

# ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Facilities Committee

## MINUTES

**PLACE:** Robert E. Zuraw Admin. Building DTL **DATE:** November 29, 2018 **TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:** William Nimons, president

**I. OPENING**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

**B. Roll Call - Mr. Izzo called a quorum.**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE
Mr. John Izzo	X		
Mr. Joe Jeanette	X		
Mr. Vinny Scarlata	X		
Total	3	0	

Also in attendance: Dr. Joe DiBacco, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Bobby Evans, Director of Facilities, Board President Mr. William Nimons, and Vice President, Ms. Fran DiGiorgi.

**II. AMS Recommendations**

Mr. John Izzo began discussing the recommendations presented by Silver Petrucelli Associates. He said we were asked to explore the options to renovate the Ansonia Middle School or rebuild. He said the recommendations from the report were at the very least to repair the Tier one adjustments in the building. Mr. Izzo asked if any member wanted to comment. Mr. Vinny Scarlata said he thought everyone was on board at the close of the last Facilities Meeting with the idea of trying to move forward with a new building for the Middle School. He said it was the best option and the only obstacle will be to try proposing it to City Hall. Mr. Joe Jeanette said he completely agrees and to keep repairing the old building will just be wasting money. Mr. Jeanette also said if the idea of Regionalization ever passes, it will be in Ansonia's best interest to already have a new building that can accommodate students from both towns. He said he feels if we do not act now, we will be stuck with an old building that has been falling apart for years. Mr. Izzo added that he agrees with both gentlemen and the idea of a campus with both high school and middle school on the same property would be ideal. He said the reimbursement rate would be 77.14% for a new build including Central Office on the property. Mr. Izzo said this includes a penalty of 10% because it would be a new build instead of a renovation. He said the rate is determined by the authorized time of approval date by the town. Ms. Fran DiGiorgi, Board member, said a new building would be such a positive action for the students. She said it would bring positivity, scores would go up, and it would help them feel motivated. Mr. Izzo said he does support the project 100%. He said he does not know what his position on the Board will be next year, but he cares tremendously and will do what he can to lead the way. Mr. Izzo said the city will have to bond or go out to referendum for approximately \$10 million. He said things will change between now and when this may all happen, these are soft figures. Dr. Joe DiBacco, Assistant Superintendent, said when a project like this happens it sends a positive message to the community. He said families would be attracted to the area with a state of the art new structure. Dr. DiBacco said students would be able to take pride in such a change in the educational landscape. He said a positive climate will begin to form for our deserving students. Mr. Izzo agreed and added the state would want the Regionalization Study completed first before entertaining any idea of supporting the build. He said a meeting to explain all available options should be scheduled with the state. Dr. DiBacco said he thinks there should be something we can do instead of waiting two years. He said to at least try and go through the process of starting the project, instead of cheating the students that length of time. Mr. Izzo agreed and said this is all the more reason to have the meeting in Hartford with Mr. Frank Costas from the State Department of Administrative Services, as soon as possible. Mr. Izzo said he will follow up with a phone call to set up the meeting.

**Motion: to recommend to the full Board that planning for a new Middle School be explored and further, to schedule a meeting with the State Department of Administrative Services.**

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. John Izzo		X		
Mr. Joe Jeanette	1	X		
Mr. Vinny Scarlata	2	X		
Total		3	0	

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.**

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. John Izzo		X		
Mr. Joe Jeanette	2	X		
Mr. Vinny Scarlata	1	X		
Total		3		

Respectfully submitted,



Cassie Venson  
Recording Secretary  
Date 12/01/2018