brand labels. She said the uniform is neat and looks clean. Ms. DiGiorgi said students are there for the purpose of learning; it is not for fashion. Ms. DeLiberio added when her sons were in school she felt the uniform was an asset. She said there was no competition with clothing, and the ease of not having to worry about what to wear was gone and it looked very good.

MOTION: To bring the proposed changes to the full Board and to retain the uniform policy.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO	2	X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI		X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS	1	X		
TOTAL		3		

III. Discussion and possible action regarding Policy #4118.5(a) Retention of Electronic Records and Information Policy.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. DiGiorgi asked Superintendent Merlone and Dr. DiBacco what they are looking to electronically file. Dr. DiBacco said it is all paper files and records that they are looking to create digital files for. Ms. DiGiorgi said she knows of one company, Iron Mountain who converts paper files into electronic files. She said the first step of the committee will be to explore pricing. Ms. DiGiorgi added, it will be good to get a few companies to present and give us pricing. Everyone agreed this is the best way to store files since storage space is running out.

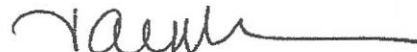
Ms. DiGiorgi said the only question will be price. She said she will begin to look for companies to come in and present to the committee.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	1	X		
MR WILLIAM NIMONS	2	X		
TOTAL		3		

Respectfully submitted,



Cassie Venson
Recording Secretary
Date 09/21/2018