

DANBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 25, 2014

6:30 Reception for Retirees; 7:00 pm Meeting

Administrative Center, 63 Beaver Brook Road

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson, Eileen Alberts, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and those assembled recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Alberts asked Kathy Molinaro to do the roll call:

ROLL CALL

Present: Eileen Alberts, Gladys Cooper, Michael Ferguson, Annrose Fluskey-Lattin, Richard Jannelli, David Metrena, Kathleen Molinaro, Ralph Pietrafesa, Robert Taborsak, Phyllis Tranzillo

Absent: Richard Hawley

Also Present: Drs. Glass, Pascarella, Joseph Martino and Kim Thompson

RECOGNITIONS

2013-2014 RETIREES:

Ms. Alberts thanked the retirees for their efforts and all their hard work and years of service on behalf of the students in the Danbury. She recognized the retiree's individually and presented them with a certificate of appreciation.

Suzanne Haber	29 years
Patricia Morin	20 years
Barbara Schirmer	27 years, 4 months
Susanne Boughton	35 years, 4 months
Judith Giordano	15 years, 8 months
Mario Henriques	11 years, 2 months
Carlos Teixeira	26 years, 5 months
Lynda Burd	28 years
Michael Chapman	37 years
Cindy Davis	17 years
Eileen Goodrich	20 years
Constance Grace	41 years
Mary Ann Hinckley	27 years
Dolores Kelsey	29 years
Elizabeth Lyons	13 years
Sandra Navarra	40 years
Andee Nunn	20 years
Lawrence Oates	41 years
Elizabeth Petrone	40 years

Dona Petruccelli	34 years, 6 months
Linda Siciliano	16 years
Teresa Stahlhammer	44 years
Kathleen Wildman	42 years, 5 months
Brian Bardo	27 years
Elinor Cavallo James	30 years
Joseph Doutney	40 years
Veronica Gerhardt	30 years
Jill LaBarbera	14 years
Christine Merrer	39 years
Joan Nash	24 years
Jeanne Onorato	24 years
Jose Viera	14 years
Donna Warner	38 years

Ms. Alberts told the Board that there is one more person we are going to recognize this evening. Eileen FitzGerald, the Danbury News Times school reporter. Thank you, Eileen, for covering our schools over the years. We appreciate all the great reporting you have done concerning our schools.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION - K. Molinaro moved, seconded by G. Cooper that the Board of Education approve the items on the Consent Calendar, as recommended, Exhibits 14-144 to 14-150

MINUTES

- 6/10/14 Special (Exp) Meeting
- 6/10/14 Sites & Facilities Committee
- 6/11/14 Finance Committee
- 6/11/14 Board Meeting
- 6/18/14 Special (Exp) Meeting

PERSONNEL REPORT

- Accept Leave of Absence: Hiralda Garcia, Susan Margolis
- Accept Resignations: Andrea Bang (Sunsational Summer Only),
Teresa Dovale, Jason Eriquez,
Lisa Frese, Hala Hourani,
Matthew Roumeles, Melissa Teel (Coach Only)
- Accept Retirements: Christine Merrer (39+ years)
Jill LaBarbera (14 years)

New Hires June 6-14, 2014:

Name	Location	Non-Certified Subject
Katherine Fortier	BVMS	Admin. Ass't to Principal
Barbara Savo		IT Summer Help
Christopher Nazro		IT Summer Help
Maria Casanova		IT Summer Help
Patrick Ness		IT Summer Help
Mykelle Coleman		Western Connection Mentor
Hans Guardado	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Pamela Anderson	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Amber Alessandro	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Michelle Broad	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Kayla Bang	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Andrea Bang	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Stefania Benicewicz	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Janet Carr	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Kristin DiMauro	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Nicole Frischkorn	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Joshua Giannone	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Isaac Gyimah	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Jawon Gant	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Kassandra Gonzales	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Nabila Hasan	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Lauren King	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Charmeena McCarley	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Monitha Na	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Angeline Notaro	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Jenny Ortiz	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Mitchell Peterson	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Shannon Ring	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Valerie Rogers	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Tiffany Singleton	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Bonitha Na	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Nicholas Tarsi	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Lauren Szast	SunsationalSummer	Associate
Karen Stites	SunsationalSummer	Nurse
John Piech	SunsationalSummer	Owl Instructor
John Saumell	SunsationalSummer	Owl Instructor
Hans Guardado	SunsationalSummer	Owl Instructor
Damaris Morales	SunsationalSummer	Program Assistant
Ann Nauheimer	SunsationalSummer	Program Assistant
Kaitlyn McCabe	EL Summer Program	Enrichment Associate
Jacy Bispo	EL Summer Program	Enrichment Associate
Jessica Arconti	EL Summer Program	Enrichment Associate
Cheyenne Skinner	EL Summer Program	Enrichment Associate
Rausheda	EL Summer Program	Enrichment Associate
Diane Smith	EL Summer Program	Enrichment Associate
Stephanie McCormack	EL Summer Program	Enrichment Associate
Kim Trocola	EL Summer Program	Enrichment Associate
Christopher Dufel	EL Summer Program	Enrichment Associate
Jodi Shook	EL Summer Program	Enrichment Associate
Lisa Zustovich	Elem. Summer Program	P/T Nurse
Maria Del Carmen Alonso	Elem. Summer Program	P/T Nurse
Maria Del Carmen Alonso	MS STEM Summer	P/T Nurse
Joanne Zanella-LoPresti	Elem. Summer Program	P/T Nurse

Motion passed at 7:19 pm.

