



Stratford Board of Education

STRATFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION – OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Special Meeting 2 – May 5, 2020

Meeting Location: Virtual Mtg. – Google

**Recorded By: Teresa Lycoudes/
Recording Clerk**

1 ATTENDANCE

Name	Title	Location	Present
Allison DelBene	Board Chair		Y
Amy Wiltsie	Board Vice Chair		Y
Vinny Faggella	Board Secretary		Y
Andrea Corcoran	Board Member		Y
Janice Cupee	Board Member		Y
Bob DeLorenzo	Board Member		Y
Karen Rodia	Board Member		Y
Dr. Janet Robinson	Superintendent	Central Office	Y
Ed Molloy	Interim, Chief Operating Officer	Central Office	Y
Linda Gejda	Asst. Superintendent	Central Office	Y
Teresa Lycoudes	Recorder / Board Secretary	Central Office	Y
Lou Spetrino	Videographer		Y

2 MEETING LOCATION

- *Please visit the website at www.stratfordk12.org to see the meeting video.*
The meeting took place via a Virtual Meeting hosted on Google Meet.

3 MEETING START

Meeting Scheduled to Start: To immediately follow Special Meeting #1 which ended at 6:47PM.

Actual Start Time: 6:52PM

4 AGENDA –

- **Opening Remarks by Chair** – The Board Chair (*Allison DelBene*) **opened the *May 5, 2020 Board of Education special meeting*** (held virtually via Google Meet) at 6:52PM. A roll call vote was taken to determine a Quorum. A Quorum was confirmed.

- **Agenda Items**

1. The appointment of Pamela Mangini as Chief Operating Officer for Stratford Public Schools.

A motion was made by Mr. Faggella; seconded by Mrs. Wiltsie for the appointment of Pamela Mangini as Chief Operating Officer for Stratford Public Schools. The floor was open for discussion at that time.

Discussion opened with questions and answers in regards to the position covering various topics from the length of the contract, salary, experience, communication, the hiring process, etc.

The Board expressed their frustration for what they feel was a tremendous lack of communication between administration and the Board in regards to the hiring process of this position. While they understood the hiring is the right and authority of the Superintendent, they expressed they would liked to have had more input in the process as a whole.

Dr. Robinson explained that in past Boards, the vote was simply a courtesy extended to the Board for appointment. She said in going forward she will ensure that Board members are engaged in the overall process.

Mrs. DelBene stated that the roll call vote would be as a formality only, and that she would still like to see the contract renegotiated. A roll call vote was taken.

Allison DelBene	Yes
Amy Wiltsie /information)	Abstain (Lack of communication
Vinny Faggella	Yes
Andrea Corcoran information)	Abstain (Lack of communication /
Janice Cupee information)	Abstain (Lack of communication /
Bob DeLorenzo	No
Karen Rodia information)	Abstain (Lack of communication /

Motion Carries 2 to 1 with 4 abstentions (due to lack of communication and information from administration)

2. Questions and Answers from the Board of Education regarding the Budget and District Operations.

The Board received information to questions that had been put forth to administration in regards to the budget and district operations.

Areas discussed included but were not limited to the following topics:

- Flood Middle School Swimming Pool – are there savings there with the schools being closed? Mrs. Nichols on stated that there are savings with the pools being closed. She said

Hearing no further discussion and seeing no further business on the agenda, Board Chair, Allison DelBene, entertained a motion for adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 8:17PM upon a motion made by Mrs. Rodia; seconded by Mr. DeLorenzo, and carried unanimously.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Stratford Board of Education is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 26, 2020**. The meeting location is anticipated to be virtual via Google Meet.

A special meeting of the Stratford Board of Education is still anticipated to be scheduled in regards to the Itemized Estimate of Expenditure (budget) for 2020-2021; however, that date is to be determined.

Meeting recorded and minutes transcribed by:



**Teresa Lycoudes, Board Secretary &
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent**