

ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

PLACE: Robert E. Zuraw Admin Office, DTL **DATE:** 03 February 2020 **TIME:** 6:30 P.M.
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chris Phipps, president

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	
MS. BETH LEBERGE	X		
MR. CHROSTOPHER PHIPPS, president	X		
MR. VINCEN SCARLATA	X		
MS. SHARON VAROSCHEK	X		
TOTAL	6	1	0

Also in attendance: Superintendent Joe DiBacco, Assistant Superintendent Steve Bergin, CABE representative.

II. Roles and responsibilities of Board of Education members.

Discussion: Mr. Phipps turned the meeting over to CABE Representative, Mr. Nick Caruso. Mr. Caruso asked Board members what they would like to discuss or learn more about regarding CABE policies and Board of Education roles. There were a few topics suggested by several Board members. Interaction between city and Board, clarification on how the two can work together, and what other school districts are currently doing were mentioned.

Mr. Caruso told the Board that its main responsibility is to provide the necessary tools for their superintendent to succeed. He said trust should be with the superintendent and administration's decisions. He explained to the Board that their electing the superintendent as well as a yearly evaluation, proves there is confidence in the superintendent and decisions he is making for the district. Mr. Caruso said it is critical that all students get the best possible education they can, and it is up to the Board of Education to try and make that happen. He said the Board of Education should work to provide the tools for children to receive the best possible education, while supporting the superintendent.

Mr. Caruso reviewed several CABE (Connecticut Association of Boards of Education) Policies. He answered all questions and went into length discussing and offering suggestions for certain situations.

Mr. Caruso said part of the responsibility of the Board is to communicate to the public, showing the large state funding problem. He said the lack of state funding cause's disagreements and it should not be a city vs. Board of Education problem. He said the community should know their support is critical and funding from the city is the answer to a successful school district as well as adding value to the town.

Several CABE policies were further discussed and all questions were also answered.

all. Caruso said he would be happy to revisit in the future, if other questions arise. The Board thanked him for his time.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Board Members	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA	2	X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIEBRO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI			X	
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X		
MR. CHROSTOPHER PHIPPS, president		X		
MR. VINCEN SCARLATA	1	X		
MS. SHARON VAROSCHEK		X		
TOTAL		6	1	

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Venson

Cassie Venson Recording Secretary
Date: 02/06/2020