



Stratford Board of Education

STRATFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION – OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: February 22, 2021

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting via
Google Meets
Stratford CT

Minutes Transcribed By: Teresa Lycoudes/
Secretary to the Board of Education

1 ATTENDANCE

Name	Title	Location	Present
Allison DelBene	Board Chair		Y
Amy Wiltsie	Board Vice Chair		N
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
Linda Gejda	Asst. Superintendent	Central Office	Y
Pam Mangini	Chief Operating Officer	Central Office	Y
Teresa Lycoudes	Recorder	Central Office	Y
Lou Spetrino	Videographer		Y

2 MEETING LOCATION

- Please visit the website at www.stratfordk12.org to see the information regarding the meeting.

Virtual Meeting via Google Meets

3 MEETING START

Meeting Scheduled to Start: 7:15 PM
Actual Start Time: 7:26 PM

4 AGENDA –

- **Opening Remarks by Chair** – The Board Chair (*Allison DelBene*) **opened the February 22, 2021 Board of Education regular meeting** (held virtually via Google Meets) at 7:17 PM. A Quorum was confirmed.

Mrs. DelBene led everyone in the Invocation Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. DelBene asked everyone to join her in a moment of silence in memory of the recent passing of Stratford Teacher, Kelley Patterson.

Student Representatives Report – The Student Representatives from both Bunnell and Stratford High School were introduced and reported briefly on what is happening at their school.

1. Stratford High School - Logan Seaburg
2. Bunnell High School - Alicia Cook

Public Participation – There were no Public Speakers.

Superintendent's Executive Report

- **Dr. Robinson reported about the following:**
 - **Status of the Schools:**
 - Vaccines / Vaccinations
 - Dr. Robinson reported that March will open up vaccinations for the education staff. She said the district will be working hand in hand with the Town of Stratford Public Health Department and expect to begin the rollout March 1, 2021. She said this would include daycare workers, bus drivers, cafeteria workers and private schools, as well.
 - Grant - Stratford Education Foundation
 - The district has received a grant from the Stratford Education Foundation to be used for a racial tolerance project. It will include high school students and the focus is on positive change within the school community and District.
 - Current COVID cases
 - Dr. Robinson reported the numbers are quite low at this time with little required quarantines taking place.

Mrs. Corcoran asked if there have been any discussions on a plan for high school students to return to school 4 days/week. Dr. Robinson said she will be meeting with high school principals in the very near future to talk about the return to in person learning.

At present approximately 65% of students have returned to “in person” learning at Wooster Middle School and the same for Flood Middle School, as well.

Mr. Faggella stated that Milford Public Schools are backtracking in their plans to reopen schools due to the new variant of the virus.

- **Chief Operating Officer's Report** - Mrs. Mangini (Chief Operating Officer) reported on the financials.
 - The Finance Committee met prior to the Board meeting. Mrs. Mangini reported that the Finance Department will continue to carefully monitor the budget.
 - Mrs. Mangini informed the Board that she will be inviting Alan Dean (Sodexo) to the March Board meeting to talk about the Food Service Program.
- **Consent Agenda** - The Consent Agenda portion consisting of the meeting minutes for January 25, 2021 (regular meeting), Personnel Assignments(February) and Budget Transfers in the amount of \$30,500 was passed on a motion made by Mrs. DelBene; seconded by Mrs. Rodia, and passed unanimously. A Roll Call Vote was taken. (6-0)

Items For Action

- **Proposed: Itemized Estimate of Expenditures for 2021-22.**

Since this item was tabled at the Finance Committee meeting prior to the Board meeting, the Board could only set a date for the next meeting. The Finance Committee will hold Budget Workshop #4 on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 6:30 PM. Mrs. DelBene said a special Board meeting will be scheduled to immediately follow the Finance Committee special meeting.

- **Tabled Items** - Residency was taken off the table on a motion made by Mrs. Rodia; seconded by Mrs. Corcoran. Dr. Robinson said there was nothing new to report about at this time. Mrs. Rodia asked for a February report to be included in the next "pony".
 - Residency was put back on the table on a motion made by Mrs. Rodia; seconded by Mrs. Corcoran and passed unanimously. A Roll Call Vote was taken.
- **Committee Assignments** - Mrs. DelBene announced the following appointments:
 - Amy Wiltsie - Vice Chair of Athletic Review Committee
 - Andrea Corcoran - Athletic Review Committee
 - Alex Ramos (Community Member) - Athletic Review Committee

Committee Reports

The Finance Committee held a meeting prior to the Board meeting. There was nothing new to report that wasn't addressed at the Board meeting.

The Curriculum Committee met on Tuesday, February 9, 2021. Mr. Greist spoke about dedicated Distance Learning funds, and the committee also heard about the SEL / Diversity Committee.

The Town / SBOE Liaison Committee met on February 17, 2021. Mrs. DelBene stated the budget was discussed among other topics.

Mr. Faggella reported the School Plant Planning Committee met February 4, 2021. He said Brian Snyder attended and will be working on a proposal that will be a study of the schools (building analysis). He said Mr. Snyder will join the Committee again at the April 1st meeting.

Hearing no further discussion:

Adjournment - A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY MRS. CORCORAN; SECONDED BY MRS. CUPEE. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:12 PM.

Meeting recorded and minutes transcribed by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Teresa Lycoudes". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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