

ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

PLACE: meeting held via Zoom **DATE:** 07 January 2022 **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		
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X	
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS	X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK	X		
TOTAL	6	1	0

II. Public Session

There were no comments.

III. Discussion and Possible action regarding adoption of the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health's updated considerations for quarantine, isolation, testing, and contact tracing policies and procedures in PreK – 12 schools.

Discussion: Mr. Bshara reminded the Board this was voted on during a previous meeting, now the new policy needs to be voted in for a more updated guideline.

Superintendent DiBacco said it is great to have the current policy in place, but on December 3rd a new policy was put out. He said the new policy involves a shorter quarantine time, as well as no required testing after the quarantine period. He told the Board; the previous policy was a much longer quarantine period. He said it is now known the virus is out of your system much sooner. Superintendent DiBacco said the new guidelines will help get the students and staff back to school sooner.

Assistant Superintendent Bergin said the process to reduce the quarantine time will also reduce the time our staff will be out. He said this doesn't mean they will automatically return after five days. He told the Board this is only if they are fever and symptom free for 48 hours, after the five-day quarantine period. Mr. Bergin said they will be very cautious and will continue to work with Nurse Monica, who has been extremely helpful.

MOTION: To adopt the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health's updated considerations for quarantine, isolation, testing, and contact tracing policies and procedures in PreK – 12 schools. Furthermore, administration will have the responsibility to create covid-19 procedures to implement aligned to those agencies of Connecticut Department of Health, Connecticut State Department of Education, CDC, and the Naugatuck Valley Health District.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA, president		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	1	X		
MR. DAVID KNAPP	2	X		
MS. BETH LEBERGE				
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTAL		6	0	0

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

	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		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTAL		7	0	

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Venson

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Recording Secretary

Date: 1/10/2022