ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes

PLACE: Ansonia High School, Media Center, via Zoom **DATE:** 10 March 2021 TIME: 6:30 p.m.
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Mr. Chris Phipps, President

I. OPENING

A. Pledge of Allegiance
B. Roll Call – Mr. Phipps called a quorum

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE
MR. RICH BSHARA	X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO	X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI		X	
MS. BETH LEBERGE	X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president	X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA		X	
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK	X		
TOTAL	5	2	0

II. **Public Session**

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

A. Ansonia Board of Education meeting minutes dated February 10, 2021 (regular)
MOTION: To accept the meeting minutes
dated February 10, 2021 (regular).

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

B. Ansonia Public School 2021-2022 School Calendar.

MOTION: To approve the Ansonia Public Schools
2021-2022 School Calendar.

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

C. MOU between BHcare and Ansonia Public Schools District.

Motion: To approve the memorandum of understanding between BHcare and Ansonia Public Schools District.

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

D. Healthy Food Certification

1. Healthy Food Option

Motion: To approve the Healthy Food Option as follows:
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, 2021, through June 30, 2022. 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	2	X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI				
MS. BETH LEBERGE	1	X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president		X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA				
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTAL		5	0	

2. Food Exemption

Motion: To approve the Food Exemptions Option as follows:
The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with 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 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.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA	2	X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI				
MS. BETH LEBERGE	1	X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president		X		

MR. VINNY SCARLATA				
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTAL		5	0	

3. Beverage Exemptions
Motion: To approve the Beverage Exemptions as follows
The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of 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 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 beverages 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. The "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 beverage sales.

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

E. Roofing Projects as Complete
1. To submit as complete the John C. Mead replacement roofing project #002-0057 RR.

Motion: To submit as complete, the John C. Mead Elementary School,
75 Ford Street, replacement roofing project #002-0057 RR.

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

2. To submit as complete the John G. Prendergast Elementary School replacement roofing project #002-0056 RR

Motion: To submit as complete the John G. Prendergast Elementary School,
59 Finney Street, roof replacement project #002-0056 RR.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA	1	X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO	2	X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI				
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president		X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA				
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		

TOTAL		5	0	

3. To submit as complete Ansonia Middle School, 115 Howard Avenue, roof replacement project 002-0058 RR.
Motion: To submit as complete the Ansonia Middle School,
115 Howard Avenue, roof replacement project 002-0058 RR.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA	1	X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI				
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president		X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA				
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK	3	X		
TOTAL		5	0	

4. To submit as complete the administrative office building, 42 Grove Street, replacement roofing project #002-0056 RR.

Motion: To submit as complete the administrative office
building, 42 Grove Street, replacement roofing project #002-0056 RR.

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

IV. **Informational Items.**

A. Assistant Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent Steve Bergin gave his report. He briefed the Board on several items, including the successful vaccination clinic that took place at the Ansonia High School. He said the event was for all schools in Ansonia as well as Derby staff. Approximately 600 vaccines were distributed. He thanked the Valley Health Department, and all that were involved to make the day happen. He said the next clinic will be held on March 27th. Assistant Superintendent Bergin also told the Board about a Report Card Committee made up of 17 volunteers who will work together. He said the plan will be brought to the full Board when it is complete. He also said the hiring process has begun for the Food Service Director position. Assistant Superintendent Bergin highlighted several positive events happening throughout the district that are mentioned in his report.

all. Bshara asked if the report card committee will be modified from K – 5th grade once the move of sixth grade takes place. Assistant Superintendent Bergin told Bshara the committee will be modified.

B. Special Education Director's Report

Mr. Kevin Keating, Special Education Director, said his team continues to observe students. He said the team will make adjustments to benefit students as they return to the district after virtual learning. He reviewed his report, there were no questions.

C. Technology Report

Mr. Pastore gave his report, briefing the Board on what has been happening in the Technology Department. He told the Board about the progress with PowerSchool and Parent Square implementations. He said Parent Square will be utilized beginning next week.

