

ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

PLACE: Lecture Hall, Ansonia High School **DATE:** 15 November 2017 **TIME:** 6:00 P.M.

SPECIAL 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	5	2	0

Discussion: Mr. Nimons asked for a motion to switch the order of the special meeting agenda, making Item #3 as Item #2 and vice versa.

Motion: To switch numbers II and III on the agenda.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MS. FRANCES DIGIORGI		X		
MR. JOHN IZZO				
MRS. ARETTA KOTALIS		X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS, President		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS	1	X		
MR. CARMEN PITNEY				
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA	2	X		
TOTAL		5	0	0

III. Consideration and possible action upon filling of Board vacancy and/or vacancies.

Discussion: Mr. Nimons informed the Board that after consultation with Attorney Fred Dorsey, he wishes to consider filling the vacancy of the late Mr. Carmen Pitney.

Motion: To appoint Fran DiGiorgi for the remainder of Mr. Carmen Pitney's term.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MS. FRANCES DIGIORGI				X
MR. JOHN IZZO				
MRS. ARETTA KOTALIS		X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS, President		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS	1	X		
MR. CARMEN PITNEY				
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA	2	X		
TOTAL		4	0	1

II. Consideration and possible action upon Board member(s) resignation(s).

Discussion: Mr. Nimons announced to the Board that Ms. Fran DiGiorgi has submitted her resignation from her elected position. The Board of Education members discussed Mr. Pitney's vacancy. Ms. Kotalis asked how long is left in Mr. Pitney's term. Mr. Nimons responded that there is two years remaining. Mr. Phipps questioned whether Ms. DiGiorgi had to resign her current position before being appointed to fill Mr. Pitney's vacancy. Mr. Nimons informed the Board that Attorney Fred Dorsey advised the correct way to proceed with filling Mr. Pitney's position. Mr. Scarlata asked for clarification regarding terminology in the state statute governing the filling of vacancies. Attorney Dorsey responded, confirming that the Board is doing this correctly, but it does not mean a party won't contest this decision. Atty. Dorsey said after his reading of the town charter, this is the appropriate procedure.

Ms. DiGiorgi thanked her fellow Board members for the vote into her new position, and she asked Atty. Dorsey if he could give her the oath of office. Atty. Dorsey said yes, he could. He asked Ms. Digiorgi to raise her right hand and asked if she would solemnly swear that she will do everything in her power to effectuate the responsibilities of a board member? Ms. Digiorgi said she would do so.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MS. FRANCES DIGIORGI				X
MR. JOHN IZZO				
MRS. ARETTA KOTALIS	2	X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS, President		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS		X		
MR. CARMEN PITNEY				
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA	1	X		
TOTAL		4	0	1

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Venson
Recording Secretary
Date 11/20/2017