

ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes

PLACE: ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING **DATE:** 06 July 2020 **TIME:** 12:00 P.M.

Re-opening Committee Meeting called to order by chair, Beth LeBerge

I. OPENING

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI	X		
MS. BETH LABERGE, chair	X		
MS. SHARON VAROSCHAK	X		
TOTAL	3	0	

Also in attendance: Superintendent DiBacco,
Assistant Superintendent Bergin,
Administration from each building, union presidents,
several members of the Ansonia community.

Superintendent DiBacco thanked everyone for joining the Zoom meeting regarding the re-opening of schools. He said the district is required by the state to follow guidelines, and feels it will be most beneficial if the entire community, members of the Board of Education, and members of the Board of Aldermen all take part in this process.

II. Public Comments.

There were no comments at this time.

III. Review and possible action regarding the following items:

A. Discussion of the CSDE re-open document entitled, **Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together**

Discussion: Ms. LaBerge thanked everyone in attendance. She asked Superintendent to brief the group. Superintendent DiBacco discussed several of the tentative guidelines that will be mandated and said they will be very hard to follow on the budget that Ansonia has. He said in an ideal situation, if there was plenty of money to accommodate all of these regulations, it may not be so difficult for the students and staff. He said the challenges that Ansonia is going to have to face will prove to be onerous and he would like the community, the Board of Aldermen, and the Board of Education to be involved in the entire operation. Superintendent DiBacco reviewed several of the guidelines and the group discussed options that may work. The group had concerns with some of the guidelines and agreed it will be tough to comply.

B. Discussion of regarding re-opening options: full return, hybrid, and virtual.

Discussion: The group discussed what each type of learning would consist of and agreed the hybrid, or going to school as well as on-line learning, would be the most ideal, but costly situation. The group also agreed, the city does not have funding for this. There were several concerns from attendees regarding the restrictions and guidelines the state is going to require. The discussion continued with examples of other districts' plans but the expense will be too high for Ansonia. The group agreed there will have to be a lot of participation from everyone involved for the re-opening of schools in the fall.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding subcommittees: Governance, Facilities & Operations, Instruction, Wellness, and Technology.

Discussion: Superintendent DiBacco explained there will be several sub-committees stemming from this Re-opening Committee. He said the sub-committees will have meetings and report to the Re-opening Committee. He said this will assist to ensure all grounds are covered and each sub-committee can discuss and plan ideas or concerns with re-opening. He said these mandated guidelines are going to be challenging and will require knowledge of the current operations. The group agreed, the sub-committee meetings will be helpful and everyone involved will discover the safest possible options for Ansonia's students and staff. Ms. LeBerge reminded the group that a template will be due to the state before July 24, 2020.

t. this time groups were assembled. Attachment #1

Superintendent DiBacco thanked everyone who attended the meeting and said he is looking forward to working with the entire community to keep the district as safe as possible for the students and staff.

IV. **Public Comments.**

There were no other comments at this time.

v. **Adjournment.**

MOTION: To adjourn meeting at 12:52 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
MS. FRAN DIGIORGI		X		
MS. BETH LABERGE		X		
MS. SHARON VAROSCHAK	1	X		
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Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Venson

Cassie Venson Recording Secretary
Date: 7/9/2020

Re-opening sub-committee list

Governance

J. DiBacco
S. Bergin
F. Digiorgi
L. Nimons
J. Jaumann
J. Stuart

Facilities & Operations

B. Evans
J. Cegan

P. Colaccino
D. Decker
S. Gardner
E. Ehman
C. Wallace
V. Scarlata
J. Gonzalez
C. Wallace
L. Princevalli
D. Hunt

Instruction

S. Bergin
B. Calabrese
J. LaRovera
J. Coppola
M. Hough

Wellness

K. Keating
R. Lisi
D. Stroman
Monica Skakacz
Jessica Stelmaszek
Sharon Voroschak-Papcin
D. Papcin

Technology

V. Pastore
E. Laberge