

ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

PLACE: Meeting held via Zoom **DATE:** April 28, 2023 **TIME:** 12:00 p.m.
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Mr. Rich Bshara, President

I. OPENING

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. **Roll Call** – Mr. Rich Bshara called a quorum.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE
MR. RICH BSHARA, president	X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO	X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	X		
MR. DAVID KNAPP			X(12:10p.m.)
MS. BETH LEBERGE	X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS	X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK	X		
TOTAL	6	0	1

II. Public Session

There were no comments.

III. Action items, consideration of approving the following items:

A. Permission for AHS graduation to be held on Saturday, June 10th at 9 a.m.

Discussion: Superintendent DiBacco told the Board that Saturday graduation has been working out well for students and families. He said it gives them a chance to have all attend and enjoy the rest of the day. Superintendent DiBacco also said Mr. Phipps agrees and recommends Saturday graduation as well.

Ms. DiGiorgi asked if anyone else received complaints, because she has heard people do not like Saturday graduation. Superintendent DiBacco said he has not, he said the survey that was sent out was the opposite. He told the Board, when the ceremony is held at night, there are people coming to only make noise and cause disruption rather than enjoy the ceremony. Mr. Phipps said he recently saw a post on social media where the comments were favorable of the Saturday ceremony.

MOTION: To hold AHS Graduation on Saturday, June 10th at 9 a.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA, president		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO	2	X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI		X		
MR. DAVID KNAPP		X		
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK	1	X		
TOTAL		7	0	0

B. Permission for the last three days of school (2022-2023 SY), be early release days for students only.

Discussion: Superintendent DiBacco said this request is mostly for the students taking final exams at the high school. He said the high school students' benefit when they are able to dismiss after exams, and siblings can be home for the younger students. He told the Board this is also a way for staff to get caught up on grades and evaluations.

MOTION: To give schools permission for the last three days of school (2022-2023 SY) be early release days for students only.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA, president		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI		X		
MR. DAVID KNAPP		X		
MS. BETH LEBERGE	1	X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS	2	X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTAL		7	0	0

C. Pine Trust use request.

Discussion: Superintendent DiBacco said this trust was set up for vocational and technical expenses. He said it is used for supplies for Project Lead the Way and College and Career Courses, as well as other expenses for these programs. He said without the grant, the money would have to come out of school budget.

MOTION: To use Pine Trust funds.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA, president		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO	2	X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI		X		
MR. DAVID KNAPP		X		
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK	1	X		
TOTAL		7	0	0

D. Healthy Food Certification Statement for 2023-2024 School Year.

Discussion: Superintendent DiBacco said this certification is a requirement for the district to be part of the free and reduced lunch program.

MOTION: To accept the Healthy Food Option.

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA, president		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI		X		
MR. DAVID KNAPP	1	X		
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS	2	X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTAL		7	0	0

MOTION: To Accept the Healthy Food and Beverage Exemption.

The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with Page 3 of 3 | Connecticut State Department of Education an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA, president		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI		X		
MR. DAVID KNAPP	1	X		
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS	2	X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTAL		7	0	0

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA, president		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	2	X		
MR. DAVID KNAPP		X		
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK	1	X		
TOTAL		7	0	

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Venson

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Recording Secretary

Date: 5/03/2023