



Stratford Board of Education

STRATFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION – OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Special Meeting Date: **September 1, 2020**
Meeting Location: **Virtual Meeting via**
 Google Meet
 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
Ed Molloy	IT Director	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: 6:30 PM
Actual Start Time: 6:30 PM

4 AGENDA –

- **Opening Remarks by Chair** – The Board Chair (*Allison DelBene*) ***opened the September 1, 2020 Board of Education special meeting*** (held virtually via Google Meets) at 6:30 PM. A Quorum was confirmed.

Items For Action

- **Revise the 2020-21 SY Calendar to reinstate Rosh Hashanah as an “In School” day, and adjust the last day of school to tentatively be June 15, 2020.**

A motion was made on the above by Mr. DeLorenzo; seconded by Mrs. Wiltsie. The topic was open to discussion.

Mrs. Rodia went on record to say she is leary of changing from a school holiday to a “school in session” day.

Mrs. Wiltsie said this year is different and she believes the school system can’t jeopardize out of school days.

Mr. Faggella stated that he believes it could be more problematic rather than being a solution to anything.

Mrs. Corcoran said she understands the holiday actually begins at sundown after the school day has ended.

Dr. Robinson stated that the district has an Equity Committee and the calendar could certainly be put before that committee for school year 2021-2022. Mrs. Cupee requested to be included on the Equity Committee.

Hearing no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken:

Allison DelBene, Board Chair	Yes
Amy Wiltsie, Vice Chair	Yes
Vinny Faggella, Secretary	No
Andrea Corcoran	Yes
Janice Cupee	No
Bob DeLorenzo	Yes
Karen Rodia	No

The motion passed 4-3

- **Policy: P6114.82 COVID-10 Emergency Measures (Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness)**

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADOPT POLICY P6114.82 BY MR. FAGGELLA; SECONDED BY MRS. CORCORAN. AN AMENDED MOTION

TO OPEN FOR DISCUSSION WAS ACCEPTED BY MR. FAGGELLA;
SECONDED BY MRS. RODIA.

After a brief discussion, a Roll Call Vote was taken:

Allison DelBene, Board Chair	Yes
Amy Wiltsie, Vice Chair	Yes
Vinny Faggella, Secretary	Yes
Andrea Corcoran	Yes
Janice Cupee	Yes
Bob DeLorenzo	Yes
Karen Rodia	Yes

The motion passed 7- 0

● **Policy: P4118.237 Personnel Face Masks and Coverings**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. RODIA; SECONDED BY MRS WILTSIE.
THE TOPIC WAS ON THE FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION.

After a brief discussion, a Roll Call Vote was taken:

Allison DelBene, Board Chair	Yes
Amy Wiltsie, Vice Chair	Yes
Vinny Faggella, Secretary	Yes
Andrea Corcoran	Yes
Janice Cupee	Yes
Bob DeLorenzo	Yes
Karen Rodia	Yes

The motion passed 7- 0

Fall Re-Opening of Schools Questions & Answer Session

A Question and Answer session was held in regards to the Fall Re-Opening of Schools Plan 2020-21 with the members of the Board of Education. The questions touched on the following topics.

- Hybrid Model
- # of Students attending 4 days / week - SPED and IEPs
- Air Conditioning at Flood Middle School - No windows.
- Cohort Size - Approximately no more than 13
- Marching Band - Postponed not cancelled
- PreSchool
- Technology
- Convocation - Technology concerns.
- Protocol if and when a student tests positive for COVID-19
- Shortage of Substitute Teachers - Coverage
- Lunch - Grab & Go - Cafe Monitors, CIAs, and Tutors to oversee lunch periods

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, the Board Chair entertained a motion to adjourn.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY MRS. RODIA; SECONDED BY MRS. WILTSIE. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:31 PM.

Meeting recorded and minutes transcribed by:



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