

**Board of Education Meeting**

August 29, 2019 6:30 PM  
J. R. Payden Field House  
45 Chatfield Street

**I. Call to Order**

**I.a. Opening Ceremonies**

**I.b. Roll Call**

**Attendance Taken at 6:30 PM:**

Present Board Members:

Mr. Jim Gildea  
Mrs. Laura Harris  
Mr. George Kurtyka  
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio  
Mrs. Janine Netto  
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara  
Mrs. Debra Borrelli  
Mrs. Casey Picheco

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Dan Foley

Updated Attendance:

Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara was updated to present at: 6:45 PM

**II. Public Participation**

No one from the public spoke.

**III. Introduction of New Hires**

Justin Dionne, Math DHS  
Lucia Hanock, Special Education Teacher LRU  
Amy Nelson, Special Education Teacher Irving  
Olivia Loughlin, Special Education Teacher Irving  
Allison Hill, Gifted and Talented Teacher - District  
Angelo Ciambriello, Math Tutor DMS  
Amber Davis, Paraeducator K-2 BLC - Irving

**IV. Executive Session**

**Motion Passed:** The Board of Education enter into Executive Session to review the appointment list for new hires of staff, to review requests for leave of absences, to accept a letter of resignation and to accept a letter of retirement, and the Superintendent of Schools is invited to attend at 6:52 PM. passed with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mr. Kenneth Marcucio.

Mr. Dan Foley	Absent
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli	Yes
Mrs. Casey Picheco	Yes

**V. Appointment of New Hires/Vacancy List**

The Board of Education approve the appointment list, as recommended by the

Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mr. Kenneth Marcucio.

Mr. Dan Foley	Absent
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli	Yes
Mrs. Casey Picheco	Yes

The Board welcomed several new hires: Monica Rowe, Jonel Lauver, James Wilkie, Diana Donovan, Carla Volpe, and Kristine Vitola.

#### **VI. Request for Leave of Absence**

**Motion Passed:** The Board of Education approve the request for a leave of absence for Melissa Stevens, Paraeducator at Irving School, from September 3, 2019 to December 14, 2019, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mrs. Debra Borrelli.

Mr. Dan Foley	Absent
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli	Yes
Mrs. Casey Picheco	Yes

#### **VII. Request for Leave of Absence**

**Motion Passed:** The Board of Education approve the request for an unpaid leave of absence for Divya Venkatesh Murthy, Paraeducator at Bradley School, for the 2019-2020 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mrs. Laura Harris.

Mr. Dan Foley	Absent
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli	Yes
Mrs. Casey Picheco	Yes

#### **VIII. Letter of Retirement**

**Motion Passed:** The Board of Education accept the letter of Retirement for Sebastian Guagenti, with best wishes. passed with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mr. Kenneth Marcucio.

Mr. Dan Foley	Absent
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli	Yes

Mrs. Casey Picheco Yes

**IX. Accept a Letter of Resignation**

**Motion Passed:** The Board of Education accept the letter of resignation of Marci Lucarelli, effective immediately, with regret and best wishes. passed with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mr. Kenneth Marcucio.

Mr. Dan Foley	Absent
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli	Yes
Mrs. Casey Picheco	Yes

**X. Derby Youth Services Bureau Report for 2018-2019**

Mr. Saccu updated the Board on his endeavors over the past year and programs he will be working on this year.

**XI. Subcommittee Reports**

- Finance Committee: Nothing to report.
- Negotiations & Personnel Committee: Preliminary union negotiations meeting was held yester and the next meeting is September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- School/Community Relations & Policy Committee: Next meeting is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Plant & Facility Committee: They received legal advice from their corporation counsel and were told that the Board of Education should approve any work done at any of their schools. The Board discussed that they do not want solar panels installed.
- Long-Range Planning Committee: Nothing to report.
- Field House & Baseball Field Building Committee: Dr. Conway said there are only 124 items left on the punch list - that includes everything down to minor paint chips.
- Student Health & Safety: They will be meeting next week.
- Support Services Sub-Committee: Nothing to report.
- Ribbon Cutting Committee: The invitations are expected to be mailed next week.

**XII. Superintendent's Report**

The Board reviewed Dr. Conway's endeavors over the past month.

**XIII. Administrator's Reports**

**XIII.a. Technology Report**

**XIII.b. Facilities Report**

The Board reviewed the reports from the technology and facility maintenance departments.

**XIV. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion Passed:** The Board of Education approve the minutes from the following meeting:a. June 4, 2019 - Committee of the Whole passed with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mr. George Kurtyka.

Mr. Dan Foley	Absent
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes

Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli	Yes
Mrs. Casey Picheco	Yes

**XV. Financial Report**

**Motion Passed:** The Board of Education approve the financial report for the period through June 30, 2019, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mr. George Kurtyka.

Mr. Dan Foley	Absent
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli	Yes
Mrs. Casey Picheco	Yes

**XVI. 2019-2020 Tuition Rate**

**Motion Passed:** The Board of Education approve the 2019-2020 tuition rate for non-resident students, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mr. George Kurtyka.

Mr. Dan Foley	Absent
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli	Yes
Mrs. Casey Picheco	Yes

**XVII. Use of Fields and Field House**

The Board discussed the use of the fields and field house. Ms. Netto expressed concern that several teachers and coaches have made comments to her son about the field usage. No child should be personally harassed because they disagree with the schools/Board's decisions. If teachers or coaches have issues, they should contact the Board directly.

**XVIII. Housatonic Community College Evening Program**

They are beginning discussions on opening the evening manufacturing program.

**XIX. School Counseling Program**

Dr. Conway briefed the Board of the counseling program.

**XX. Furlough Day Status**

Most unions voted in favor of the furlough days. The custodian's union will not be voting on it as they want to discuss it as part of union negotiations.

**XXI. Review of Bylaws**

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**XXII. Adjourn**

**Motion Passed:** The Board of Education adjourn its meeting at 9:15 PM. passed with a motion by Mrs. Janine Netto and a second by Mr. George Kurtyka.

Mr. Dan Foley	Absent
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Yes
Mrs. Debra Borrelli	Yes
Mrs. Casey Picheco	Yes

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Terri Kuskowski  
Recording Secretary

Minutes are subject to approval at the next Board meeting.