

ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

PLACE: CITY HALL, ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS **DATE:** 06 September 2017 **TIME:** 6:00 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: William Nimons, president

I. OPENING

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call – Mr. Nimons called a quorum

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE
MS. FRANCES DIGIORGI	X		
MR. JOHN IZZO	X		
MRS. ARETTA KOTALIS	X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS, President	X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS	X		
MR. CARMEN PITNEY		X	
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA	X		
TOTAL	6	1	

II. RECOGNITION – Mr. Nimons asked Superintendent Merlone to present.

A. Superintendent Merlone asked the Board to join her in congratulating Mrs. Jaime Ekstrand who was named 2017/2018 Teacher of the Year. Superintendent Merlone presented Mrs. Ekstrand with a bouquet of flowers after sharing her many accomplishments

B. Superintendent Merlone presented Mrs. Marion Mainstruck with a token of thanks for her many years of service. Mrs. Mainstruck is the Paraprofessional of the Year 2017/2018.

Superintendent Merlone stated these two staff members are just two of the many in our district who dedicate themselves to teaching our youth. Superintendent asked Dr. Joseph DiBacco, Assistant Superintendent, to speak on his observations as he begins the new position. Assistant Superintendent DiBacco commented that the community and staff are a tight knit and caring group who display amazing resources for the children.

Superintendent Merlone also welcomed new staff member Mr. John LaRovera, who is replacing Jessica Apicella, he will be working closely with Mrs. Bridget Calabrese on curriculum for the entire district.

III. PUBLIC SESSION – Mr. Nimons asked if anyone from the public wished to speak.

A. Mr. Joseph Jaumann, 5th ward Aldermen, wanted to invite all in attendance to a Board of Education sub-committee meeting that will be held on Monday, September 11, 2017 in the DTL Conference Room, Board of Education Department. The meeting will be discussing potential regionalization.

Mr. Nimons asked three times if anyone from the public wished to speak. Public Session was closed.

IV. Action Items, Consideration of approving....

A. Accepting BOE meeting minutes.

MOTION: To accept the meeting minutes dated July 5, 2017(regular) and July 20, 2017(special)

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MS. FRANCES DIGIORGI	1	X		
MR. JOHN IZZO		X		
MRS. ARETTA KOTALIS		X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS, President		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS		X		
MR. CARMEN PITNEY				
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA	2	X		
TOTAL		6	0	

B. Mrs. Bedosky asking for approval for the Middle School Boston trip.

MOTION: To approve the 8th Grade trip to Boston.

Attachment #1

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MS. FRANCES DIGIORGI		X		
MR. JOHN IZZO	2	X		
MRS. ARETTA KOTALIS		X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS, President		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS	1	X		
MR. CARMEN PITNEY				
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA		X		
TOTAL		6	0	

C. An Aflac representative was scheduled to speak on an option for a short term disability that would be 100% funded by the employee. Ms. Jones stated there is no cost to the district. The representative did not show for the meeting, Superintendent Merlone said she will reschedule..

D. Superintendent Merlone spoke about the committee that came together to create and adopt our new Mission Statement. Superintendent read the new mission statement and noted the schools will be able to display.

MOTION: To approve the new Mission Statement for Ansonia Public Schools.

Attachment #2

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MS. FRANCES DIGIORGI		X		
MR. JOHN IZZO	1	X		
MRS. ARETTA KOTALIS		X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS, President		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS	2	X		
MR. CARMEN PITNEY				
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA		X		
TOTAL		6		

V. Informational Items.

A. Assistant Superintendent's Report

Discussion: Dr. Joe DiBacco thanked Ms. Maryann Mascolo for the smooth transition into his new position. He reviewed business that has been taking place since the start of his employment. Assistant Superintendent DiBacco stated he will have information and data regarding district wide testing for the next meeting. Mr. Izzo mentioned he feels a token of appreciation should be given for all Ms. Mascolo's time and effort put into her time spent here. Superintendent Merlone said she will send something.

MOTION: To send Ms. Maryann Mascolo a token of appreciation from the Board.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MS. FRANCES DIGIORGI	2	X		
MR. JOHN IZZO	1	X		
MRS. ARETTA KOTALIS		X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS, President		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS		X		
MR. CARMEN PITNEY				
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA		X		
TOTAL		6	0	

B. Special Education Director's Report

ATTACHMENT #3

Discussion: Ms. Kathie Gabrielson stated a job coach position has been filled as well as a Paraprofessional position. Mr. Izzo asked to see a plan to bring sped students back into district. Mr. Gabrielson will be giving a report regarding this process. DiGiorgi asked how many positions were created with the modular classroom addition. Ms. Gabrielson confirmed there were three.

C. Technology Report

ATTACHMENT #4

Discussion: Mr. Pastore gave his monthly report. Mead School received all new computers for teaching staff. There was also a roll out of two chrome carts with netbooks.

D. School Business Administrator

1. Financial – Ms. Jones stated there are no monthly reports being presented. She stated since we meet so early there would not be a full month of activity. She also wanted to share the summer was very busy. She wanted to thank the staff. She noted she was able to see the way the business has been run in the past. She mentioned operations were much later than she is accustomed to and is still learning the process. Contracts were closed for Paraprofessionals, Custodians and Secretaries. The Food Service union has not reached an agreement. Ms. Jones stated she is still working with the ADP System updating. Mr. Izzo asked if there might be a need for a Director of Human Resources. Superintendent Merlone stated she is looking to have someone come in and assess the department.

- 2. Athletics
- 3. Food Service

ATTACHMENT #5

Mr. Scarlata asked the question what the process is when a student owes money. Ms. Jones stated the student is still given a meal, they are not denied.

E. Enrollment

ATTACHMENT #6

Discussion: Superintendent Merlone went over enrollment.

F. Youth Family Outreach Summary

ATTACHMENT #7

Mr. Bob Lisi spoke on the Outreach Summary report.

G. Notes from the Desk of the Superintendent

ATTACHMENT #8

Discussion: Dr. Merlone presented her report and answered all questions.

H. Additional; Administration or Board of Education

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:30PM.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MS. FRANCES DIGIORGI		X		
MR. JOHN IZZO		X		
MRS. ARETTA KOTALIS	2	X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS, President		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS	1	X		
MR. CARMEN PITNEY				
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA		X		
TOTAL		6	0	

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Venson
Recording Secretary
Date 09/10/2017