

Board of Education Special Meeting
Suffield High School Media Center
October 16, 2023

Call to Order

Board Chair Sattan called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Present: Board members Josh Barrows, Tracy Cloyd, Jamie Drzyzga, Brian Fry, Glenn Gazdik, James Mol and Maureen Sattan; and Superintendent Timothy Van Tassel, Assistant Superintendent Michelle Zawawi and Business Manager Eric Remington

Absent: Terry Antrum, Melissa Finnigan

Executive Session

At 6:08 p.m., Maureen Sattan moved, Tracy Cloyd seconded to go into executive session to discuss matters related to collective bargaining, inviting the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Business Manager into the executive session. All members voted in favor, 7-0-0.

The executive session ended at 6:23 p.m. Business Manager Remington left the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Board of Education Retreat

The Board met for its first retreat of the year. Discussions included Board of Education Goal Setting for the 2023-2024 School Year and self-evaluation using the CABE guidelines.

The BOE, using current goals as a reference, discussed that goals can remain the same and it may be useful to set two-year goals moving forward. During the self-evaluation portion, Chair Sattan shared reminders and best practices from her recent CABE Board Chair meeting. The Board discussed the use of data for Board level decision making, optimizing the work of Board and ad hoc subcommittees, and collaborating with other town boards and committees in support of a possible 5-8 middle school building project.

Brian Fry left the meeting at 8:30.

Adjournment

Board member Glenn Gazdik moved, James Mol seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. All members voted in favor.

Minutes are subject to approval at the regular meeting of November 6, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Drzyzga
Secretary