

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Conducted Remotely  
September 21, 2020

Call to Order

Board Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. via Zoom teleconference call.

Present: Board members Jamie Drzyzga, Debra Dudack, Melissa Finnigan, Brian Fry, Glenn Gazdik, Scott Lingenfelter, Susan Mercik Davis, Maureen Sattan, Michael Sepko; and Superintendent Timothy Van Tassel, Assistant Superintendent Michelle Zawawi, Business Manager Bill Hoff, and Special Services Director Diana Kelley

Board of Education Workshop: Portrait of a Graduate/Strategic Plan

Board Chair Mercik Davis and Superintendent Van Tassel opened the meeting by sharing the intent to further the development of the strategic plan for the district. They introduced Dr. Isobel Stevenson from the Connecticut Center for School Change who led the discussion. The framework of the Portrait of the Graduate will allow the Board to examine what attributes are desired in Suffield graduates, and backward engineer a strategic plan to achieve those goals.

Breakout groups were formed to discuss the knowledge, skills and dispositions that graduates should possess at graduation. These groups reported back to the Board and commonalities were identified. Dr. Stevenson recommended the engagement of stakeholders as a resource for the Board. The Board discussed the variety of stakeholders to be engaged and which mechanisms should be used to engage them.

Board members expressed optimism at the opportunity to create a strategic plan for the district.

Adjournment

Finnigan moved, Dudack seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

*Minutes are subject to approval at the regular meeting of October 5, 2020.*

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Sattan  
Secretary