

ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

AMENDED

PLACE: Meeting held, Robert E. Zuraw Administration Office Building **DATE:** 28 September 2022 **TIME:** 6:30 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 LABERGE	X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS	X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK	X		
TOTAL	5	2	0

II. Public Session

There were no comments.

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

A. Epic Driving School

Discussion: Superintendent DiBacco said, this is not something new to the district. He said prior to covid, the business provided driving classes at the high school. He told the Board; our students receive a discount rate in exchange for Epic to use a classroom. Superintendent DiBacco said it worked out very well in the past, and they are asking for the Board's approval to continue.

MOTION: To continue to allow Epic Driving School to utilize a classroom at the high school.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA, president		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO				
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI				
MR. DAVID KNAPP	1	X		
MS. BETH LABERGE	2	X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTAL		5	0	0

B. Early release day at AHS on October 12th for PSAT testing.

Discussion: Superintendent DiBacco said this day is very important for 9, 10, and 11th grade students. He said they come in and take the PSAT test, and usually stay the remainder of the day. He said they should be able to leave after taking this test. He told the Board in the past, staying the entire day proved to be unproductive. Superintendent DiBacco said it would be beneficial for students to be able to go home after the lengthy test, and staff will stay for the rest of the day.

MOTION: To allow students an early release day on October 12th for PSAT testing.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA, president		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO				
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI				
MR. DAVID KNAPP		X		
MS. BETH LABERGE	1	X		

MR. CHRIS PHIPPS		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK	2	X		
TOTAL		5	0	0

C. Proposed early dismissal schedule 2022-23.

Discussion: Superintendent DiBacco said this idea was brought to the Board in the past. He said it is mandated to serve breakfast and lunch every day in school. He said in the past, even on early release days, students were getting home close to 3:00 p.m. He told the Board, he would like to see dismissal be thirty minutes earlier. Superintendent DiBacco said the bus company is able to accommodate the new schedule. He said with inclement weather early releases, it would ensure students make it home safe.

Ms. LeBerge asked if this will also apply to normally scheduled early release. Superintendent DiBacco said it will also apply.

MOTION: To allow the proposed early dismissal schedule 2022-23, effective immediately.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA, president		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO				
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI				
MR. DAVID KNAPP	2	X		
MS. BETH LABERGE	1	X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTAL		5	0	0

D. Extending the 2021-2022 flexibilities for CT guidelines for Teacher Evaluation for the 2022-23 school year.

Discussion: Superintendent DiBacco said there was a lot of time spent with Mr. Todd White, who came in to assist on the Teacher Evaluation process. He said the previous evaluation process was in great need for an update. He told the Board, he is glad the work was started early. He said the state is looking to implement something similar in the near future.

Mr. Steve Bergin said he agrees; the previous plan was very outdated. He said the prior evaluation process was not beneficial for anyone, including the teachers. He told the Board; the new process is amazing to see unfold. Mr. Bergin said he would like to continue the flexibilities evaluation plan and move forward with the process that the state will be implementing. He said the state is pretty very far behind with implementing new processes, but our district has already begun.

MOTION: To extend the 2021-2022 Flexibilities for CT Guidelines for Teacher Evaluation for the 2022-2023 school year.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA, president		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO				
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI				
MR. DAVID KNAPP	2	X		
MS. BETH LABERGE	1	X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTAL		5	0	0

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA, president		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO				
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI				
MR. DAVID KNAPP	1	X		
MS. BETH LABERGE		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTAL		5	0	

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Venson

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Recording Secretary

Date: 10/24/2022