

Board of Education Special Meeting  
Suffield High School Library Media Center  
August 27, 2024

Call to Order

Board Chair Sattan called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Present: Board members Debra Dudack, Melissa Finnigan, Brian Fry, James Mol, Gianna Rossi, Maureen Sattan, Gregory Sparzo and Superintendent Matthew Dunbar

Absent: Josh Barrows and Sam Toskin

Board Chair Sattan welcomed board members and asked Superintendent Dunbar to share the message he delivered to educators at the district's convocation about why he decided to join Suffield Public Schools. Dunbar shared that the pride interview committee members have in their community was clear during the first interview and he immediately knew he was interested in leading the district. In less than two months, he feels like this is where he is supposed to be and is looking forward to the school year getting underway.

Discussion/Action Items

- A. Discussion and Possible Action on the Board of Education Goal Setting for the 2024-2025 School Year  
Board members discussed the existing Board goals and decided to keep them as they currently are and take no action to change them. The Board plans to take another look at the goals later in the academic year.
- B. Board of Education Self-Evaluation  
Board members used the Board of Education Self-Evaluation tool from the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education to discuss their progress as a board in the areas of Vision, Community Leadership, Board Operations, Board Ethics and Board/Superintendent Team. Superintendent Dunbar was not present for this discussion item.
- C. Board of Education Roles and Responsibilities Training  
Board of Education Attorney Jessica Ritter from Shipman and Goodwin presented the Board Members' Roles & Responsibilities training.

Adjournment

Fry moved, Mol seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. All members voted in favor.

*Minutes are subject to approval at the special meeting of September 3, 2024.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Dudack  
Secretary