

**Board of Education
Special Meeting Minutes
Dr. Alfred B. Tychsen Administration Building
Conference Room B
311 Hunting Hill Avenue, Middletown CT
Saturday, September 27, 2025 10:00AM**

Board Members Present: Liz Crooks, Chairwoman Sheila Daniels, Rakim Grant, Callie Grippo, Debra Guss, Susan Owens and Harold Panciera

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Vázquez Matos, Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Cannata, Chief Academic Officer Colleen Fitzpatrick, Executive Director of Operations Marco Gaylord, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Joyce Carey, and 1 visitor

Board Chair Sheila Daniels called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

I. Discussion of Strategy Regarding Pending Claims and Litigation: Possible Litigation related to DATTCO Dispute (Anticipated for Executive Session)

MOTION: Motion to enter Executive Session and invite Dr. Vázquez Matos, Jennifer Cannata, Colleen Fitzpatrick, Marco Gaylord and Rich Labrie for a Discussion of Strategy Regarding Pending Claims and Litigation: Possible Litigation related to DATTCO Dispute was made by Ms. Daniels and a second by Ms. Grippo.

II. Possible Action item on DATTCO contract

MOTION: To accept recommendations from Superintendent, as delineated in the Board's attorney correspondence of September 25, 2025, to approve an increase in the current school transportation contract with DATTCO by an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 over the next three remaining years of the contract, increments of \$500,000 each of those three years, commencing in 2026-2027.

In addition, to increase the Summer School transportation daily bus/van/monitor rates commensurate with the regular school transportation rates for each of those 3 years.

The foregoing approval is subject to the mutual agreement of a Fourth Amendment to the current DATTCO contract. Such approval remains in effect until 11:59 P.M. on September 30, 2025, unless otherwise extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

Furthermore, to authorize the Superintendent, to negotiate and execute documents necessary to affect this vote

This motion was made by Ms. Daniels and a second by Ms. Guss.

III. Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 11:27 AM.