

ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

PLACE: ANSONIA HIGH SCHOOL, Media Center **DATE:** 08 January 2020 **TIME:** 6:00 P.M.
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chris Phipps

I. OPENING

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call – Chris Phipps called a quorum

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE
MR. RICH BSHARA	X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIEBRO	X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS	X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA	X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK	X		
TOTAL	6	0	0

II. Public Session–

There was no one from the public that wished to speak.

III. Student Recognition–

Ms. Amy Cosciello, Principal, Mead School, and Mead School teacher, Mrs. Lisa Goggi, addressed the Board about a recognition from May 2019. Ms. Cosciello said Mrs. Goggi's fifth grade class was involved in The Young Writers, USA contest and asked Mrs. Goggi to explain. Mrs. Goggi greeted the Board and everyone present, stating the students of her class participated in The Young Writers contest. She said the contest required students to write a short story, or saga, with specific detailed requirements. Mrs. Goggi said several students from her class did an amazing job and their saga was chosen to be published in Crazy Creatures 2019 – Stories from New England. Mrs. Goggi announced the winners and called each one up to be presented with a token of appreciation for their hard work and effort put into their saga. Mr. Phipps congratulated Hailey Hanson, Sophie Chen, Cassidy Pawlak, Jayda Conquest, Mackenzie Mitchell, Lily Markoya, Myzara'e Williams, Janelis Stewart, and Romeo Vega on behalf of the Board and said they should be very proud of themselves.

IV. Action Items and consideration of approving the following –

A. Ansonia Board of Education meeting minutes dated November 18, 2019(regular) and December 18, 2019(special)

MOTION: To accept minutes dated November 18, 2019 (regular) and December 18, 2019 (special) meeting.

MEBERS OF THE BOARD	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA				X
MRS. TRACEY DELIEBRO	2	X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS		X		X(11/18)
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA	1	X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTAL		5	0	2

B. 2020 Board of Education meeting schedule. **Attachment #1**

MOTION: To approve the 2020 Board of Education Meeting schedule.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA	1	X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIEBRO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	2	X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS		X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
Total		6	0	0

C. Certified Appointments:

1. Kaitlyn Clough, Ansonia Middle School, Grade 8, Language Arts Teacher.
2. Rosemary Craig, Ansonia High School, Psychologist.
3. Shannon Allison, Mead School, Grade 1 Teacher.
4. Andrea Vercillo, Ansonia Middle School, Counselor
5. Christine Magnuson, Ansonia Middle School, Grade 8 Teacher.

Discussion:

Superintendent DiBacco asked the Board to approve the new faculty members. He said the staff is adjusting well and has heard nothing but positive feedback from at the schools.

MOTION: To approve newly hired staff Members; Kaitlyn Clough, Rosemary Craig, Shannon Allison, Andrea Vercillo, Christine Magnuson.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIEBRO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	2	X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS		X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA	1	X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
Total		6	0	0

IV. Informational Items.

A. Student Representative – Lexi Brinkmann gave her report to the Board, mentioning the recent activities happening at the high school. The start of fall sports, Patient Care Program Round 2, and the beginning of SAT Prep Saturday classes, were just a few mentioned.

A. Assistant Superintendent's Report Attachment #2

47483647. Superintendent Steve Bergin addressed the Board sharing information about the completion of the Leadership Teams Training. He said it was a huge success. Mr. Bergin said he has been around to witness the training being shared by administration and they are doing a phenomenal job. He also spoke on The District Accountability Plan. He said this plan, which has four priority areas, including; curriculum assessment, instruction, accountability, and climate is almost complete. Mr. Bergin said within the plan are goals and expectations that will be shared for approval from the Board. There were no questions at this time.

B. Special Education Director's Report Attachment #3

Special Education Director, Mr. Kevin Keating gave his report regarding the Special Education numbers, as well as the data behind each report. He said one highlight is the nine students that were able to be released from Special Education service as well as the decrease in outplaced student enrollment. There were no questions at this time.

C. Technology Report Attachment #4

Mr. Vinny Pastore spoke regarding the new school website and said the project is almost complete. He also addressed several other projects that are underway in the IT Department regarding virus protection, threat assessment and other safety measures.

E. School Business Administrator Financials Attachment #5

1. **2019 - 2020 Year-to-date** - Ms. Lisa Jones reviewed her reports for the 2019-20 current school year. She said she is happy to report the 2018-2019 school year finances have been completed. She said working with the auditors, it was finished and submitted before the deadline. Ms. Jones said the issues that were requested by the auditors to be fixed, have been. She said since change in administration of the Food Service Program, she is trying to continue to work with the staff and learn the process. She said Infinite Vision, the new financial software program, is going well and there are scheduled meetings which will be taking place. Ms. Jones said negotiations for contracts have been completed and the rest of the financial items are moving forward so a budget proposal will be presented to the Board. She said the first payment for reimbursement of Special Education costs should be coming in late February or early March. She told the Board when this happens, she will have a better estimate of reimbursement for the year. There were no questions.

2. Athletics – Attachment #6

The Athletics report was presented, no questions were addressed at this time

3. Food Services – Attachment #7

Report was given. There were not questions.

4. Grants and other income – Attachment #8

There were no questions at this time.

F. Enrollment- Attachment #9

There were no questions.

G. Youth Family Outreach Summary – Attachment #10

Mr. Bob Lisi explained the Daily Attendance Report and went over the reasoning for it, as well as who uses and benefits from these reports that are periodically shown here. There were no questions for Mr. Lisi.

H. Notes from the Desk of the Superintendent Attachment #11

47483647. DiBacco gave his report. He applauded all students for their continued hard work, and mentioned several events he attended along with Assistant Bergin. DiBacco said he is blown away at the effort staff puts in to make so many things possible that go on behind the scenes. There were no questions.

I. Additional; Administration or Board of Education.**V. Executive Session regarding expulsion**

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session at 6:40p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA	1	X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIEBRO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS		X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA	2	X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTAL		6	0	0

To return to regular meeting.

VI. A. Action as needed. As a result of Executive Session for Expulsion

MOTION: To accept Superintendent DiBacco's recommendation.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIEBRO	2	X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	1	X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS		X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTAL		6	0	

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIEBRO	2	X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	1	X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS		X		
MR. VINCENT SCARLATA		x		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTAL		6	0	

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Venson

Cassie Venson Recording Secretary
Date 01/14/2020