



Stratford Board of Education

STRATFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION – OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: October 26, 2020

**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		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
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: 7:15 PM

4 AGENDA –

- **Opening Remarks by Chair** – The Board Chair (**Allison DelBene**) **opened the October 26, 2020 Board of Education regular meeting** (held virtually via Google Meets) at 7:15 PM. A Quorum was confirmed.

Mrs. DelBene asked everyone to stand as she gave the Invocation Prayer and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Representatives Report – There were no Student Representative reports at the virtual meeting. The Student Representatives have not reported at this point in time.

Public Participation – There were seven (7) Public Speakers. They were:

1. Anne Tranquilli-Bausher -919 Wilcoxson Ave. - Stratford CT - Re-Entry to “In Person” learning for elementary students.
2. Theresa Manus-Piccolo - 406 Wilcoxson Ave. - Stratford CT - Re-Entry to “In Person” learning for elementary students.
3. Matt Schlager - 490 Sherwood Place - Apt. C5 - Stratford CT - Re-Entry to “In Person” learning for elementary students.
4. Lisa Jackson - 374 Allyndale Dr. - Stratford CT - Re-Entry to “In Person” learning for elementary students.
5. Mike Fiorello - Re-Entry to “In Person” learning for elementary students.
6. Robin Julia - 520 River Valley Road - Stratford CT - Re-Entry to “In Person” learning for elementary students.
7. Judith McMellon - 108 Fiddler Green Road - Stratford CT - Re-Entry to “In Person” learning for elementary students.

Recognitions –

- American Education Week - National American Education Week runs from November 16th through November 20th. Dr. Robinson read a proclamation into the record (see attached).

Presentations -

- Transition Team for “In Person” learning for elementary students
Re-Entry to school - Target Date is November 16, 2020

Superintendent’s Executive Report

- **Dr. Robinson reported about the following:**
 - Status of the Schools:
 - Tentative November 16th date for re-entry to “In Person” learning at the Elementary level.
 - Continuing to work hand in hand with the Department of Public Health (Andrea Boissevain and Bernie Bova) and Kim Velazquez (Head Nurse for Stratford Public Schools). The Town Department of Public Health is working closely with the State Department of Public Health.
 - Social Emotional Learning - Many students are struggling with the social emotional side of not being in school.

- **Norwich Public Schools - Residency:** Dr. Robinson followed up with Norwich Public Schools Superintendent, Kristen Stringfellow. Prior to the Superintendent's arrival in Norwich, there was no residency protocol. Families were coming to school from everywhere. They now have a Residency Officer.
- **Distance Learning** (for this school year only) can be used to replace inclement weather days that would otherwise have to be made up at the end of the school year.
- **CARE** - CARE will be presenting a series of conversations Titled Courageous Conversations. Information will be sent out via School Messenger.
- **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 be carefully monitoring the budget.

Consent Agenda - The Consent Agenda consisting of the meeting minutes for September 29, 2020 (special meeting) was approved on a motion made by Mrs. Rodia; seconded by Mrs. Wiltsie, and passed unanimously (Roll Call Vote).

The Personnel Assignments document was adopted on a motion made by Mrs. Wiltsie; seconded by Mrs. Corcoran, and passed unanimously (Roll Call Vote).

There were no budget transfers.

Items For Action

- **Proposed: Recommended Budget Reductions forward (with a favorable recommendation) by the Finance Committee from the September 29th special meeting.**

A motion was made by Mrs. Rodia; seconded by Mr. DeLorenzo to approve the recommended budget reductions (attached) A Roll Call Vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (7 - 0).

- **Proposed: Nurses' Contract -**

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE WAS MADE BY MRS. CORCORAN; SECONDED BY MR. FAGGELLA. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0.

Tabled Items - Minority Teacher Recruitment

A motion was made by Ms. Cupee; seconded by Mrs. Corcoran to take Minority Teacher Recruitment off the table for discussion. Ms. Cupee asked where the District is in recruiting minority teachers. Dr. Robinson said Assistant Director of Human Resources, Yvonne Temple, will report at the next Board meeting (November 23, 2020)

Committee Reports

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

The Town / SBOE Liaison Committee met on October 21, 2020. Mrs. DelBene stated that she thought it to be a productive meeting.

Hearing no further discussion:

Adjournment - A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY MR. DELORENZO; SECONDED BY MRS. RODIA. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:06 PM.

Meeting recorded and minutes transcribed by:



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