



Stratford Board of Education

STRATFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION – SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: July 31, 2017

Meeting Location: Board Room / Admin. Center
1000 East Broadway, Stratford, CT 06615

Approved: **DRAFT**

Recorded By: Teresa Lycoudes/
Secretary to the Board of Education

1 ATTENDANCE

Name	Title	Location	Present
James Feehan	Board Chair		Y
Leonard Petruccelli	Board Vice Chair		Y
Theresa Sheehy	Board Secretary		Y
Chris Barnaby	Board Member		Y
Maria Buturla	Board Member		Y
Susan Lance	Board Member		Y
Eric Lazaro	Board Member		N
Dr. Janet Robinson	Superintendent	Central Office	Y
Clarence Zachery	Chief Operating Officer	Central Office	Y
Linda Gejda	Asst. Superintendent	Central Office	Y
Teresa Lycoudes	Recorder / Board Secretary	Central Office	Y
Mike Fiorello,	SEA Representatives	SEA President	Y
Lou Spetrino	Videographer		Y

2 MEETING LOCATION

Building: Administration Center / Board Room – 1000 East Broadway

3 MEETING START

Meeting Scheduled to Start: 8:30 AM
Actual Start Time: 8:30 AM

4 AGENDA

- **Opening Remarks by Chair**

1. Board Chair (James Feehan) opened the July 31, 2017 Board of Education special meeting (held in the Board Room / Administration Center – 1000 East Broadway, Stratford CT) at 8:30 AM. A Quorum was confirmed.

- **Items for Discussion / Action**

- **Proposed: Status of 2017-18 Budget** – Mr. Feehan reported that the current status of the budget is that there is no official budget.

The Mayor vetoed the budget voted on by the Town Council for the third time.

The Board recessed at 8:31 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 8:35 AM

It was determined once again that the budget currently in operation is the amount that was appropriated last school year (2016-2017) plus contractual obligations. Mr. Zachery determined this equates to approximately a 2.7% increase or status quo budget. It is unknown at this point in time what will be happening with the budget in the near future.

- **Proposed: Status of Hiring Freeze (personnel appointments, reassignments, retirements, reclassifications, etc.)** – After reviewing the request to hire replacement positions necessary for the 2017-18 school year, Mr. Feehan entertained a motion to approve.

A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY MR. PETRUCCELLI; SECONDED BY MRS. LANCE, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (6:0)

Mr. Feehan asked the Board members if the hiring freeze should be lifted or remain as is (special Board meetings to approve replacement positions). It was the consensus of the Board to keep the hiring freeze in place and continue with holding special Board meetings as needed.

- **Proposed: Board approval of a Dental Clinic (Optimum Healthcare)** – The Town Health Department will no longer be able to provide dental services (free clinic) to Stratford Public Schools. A dental clinic was in place at Stratford Academy (Johnson House) to provide services to families who cannot otherwise afford these services. Optimus Health is already in place with a health clinic at Stratford High School. They proposed to offer dental services, as well. Optimus Health is a not for profit organization and grant funded. This service holds no impact to the Board of Education budget. After review and a brief discussion, Mr. Feehan entertained a motion to authorize the Chief Operating Officer to sign the agreement between the Board of Education and Optimus Health.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PETRUCCELLI; SECONDED BY MRS. BUTURLA. THE MOTION CARRIED (6:0).

▪ **ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:55 AM upon a motion made by Mr. Petrucelli; seconded by Mrs. Lance, and carried unanimously.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Stratford Board of Education is scheduled for **Monday, August 28, 2017**. The meeting location will be the Board Room at the Administration Center (1000 East Broadway) and the meeting time will be 7:15 PM.

Meeting recorded and minutes transcribed by:



Teresa Lycoudes, Board Secretary & Executive Assistant to the Superintendent