



## *Stratford Board of Education*

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The **Stratford Board of Education** conducted a special meeting on **Wednesday, March 15, 2017** at Town Hall (Room 213), 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

**Board Members Present:** James Feehan, Leonard Petruccelli, Susan Lance, Chris Barnaby

**Board Members Absent:** Maria Buturla, Eric Lazaro, Theresa Sheehy

### **Central Office**

**Administration Present:** Superintendent Janet Robinson, Mr. Zachery (Chief Operating Officer)

**Recording Secretary:** Teresa Lycoudes

**Videographer:** Lou Spertino

### **A: CALL TO ORDER AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

The meeting was officially called to order at 6:05 PM by the Board Chair, James Feehan. A Quorum was confirmed.

### **B: ITEMS FOR ACTION**

1. **Proposed:** Approval to conduct a forensic audit of the Board of Education for the current year (2016-17) and three previous years (2015-16, 2014-15, 2013-14)

**Motion:** Approval of a forensic audit of the Board of Education.

Chairman Feehan stated there are a lot of accusations in the community that insinuate the financials are up to par at the Board of Education. He said the Board and Administration could either do nothing, requests an outside firm to conduct a forensic audit, or form a panel of civilians. Dr. Robinson said she welcomes a forensic audit to put the rumors to rest. Mr. Barnaby stated that he is in favor of an outside firm conducting an audit. Mrs. Lance and Mr. Petruccelli agreed as well in favor of hiring an outside firm to perform the audit. Mr. Feehan said his goal is to show where the dollars have been spent.

The following criteria were established:

1. Quotes / Bids from three (3) Auditing Firms.
2. Audit will be done on current year (2016-17) and three (3) prior years (2015-16, 2014-15, 2013-14)
3. Members of the community are welcome to submit their questions for the auditors and the auditors will provide a response.
4. The auditors will have no ties to the Town of Stratford or Board of Education.

A motion was made by Mr. Petruccelli to approve a forensic audit of the Board of Education fulfilling the above criteria. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lance. A roll call vote was taken.

Jim Feehan	Yes
Leonard Petruccelli	Yes
Chris Barnaby	Yes
Susan Lance	Yes

**The motion carried 4:0.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further discussion in connection with the above agenda item, the Board Chair called for a motion to adjourn. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PETRUCCELLI; SECONDED BY MRS. LANCE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:25 PM.

*Minutes recorded and transcribed by Teresa Lycoudes, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education.*

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*Teresa Lycoudes – Exec. Asst. to Superintendent / Secretary to the Board*