

ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

AMENDED MEETING MINUTES

PLACE: ANSONIA HIGH SCHOOL, Media Center **DATE:** 11 March 2020 **TIME:** 6:00 P.M.
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: 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	7	0	0

II. Public Session–

There were no comments at this time.

III. Action Items, consideration of approving:

A. Ansonia Board of Education meeting minutes dated February 3, 2020 (special), February 11, 2020(special), and February 12, 2020 (regular).

MOTION: To accept minutes dated
February 3, 2020(special), February 11, 2020,
(special) and February 12, 2020 (regular).

MEBERS OF THE BOARD	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
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(Feb. 11)
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTAL		5	0	2

B. Healthy Food Certification

Superintendent DiBacco reminded the Board the Healthy Food Certification that is renewed each year will need to be voted on. He said the three items for the vote regarding participating in, and allowing certain exemptions for the Healthy Food Certification designation are required.

1. Healthy Food Option

Ms. LeBerge read the motion to accept the Healthy Food Option.

MOTION: To accept the Healthy Food Option 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 school 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, 2020, through June 30, 2021. 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.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	2	X		
MS. BETH LEBERGE	1	X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president		X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTALS		7	0	0

2. Food Exemptions.

Ms. LeBerge read the motion regarding Food Exemptions.

MOTION: To accept the language for Food Exemptions and for 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 the 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 food sales.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI		X		
MS. BETH LEBERGE	1	X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president		X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK	2	X		
TOTALS		7	0	0

3. Beverage Exemptions.

Ms. Leberge read the motion to accept the Beverage Exemptions.

MOTION: To accept the language for Food Exemptions and

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.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO	2	X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI		X		
MS. BETH LEBERGE	1	X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president		X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTALS		7	0	0

C. Retirement.

Ms. Maureen Ryan, Special Education, Prendergast School

Discussion: Superintendent DiBacco said Ms. Ryan is a very dedicated teacher who was a huge asset to our district. He said he would like the Board to send Ms. Ryan a token of thanks and appreciation for her services.

The Board members agreed and thanked Ms. Ryan and wished her well in her retirement.

MOTION: To approve the retirement letter
from Ms. Maureen Ryan, Special Education teacher.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO	2	X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI		X		
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president		X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA	1	X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTALS		7	0	0

D. Teacher's Union Contract

47483647. DiBacco praised all involved for the Teachers' Union contract negotiations. He said there were very lengthy meetings that went very late into the night and the end result will be beneficial for both the teachers as well as the Board. He asked the Board to approve the new contract as union president, Mat Hough requested at a previous board meeting. Mr. Scarlata, who was on the committee said it was not an easy task, but in the end everyone did a phenomenal job by all.

MOTION: To approve the Teacher's Union Contract.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	1	X		
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president		X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA	2	X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTALS		7	0	0

E. Administrator's Union Contract.

Superintendent DiBacco said this contract was slightly easier, since the contract is very small. He said there were some corrections that need to be complete but for the most part it was straight forward.

MOTION: To approve the Administrator's Union Contract.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	2	X		
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president		X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA	1	X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTALS		7	0	0

F. Ansonia Board of Education 2020-2021 Budget

Superintendent DiBacco gave a binder to each Board member as well as presenting a Power Point slide show with descriptions and details regarding DRG, Alliance district accountability, partnerships with corporations and universities, as well as numerous digital tools that Ansonia has recently put into place. He explained that the asking amount is the bare minimum for the district to continue as they are. He said he is not asking for anything extra and asked the Board to look at the detailed binder to see exactly where the budget is driven from. Superintendent DiBacco said they are trying to be very efficient in every area possible. He said they are asking for approximately \$1.2 million, which will be \$3.9%.

Mr. Bshara said there has been several Finance Committee meetings trying to bring the number down and they will continue to meet and discuss options. He said the meeting with Brown and Brown Insurance gave a lot of insight with the insurance piece and they were shown some things that are leading up to savings for the Board. Mr. Scarlata said he appreciates the detailed binder that shows exact numbers, which is what the city was looking for. He said this is a perfect example of seeing that the numbers are very necessary. Mr. Bshara said he has no issue to fund with what the needs are. He said he will give his word to fight for both sides. Mr. Phipps said he agrees with the budget that was presented and thanked the Board for such detail.

**MOTION: To approve the submitted
2020-2021 Board of Education Budget
and the present it to the city.**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA	X	X		

MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI		X		
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president		X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA	X	X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTALS		7	0	0

IV. Informational Items.

A. Lexi Brinkmann, Student Representative

Lexi addressed the Board, giving details of events happening throughout the month at the high school.

B. Assistant Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent Steve Bergin gave his report to the Board regarding such things as the Math Workshop happening in the elementary schools, STEM opportunities for the students such as Math Counts Competition, Titan Challenge, The Pi! Middle School trip to Sacred Heart Academy, and several Black History Month activities. There were no questions.

C. Special Education Director's Report

Special Education Director, Mr. Kevin Keating gave his report and there were no questions.

D. Technology Report

Mr. Vinny Pastore gave his monthly report, there were no questions.

School Business Administrator Financials

1. 2019 - 2020 Year-to-date – Ms. JoAnne Cegan, interim Business Manager, discussed with the Board the 2020-2021 presented budget, as well as the current fiscal year budget. She gave details on expenses, the Excess Cost Grant payment, the implementation of Infinite Visions Software rollout, and all the information regarding the insurance collaborative. There were no questions for JoAnne, the Board thanked her for her detailed reports and tireless efforts.

2. Athletics –

Mr. Phipps reviewed Mr. Brockett's report. There were no questions.

3. Food Services –

The report was given. There weren't any questions.

4. Grants and other income –

There weren't any questions.

E. Enrollment-

There weren't any questions.

F. Youth Family Outreach Summary –

Mr. Bob Lisi gave his report, discussing the number of students who continue to move into the district currently receiving special services. There weren't any questions.

G. Notes from the Desk of the Superintendent

Superintendent DiBacco said he wanted to first discuss the recent Corona Virus scare. He said he has been in very close contact with the Naugatuck Valley Health Department, Connecticut Department of Education, and every other state as well as local officials regarding every precautionary measure for the safety of all students, staff, and the families of Ansonia. He said if supplemental learning is going to take place, the district will work together to make that happen. He said the process will go according to required standards. Superintendent DiBacco said there is a specific deep cleaning, disinfecting process that will be taking place throughout the district as well. He said he will keep everyone posted and ensure the safest measures possible. Superintendent DiBacco then discussed the numerous positive events that continue to go on within the district.

H. Additional; Administration or Board of Education

V. Executive Session

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session at 7:40p.m.
regarding Expulsions.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
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MR. RICH BSHARA		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	1	X		
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president		X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA	2	X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTAL		7	0	0

To return to regular meeting.

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

MOTION: To accept Superintendent DiBacco's recommendation on all mentioned students, and to expel accordingly.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	1	X		
MS. BETH LEBERGE	2	X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, president		X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTAL		7	0	

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MR. RICH BSHARA		X		
MRS. TRACEY DELIBERO		X		
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI		X		
MS. BETH LEBERGE		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, presidents		X		
MR. VINNY SCARLATA	1	X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK	2	X		
TOTAL		7	0	

Respectfully submitted,

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Venson Recording Secretary

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