

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

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CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Piascyk, Chair called the meeting to order (7:04 PM).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Lynn Piascyk, Chair; Mr. Daniel Cowan, Ms. Lor Ferrante Fernandes, Ms. Maegan Genovese, Secretary; Mr. Jeff Hughes (via telephone), Dr. David Ross, Ms. Joyce Shavers, Vice Chair; Dr. Michael Strambler and Dr. Jeffrey Townsend.

STAFF: Dr. Jonathan Budd, Superintendent; Cheryl Kiesel, Special Services Director; Al Pullo, Director of Business Operations/Services; Analisa Sherman, Principal; and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Christine Campbell, Melissa Caporossi, Jeanne Ciarleglio, Megan Cofrancesco, Janet Criscuolo, Christa Demetro, Carson Echeverry, Carrie Fanelli, Lisa Farnen, Kim Franklin, Allison Grabowski, Jeanette Glennon, Mary Vincitorio, Teachers; Jennifer Cooper, Kit Dunbar, Debbie Laydon, Suzanne Sugarmann, CSEA; David Banach, "L", Maria Madonick, Aimee Meacham, Brittany and Donna Monks, Jane Roddy, James Sapia, Michael Sapia, Call-In Users 5, 6, 12037, community.

The Board moved into Executive Session to discuss the candidacy of James Sapia for Assistant Principal (7:05 PM).

MOTION #1 – MOVE TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Move that the Board move to enter Executive Session, consistent with Connecticut General Statutes 1-200, for discussion concerning personnel matters related to the appointment of Beecher Road School Assistant Principal, and to invite the Superintendent and the candidate to the Executive Session.

Dr. Townsend

Second by Ms. Ferrante Fernandes

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The Board discussed the credentials for the Assistant Principal vacancy.

MOTION #2 – MOVE TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Move that the Board return to Public Session.

Ms. Shavers

Second by Dr. Ross

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Chair Piascyk called the Public Session back to order (8:15 PM).

Superintendent Budd noted that there were 291 applications received for this vacancy. Mr. Sapia rose to the top throughout all five stages the process, including an interview committee of representative parents, teachers, support staff and Board of Education members, as well as a performance task focused on teaching and learning.

MOTION #3 – APPOINTMENT OF BEECHER ROAD SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Move that we accept the Superintendent's recommendation to hire James Sapia as Assistant Principal of Beecher Road School, effective July 1, 2021, and that we authorize the Superintendent to commence the employment process consistent with the relevant collective bargaining agreement.

Dr. Ross

Second by Ms. Ferrante Fernandes

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Mr. Sapia expressed his excitement and extended a sincere thank you for the opportunity at Beecher and looks forward to becoming an integral component of the Beecher family.

The Board welcomed Mr. Sapia and acknowledged they look forward to the excitement and energy he will bring to his work at Beecher.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: (8:24 PM)

Dr. Ross

Second by Ms. Ferrante Fernandes

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