

ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

PLACE: ROBERT E. ZURAW, ADMIN. OFFICE BLDG. DTL DATE: 03 April 2018 TIME: 6:00 P.M.
SHARED SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: William Nimons, chair

I. OPENING

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS, chair	X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS	X		
TOTAL	3	0	

Also invited to the table:

Superintendent Carol Merlone
Superintendent Michael Wilson, Seymour
Mr. Joe Jeanette, Ansonia BOE
Mr. Vincent Scarlata, Ansonia BOE
Mr. Rick Belden, Seymour administration
Mr. Ed Hendricks, Seymour BOE
Ms. Kristen Harmeling, Seymour BOE
Ms. Jennifer Magri, Seymour BOE chair

II. Ansonia/Seymour discussion on possible shared services.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nimons asked Superintendent Michael Wilson to brief the Ansonia Board regarding the Shared Services subcommittee that was formed in Seymour. Superintendent Wilson began explaining how this subcommittee looks for every way to share services and resources for Seymour's district. Mr. Wilson informed Ansonia how the Seymour Board of education has been very fortunate to have a great working relationship with the town of Seymour and they are beginning to share several services included the job of a Facility Manager, IT related services and a Human Resources employee. Mr. Wilson extended the information that the shared position of an HR employee may also have some available hours for Ansonia to benefit from. Superintendent Merlone and William Nimons both agreed this would be something they are very interested in. Mr. Nimons asked Ms. Jen Magri, Seymour chair, to follow up on this idea. Superintendent Merlone mentioned the idea of sharing attorney hours for the two districts. Members of the Seymour Board lead a discussion on the health insurance they currently share with the town of Seymour. Seymour members informed the Ansonia Board they are always looking on forming consortiums with the town to cut cost for both departments. Ideas of shared utilities as well as office supplies were discussed. The savings for their transportation contract was also discussed with the addition of propane buses and a five year contract. Sharing of the next transportation contract in 2022 was also discussed between both Boards. Members from Seymour also mentioned the raising of substitute teacher salary rate has benefited the district tremendously. There was a discussion of sharing teachers' space for expelled students and how it would help both towns since the new laws for more instruction hours may be difficult to fund. Mental Health Service employees were also discussed and both towns agreed this is something to be looked at in the near future. Both Seymour and Ansonia members agreed the meeting proved very informative and future discussion of shared services will benefit both districts.

III. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	1	X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS, chair		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS	2	X		
TOTAL		3	0	

Respectfully submitted,



Cassie Venson
Recording Secretary
Date 4/05/2018