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE - None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES – DHS student representative said graduation on June 17th had great speakers. He thanked the Board for all they have done throughout the year. He introduced the new members of the Board of Governors: Tyler Amaral, Ally Smith, Jamie Gherna and Grace Gillotti. Ms. Alberts thanked the Danbury High School student representatives for attending the Board meetings and told them they really did a good job in reporting the activities at DHS.

PRESENTATION

Preventing & Addressing Challenging Behavior in Young Children, Kara Wanzer

Ms. Wanzer told the Board that she works with the Danbury Public Schools and the Readiness School Council to build social-emotional competence in children. The Program supports high quality and supportive environments and nurturing relationship; targeted emotional supports in the classroom to address and prevent challenging behavior and intensive positive behavior support in the classroom. She said that the teachers are experiencing a high rate of frustration involving how the kids are coming to them. She handed out a document showing the Pyramid Model promoting social emotional competence in infants and young children. Dr. Pascarella said she is doing a great job and thanked her for her presentation.

ACTION ITEMS

Self-Insurance Reserve

MOTION: K. Molinaro moved, seconded by R. Taborsak that the Board of Education authorize the transfer of up to \$1.5M into the City of Danbury Self-Insurance Reserve Fund.

The motion carried at 7:35 pm.

Transfer from Rental Fund

MOTION: K. Molinaro moved, seconded by R. Pietrafesa that the Board of Education authorize the allocation of funds out of Rental Fund for refinishing the gym floor at Broadview Middle School, not to exceed \$30,000

The motion carried at 7:36 pm.

May 2014 Operating Results Analysis (General Fund)

MOTION: K. Molinaro moved, seconded by G. Cooper that the Board of Education accept the May 2014 Operating Results Analysis (General Fund)

Mr. Martino told the Board that during the month of May 2014, the District expended \$7,426,910 resulting in a fiscal year-to-date expenditure value of \$94,433,873.

The motion carried at 7:37 pm.

May 2014 Operating Results Analysis (Grants/Projects)

MOTION: K. Molinaro moved, seconded by M. Ferguson that the Board of Education accept the May 2014 Operating Results Analysis (Grants/Projects)

Mr. Martino told the Board that during the month of May 2014, the District expended \$2,707,209 resulting in a fiscal year-to-date expenditure value of \$18,131,485.

The motion carried at 7:38 pm.

Building Rental Fees 2014-2015

MOTION: K. Molinaro moved, seconded by G. Cooper that the Board of Education approve the building rental fees for the 2014-2015 school year

The motion carried at 7:39 pm.

School Lunch Food Service Agreement

MOTION: K. Molinaro moved, seconded by R. Taborsak that the Board of Education approve the annual School Lunch Service Agreement between the Danbury Public Schools and Sodexo Management, Inc. for the school Year 2014-2015 and to grant the Superintendent the Right to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education

The motion carried at 7:40 pm.

School Lunch Interschool Agreements

MOTION - K. Molinaro moved, seconded by G. Cooper that the Board of Education approve the Interschool Agreements for School Lunch Services at St. Gregory, St. Peter, St. Joseph, Education Connection/Access, Pathways

The motion carried at 7:41 pm.

Some Board members had questions relating to the amount of dollars this costs and asked how many from Pathways will be in the program. Mr. Martino responded that there are about 32 in Pathways. Another question that was asked was about the accounting at the end of the contract. Mr. Martino reassured that Board that an accounting will be done at the end of the program.

Conduct Code Revisions

MOTION: K. Molinaro moved, seconded by R. Taborsak that the Board of Education approve the revisions to the High School and Middle School Conduct Code for 2014-2015

Dr. Glass was asked about the revisions to the Conduct Code. He told the Board that every year for as long as he could remember, the conduct code is reviewed at the end of the school year and in some cases changes are made. They are usually very minor changes and he reiterated what changes were made this year.

The motion carried at 7:50 pm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Summer space relocation/redistrict Construction/Projects Update

Dr. Pascarella told the Board that he did a walk-through at the Westside Academy. It is coming along great and it should be ready by July 20th. Stadley Rough and Shelter Rock is on the same timeframe. Park Avenue is going to be a little delayed. A discussion ensued about the classroom student numbers in some of the schools.

Summer Professional Development

Dr. Glass told the Board that they have a draft form for a mentoring program. Each new person will be assigned a mentor or principal coach. We have folks enrolled in CAS. We have quite a busy summer ahead of us with Professional Development.

Staffing Update

Ms. Thompson told the Board that they are on track, actually further ahead. The hard work the administrators are doing is paying off. They invested a lot of time and energy on who to interview. Ms. Alberts thanked Ms. Thompson for all her work.

End of year resource reallocations

Report on graduations

Ms. Alberts said she is so proud of our young adults.

DISCUSSION - None

INFORMATION - None

BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Ms. Alberts said it has been a great school year and that she had a great time.

BOARD REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: K. Molinaro moved, seconded by R. Jannelli, that the Board of Education convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal matters and personnel.

The motion carried at 8:10 pm.

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Absent: Richard Hawley

Also Present: Drs. Glass, Pascarella, Joseph Martino and Kim Thompson

PUBLIC SESSION

K. Molinaro moved, seconded by R. Jannelli that the Board return to Public Session.

The motion carried at 9:28pm.

ADJOURNMENT

K. Molinaro moved, seconded by R. Jannelli that the Board of Education adjourn its June 25, 2014 Board Meeting and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Richard Hawley, Secretary

(Meeting was videotaped)