D. School Business Administrator Financials

1. 2020-2021 Year-to-Date - Ms. JoAnn Cegan reviewed her monthly report, including all expenditures. She said after applying the Corona Virus Relief Funds, many deficits are now gone. She said there will be a Finance Committee Meeting scheduled for next week. There were no questions.
2. Athletics - Mr. Tom Brockett said basketball is winding down and he is so impressed with the outcome thus far. He said the girls' basketball team also deserves special recognition for their effort. He said they have only one loss up to this point. He said the parents are very cooperative during this difficult time and he is proud of everyone involved.
3. Food Service –
4. Grants and other Income

E. Enrollment –

Report was submitted. Mr. Phipps asked what the percentage of remote students is today. Assistant Superintendent Bergin said the number is about 32%

F. Youth and Family Outreach Summary

Mr. Bob Lisi said this last month there were home visits for various reasons and services. He said the Food Distribution will change and it will now only be at the Armory beginning on Monday. There were no questions.

G. Facility Director's Report

all. Bob Evans, Facilities Director, gave his report including the duct cleaning and HVAC System analysis updates. He said there will be a report that will show improvements needed for the HVAC System, once it is complete. He said there are several projects getting underway, including the move with Pre-K and sixth grade, closing several roofing projects, and some paving and repairs to the front of Mead School.

H**. Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations Report**

Ms. Rebecca Adams, Director Human Resources, told the Board she has been working on some legal pieces this month and she said she is very grateful to have such positive relationships with the unions in the district. She said she is also working on the paid Covid quarantine leave with Ms. Cegan. She thanked Christine in the food services department for the staff training. Ms. Cegan said there will be a Policy Committee Meeting to go over the updates that continue to happen.

I. Superintendent's Report

i. DiBacco thanked the Board. He said he was lucky enough to do a Podcast with one of the high school students. He said he had a great time with senior, Jayda Sanchez, and it made the choices of our district clear. He said her smile and excitement for her to be returning to school and playing basketball, made it all worthwhile. He said the vaccine clinic that took place was a huge success and he is very proud of everyone who put it together with only about a week to plan. He said he sat on a TEAM Housing forum to discuss the connection between education and housing in the valley. DiBacco said on March 1st, along with Mayor Cassetti, he testified at the School Finance Project to support senate bill #948. He said this will lead to additional funding per year based on our needs. He told the Board that testifying together with the mayor was a first, and the committee was very impressed. DiBacco continued to review his report, there were no questions.

J**. Additional; Administration or Board of Education**

No additional information at this time.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session 7:27 p.m.
For the purpose of student matters. Pursuant to
1-200(6)(B) discussion of strategy and negotiations
with respect to pending claims or pending litigation
and 1-200(6)(E) discussion of any matter which would
result in the disclosure of public records or the information
contained therein described in subsection (b) of section 1-210.

Further, to invite Superintendent DiBacco,
Assistant Superintendent Bergin,
Ms. Rebecca Adams, and Ms. JoAnn Cegan.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO	1	X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI				
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president		X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA				

MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK	2	X		
TOTAL		5	0	

Return to regular meeting 7:47 p.m.

VI. **ACTION on matters discussed in Executive Session**

MOTION: To accept the recommendation from Superintendent DiBacco.
Moved for expulsion matter A. that the Ansonia Board of Education accept in its entirety the stipulated expulsion agreement between the Superintendent of schools, Dr. DiBacco and the parent of the student who was the subject of the proposed agreement and expel the student under the terms of stipulated agreement as presented.
The stipulated agreement will be made part of the student's accumulative record.

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

MOTION: To accept the recommendation from Superintendent DiBacco.
Moved for expulsion matter B. that the Ansonia Board of Education accept in its entirety the stipulated expulsion agreement between the Superintendent of schools, Dr. DiBacco and the parent of the student who was the subject of the proposed agreement and expel the student under the term of the stipulated agreement as presented.
The stipulated agreement will be made part of the student's accumulative record.

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

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Venson

Cassie Venson Recording Secretary
Date: 3/15/2021