

# ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

## ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**PLACE:** Mead School Cafeteria    **DATE:** 13 December 2023    **TIME:** 6:30 p.m.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Superintendent Joe DiBacco.

Superintendent DiBacco requested to appoint Cassie Venson as temporary Recording Secretary.

**MOTION:** To appoint Cassie Venson as temporary Recording Secretary.

| MEMBERS OF THE BOARD       | MOTION | YES | NO | ABSTAIN |
|----------------------------|--------|-----|----|---------|
| MR. RICH BSHARA, president |        | X   |    |         |
| MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO       |        | X   |    |         |
| MS. OCASIO-GONZALEZ        |        |     |    |         |
| MR. DAVID KNAPP            |        |     |    |         |
| MS. BETH LABERGE           | 2      | X   |    |         |
| MR. CHRIS PHIPPS           |        | X   |    |         |
| MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK       | 1      | X   |    |         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               |        | 5   | 0  |         |

### I. OPENING

#### A. Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent DiBacco asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for the passing of former Finance Director, Rick Belden.

#### B. Roll Call – Superintendent DiBacco called a quorum

| MEMBERS OF THE BOARD       | PRESENT | ABSENT | LATE |
|----------------------------|---------|--------|------|
| MR. RICH BSHARA, president | X       |        |      |
| MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO       | X       |        |      |
| MS. OCASIO-GONZALEZ        |         | X      |      |
| MR. DAVID KNAPP            |         | X      |      |
| MS. BETH LABERGE           | X       |        |      |
| MR. CHRIS PHIPPS           | X       |        |      |
| MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK       | X       |        |      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | 5       | 2      |      |

### II. Public Session

There were no comments.

### III. Action Items

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

**Discussion:** Superintendent DiBacco asked if there were any nominations for Board of Education President.

Ms. Beth LaBerge nominated Mr. Rich Bshara for President of the Board of Education. There were no other nominations.

**MOTION:** To elect Mr. Rich Bshara as President of the Board of Education.

| MEMBERS OF THE BOARD       | MOTION | YES | NO | ABSTAIN |
|----------------------------|--------|-----|----|---------|
| MR. RICH BSHARA, president |        | X   |    |         |
| MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO       |        | X   |    |         |
| MS. OCASIO-GONZALEZ        |        |     |    |         |
| MR. DAVID KNAPP            |        |     |    |         |
| MS. BETH LABERGE           | 1      | X   |    |         |

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| MR. CHRIS PHIPPS     | 2 | X |   |  |
| MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK |   | X |   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         |   | 5 | 0 |  |

Tracey DeLibero said she would like to nominate Mr. Chris Phipps as Vice President of the Board of Education. There were no other nominations.

**MOTION: To elect Mr. Chris Phipps for Vice President of the Board of Education.**

| MEMBERS OF THE BOARD       | MOTION | YES | NO | ABSTAIN |
|----------------------------|--------|-----|----|---------|
| MR. RICH BSHARA, president | 2      | X   |    |         |
| MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO       | 1      | X   |    |         |
| MS. OCASIO-GONZALEZ        |        |     |    |         |
| MR. DAVID KNAPP            |        |     |    |         |
| MS. BETH LABERGE           |        | X   |    |         |
| MR. CHRIS PHIPPS           |        | X   |    |         |
| MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK       |        | X   |    |         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               |        | 5   | 0  |         |

Superintendent DiBacco said he would like to entertain motions for the office of Secretary of the Board of Education. Mr. Rich Bshara said he would like to nominate Ms. Beth LaBerge for the office of Secretary of the Board of Education.

**MOTION: To elect Ms. Beth Laberge for the office of Secretary of the Board of Education.**

| MEMBERS OF THE BOARD       | MOTION | YES | NO | ABSTAIN |
|----------------------------|--------|-----|----|---------|
| MR. RICH BSHARA, president | 1      | X   |    |         |
| MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO       |        | X   |    |         |
| MS. OCASIO-GONZALEZ        |        |     |    |         |
| MR. DAVID KNAPP            |        |     |    |         |
| MS. BETH LABERGE           |        | X   |    |         |
| MR. CHRIS PHIPPS           | 2      | X   |    |         |
| MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK       |        | X   |    |         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               |        | 5   | 0  |         |

#### B. Select Rules of Order

Mr. Bshara said we currently follow Robert's Rules of Order. He asked for nomination to continue to follow Robert's Rules of Order for the following year.

**MOTION: To follow Robert's Rules of Order.**

| MEMBERS OF THE BOARD       | MOTION | YES | NO | ABSTAIN |
|----------------------------|--------|-----|----|---------|
| MR. RICH BSHARA, president |        | X   |    |         |
| MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO       |        | X   |    |         |
| MS. OCASIO-GONZALEZ        |        |     |    |         |
| MR. DAVID KNAPP            |        |     |    |         |
| MS. BETH LABERGE           | 1      | X   |    |         |
| MR. CHRIS PHIPPS           | 2      | X   |    |         |
| MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK       |        | X   |    |         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               |        | 5   | 0  |         |

#### C. Appoint Recording Secretary

Mr. Rich Bshara said he would like to make a motion to appoint Cassie Venson as Recording Secretary.

**MOTION: To appoint Cassie Venson as Recording Secretary.**

| MEMBERS OF THE BOARD       | MOTION | YES | NO | ABSTAIN |
|----------------------------|--------|-----|----|---------|
| MR. RICH BSHARA, president |        | X   |    |         |
| MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO       |        | X   |    |         |

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| MS. OCASIO-GONZALEZ  |  |   |   |  |
| MR. DAVID KNAPP      |  |   |   |  |
| MS. BETH LABERGE     |  | X |   |  |
| MR. CHRIS PHIPPS     |  | X |   |  |
| MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK |  | X |   |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         |  | 5 | 0 |  |

#### D. Committee Appointments

Mr. Bshara said he would like to make a motion to accept Committee Appointments, as presented.

**MOTION:** To accept Committee Appointments as presented.

| MEMBERS OF THE BOARD       | MOTION | YES | NO | ABSTAIN |
|----------------------------|--------|-----|----|---------|
| MR. RICH BSHARA, president | 1      | X   |    |         |
| MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO       |        | X   |    |         |
| MS. OCASIO-GONZALEZ        |        |     |    |         |
| MR. DAVID KNAPP            |        |     |    |         |
| MS. BETH LABERGE           | 2      | X   |    |         |
| MR. CHRIS PHIPPS           |        | X   |    |         |
| MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK       |        | X   |    |         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               |        | 5   | 0  |         |

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

| MEMBERS OF THE BOARD       | MOTION | YES | NO | ABSTAIN |
|----------------------------|--------|-----|----|---------|
| MR. RICH BSHARA, president |        | X   |    |         |
| MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO       | 2      | X   |    |         |
| MS. OCASIO-GONZALEZ        |        |     |    |         |
| MR. DAVID KNAPP            |        |     |    |         |
| MS. BETH LABERGE           | 1      | X   |    |         |
| MR. CHRIS PHIPPS           |        | X   |    |         |
| MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK       |        | X   |    |         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               |        | 5   | 0  |         |

Respectfully submitted,

*Cassie Venson*

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Secretary

Recording

Date: 12/18/2023

