

ANSONIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

DATE: January 28, 2026 TIME: 6:30 p.m.

I. OPENING

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call – Dr. Adamowski called a quorum.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE
DR. STEVEN ADAMOWSKI	X		
MR. RICH BSHARA	X		
MR. DAVID KNAPP	X		
MS. BETH LABERGE	X		
MS. STEPHANIE OCASIO-GONZALEZ	X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, President	X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK	X		
TOTAL	7	0	0

II. Public Session

There was no one from the public wishing to speak

III. Discussion and possible action regarding Superintendent budget.

Superintendent DiBacco answered questions Board members had regarding the proposed budget. There was discussion about athletic expenses. Dr. Adamowski suggested to show Middle School sports was added back into the budget, saying it will be helpful to the public showing sports are being maintained. Superintendent DiBacco also talked about the need for additional SRO staff, the Crossing Guard expenses, and the need for updated technology. There was discussion about the ECS grant funding. Superintendent DiBacco said the amount has been the same \$15,031,883 million for many years. He said there was a question asking how much of the budget is actually funded by the residents of Ansonia.

Superintendent DiBacco said approximately \$24,350,000, or 60% of the budget is funded by taxpayers. He said the report also included staff information regarding classroom sizes with student to teacher ratio.

Chris Phipps said he wanted to thank Joe, Erich, Steve, and the whole team for the presented budget. He said he feels the narrative was great and in a short time they did a fantastic job. Mr. Phipps said it is also important to note that the original budget was asking much higher than the 2.4% He said there was clearly a large cut. He asked where these cuts will be affected the most.

Superintendent DiBacco said the restructuring of the administrator's roles have been impacted the most. He said they tried to make changes that would impact students and classrooms the least. He told the Board it is not ideal and service costs for higher need students may arise during the year.

Dr. Adamowski asked Superintendent DiBacco to confirm the positions were added during COVID with ESSER funding.

Superintendent DiBacco confirmed, the funds for the positions were from COVID and then the Alliance Budget.

Dr. Adamowski asked if this extra cost would mean to add to a contingency account.

Superintendent DiBacco agreed the current contingency account should be increased from the current \$159,000.

Dr. Adamowski suggested in the future to mention to BOAT and BOA the need for this amount to be higher to avoid going back to the city for special appropriations mid-year. He said he thinks they did a great job balancing it all out and they have a sense of direction where they should be.

MOTION: To approve the budget as presented by Superintendent DiBacco

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
DR. STEVEN ADAMOWSKI		X		
MR. RICH BSHARA		X		
MR. DAVID KNAPP		X		
MS. BETH LABERGE	X	X		
MS. STEPHANIE OCASIO-GONZALEZ		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, President		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTAL		7	0	0

IV. Public Comments

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

V. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
DR. STEVEN ADAMOWSKI		X		
MR. RICH BSHARA		X		
MR. DAVID KNAPP		X		
MS. BETH LABERGE	X	X		
MS. STEPHANIE OCASIO-GONZALEZ		X		
MR. CHRIS PHIPPS, President		X		
MS. SHARON VOROSCHAK		X		
TOTAL		7	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Venson

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Recording Secretary
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