

ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

PLACE: ANSONIA CITY HALL

DATE: 06 DECEMBER 2017

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Superintendent Carol Merlone

Dr. Carol Merlone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE
MS. FRANCES DIGIORGI	X		
MR. JOHN IZZO	X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO	X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS	X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS	X		
MR. JOE JEANETTE	X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA	X		
TOTAL	7	0	0

II. PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs. Merlone asked if anyone from the public wished to speak.

1. Charlie Stowe 1st Ward Aldermen, 23 Granite Terr. Mr. Stowe asked how we are doing with the budget. Superintendent Merlone reminded Mr. Stowe the meeting was Organizational and that the budget would be discussed at the regular Board meeting.

III. ACTION ITEM:

Superintendent Merlone asked for the nomination of Cassie Venson as temporary Recording Secretary.

MOTION: To nominate Cassie Venson as temporary Recording Secretary of the Board of Education.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MS. FRANCES DIGIORGI	1	X		
MR. JOHN IZZO	2	X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS		X		
MR. JOE JEANETTE		X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA		X		
TOTAL		7	0	

A. Election of President, Vice-President, and Secretary

Dr. Merlone called for nominations for president of the Board of Education. Ms. DiGiorgi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scarlata nominating, Mr. Nimons as president of the Board of Education. Dr. Merlone asked if there were any other nominations. Ms. Tracey Delibero nominated Mr. Izzo as president, there was no second to the nomination.

Dr. Merlone asked three times if there were any other nominations. There weren't any, and nominations were closed.

MOTION: To close nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot to elect Mr. Nimons as president of the Board of Education.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MS. FRANCES DIGIORGI	1	X		
MR. JOHN IZZO			X	
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO			X	
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS				X
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS		X		
MR. JOE JEANETTE		X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA	2	X		
TOTAL		4	2	1

Superintendent Merlone congratulated Mr. Nimons and turned the meeting over to him.

Mr. Nimons called for nominations for Vice-President of the Board of Education. Mr. Phipps nominated Ms. DiGiorgi for vice president of Board of Education. He also wanted to mention that for the past five years of Ms. DiGiorgi's 12 years of service he has seen she shows dedication and motivation. He also stated she is for the betterment and improvement of Ansonia Public Schools. Mr. Scarlata second the nomination.

Mr Izzo asked to speak and stated he believed it was clear what was going to happen tonight and had some prepared remarks. Mr. Nimons asked him to continue. Mr. Izzo read a written statement.

ATTACHMENT # 1

MOTION: To close nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot to elect Ms. Fran DiGiorgi as vice-president of the Board of Education.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MS. FRANCES DIGIORGI				X
MR. JOHN IZZO			X	
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS	1	X		
MR. JOE JEANETTE		X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA	2	X		
TOTAL		5	1	1

Mr. Nimons called for nominations for Secretary of the Board of Education. Ms. DiGiorgi nominated Chris Phipps. Joe Jeanette second the nomination.

Mr. Nimons asked three times if there were any other nominations. There were none, and nominations were closed.

MOTION: To close nominations and have the secretary cast one ballot to elect Mr. Phipps as secretary of the Board of Education.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MS. FRANCES DIGIORGI	1	X		
MR. JOHN IZZO		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS				X
MR. JOE JEANETTE	2	X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA		X		
TOTAL		6	0	1

Dr. Merlone congratulated the officers that were elected.

B. SELECT RULES OF ORDER

Mr. Nimons offered copies to any member who does not have one.

MOTION: To adopt the most current edition of Roberts Rules of Order as our governing rules to conduct meetings.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MS. FRANCES DIGIORGI	2	X		
MR. JOHN IZZO		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS	1	X		
MR. JOE JEANETTE		X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA		X		
TOTAL		7	0	

C. APPOINT A RECORDING SECRETARY

MOTION: Dr. Merlone requested to appoint Cassie Venson as recording secretary for the Board of Education for 2017-2018.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MS. FRANCES DIGIORGI	1	X		
MR. JOHN IZZO	2	X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIEBRO		X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS		X		
MR. JOE JEANETTE		X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA		X		
TOTAL		7	0	

D. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

ATTACHMENT #2

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nimons presented the committee appointments. Mr. Izzo asked who decided the makeup of the committees and when was it discussed. Mr. Nimons stated he made the decision. Mr. Izzo suggested members should have been in on the discussion as to which committee they were going to be appointed. He said some members have strengths and weaknesses. He also said he wants to be on the Finance committee. Mr. Nimons said any member can come to any meeting they want at any time. He also added they are going to come back and discuss this in January. Mr. Izzo commented there should already be certain meetings happening, Finance Committee being one of them since the budget is being discussed at this time. Mr. Nimons thanked Mr. Izzo for his comments. Mr. Phipps added he would also like to have Mr. Izzo's input in the Finance Committee. Ms. DiGiorgi stated in her years on the Board it was always the president who appoints the committees and he could have mentioned it before this. Mr. Izzo commented that reasoning is not very good and he stated he did not agree with the process last year and mentioned it as well.

MOTION: Ms. DiGiorgi made a motion to adopt committee appointments identified for December 2017 – December 2018 be approved as presented. Mr. Phipps second the nomination.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MS. FRANCES DIGIORGI	1	X		
MR. JOHN IZZO		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS		X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS	2	X		
MR. JOE JEANETTE		X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA		X		
TOTAL		7	0	

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MS. FRANCES DIGIORGI	2	X		
MR. JOHN IZZO		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MR. WILLIAM NIMONS	1	X		
MR. CHRISTOPHER PHIPPS		X		
MR. JOE JEANETTE		X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA		X		
TOTAL		7	0	

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Venson
Recording Secretary
December 09, 2017