

ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

AMENDED

PLACE: Meeting held via Zoom **DATE:** 07 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	6	1	0

II. Public Session

There were no comments.

III. Discussion and possible action regarding accepting the Alliance Grant as written.

Discussion: Mr. Bshara asked Superintendent DiBacco to begin the discussion. Superintendent DiBacco told the board, Mrs. Bridget Calabrese will assist him. She said Mrs. Calabrese is in charge of grants and school improvement. He explained the domains that make up the Alliance Grant Budget spending requirements. He told the Board, there are indicators and benchmarks that need to be met for all spending of the state funding. Superintendent DiBacco said the State Department of Education have very narrow guidelines, which include math goals, literacy goals, successful graduation rate, as well as truancy. He continued in great detail of all spending that takes place with the funds, including staff and support that are currently in place. The programs, mentors, training, and professional development are all areas that this grant also funds. Superintendent DiBacco said all of this would not be possible without the grant. He told the Board, the state has said if the district becomes ineligible for Alliance, then ECS funding may pick up the expense. He said there are several meetings with State Department of Education consultants that review and assist in the spending of the funds.

Mr. Bshara asked if there are new requirements on the application this year, or are they the same.

Mrs. Calabrese said the majority are the same. She said one new area will be professional development for the new Standards based report cards that the district is moving toward. She said this year the grant will also cover Ruler and SEL supplies and programs. Mrs. Calabrese also mentioned administrator evaluation, as well as training at the monthly administrative counsel.

Mr. Bshara asked when it will be approved by the state. Mrs. Calabrese said last time it took approximately three weeks. She said she is not positive of an exact time.

MOTION: To approve the Alliance Grant bundle including Priority School District, PSD Extended Hours, and PSD Summer School.

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Venson

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Recording Secretary

Date: 10/24/2022