

**MINUTES OF THE 2011 ANNUAL MEETING OF  
THE DANBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
*December 7, 2011***

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| Present: | Eileen Alberts         | Richard Jannelli  |
|          | Shirley Chilian        | Kathleen Molinaro |
|          | Gladys Cooper          | Sandy Steichen    |
|          | Gary Falkenthal        | Robert Taborsak   |
|          | Annrose Fluskey-Lattin | Phyllis Tranzillo |
|          | Richard Hawley         |                   |

Florence Modzelewski administered the oath of office to Shirley Chilian as a Board Member at 5:40 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Vice-Chairperson, Richard Jannelli, called the Annual Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and those assembled recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Jannelli asked Board Members to introduce themselves and congratulated the new Board Members on their election to the Board.

**APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING CLERK**

Shirley Chilian moved, seconded by Robert Taborsak, that Debbie Warner be appointed Recording Clerk for the Board of Education. All members present voted in favor. The motion carried unanimously at 6:01 p.m.

Sandy Steichen asked for a point of clarification on the Board Chairperson position. Does the position of the Chairperson of the Board have any extraordinary power over other board members as far as adding agenda items to agenda, does Chairperson have private meetings with the Superintendent or Deputy Superintendent. Mr. Jannelli referred to Kim Thompson, Legal Counsel to the Board. Kim Thompson stated there are going to be several things that govern the conduct of the Board. One is going to be Roberts Rules, so the Chairperson is going to run the meetings according to the rules. It also provides clear rules as to when you can caucus, how items are added, removed or tabled on an agenda. The Board is also going to be governed by the Freedom of Information Act.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**CHAIRPERSON**

The Vice-Chairperson, Richard Jannelli, asked for nominations from the floor for the Office of Chairperson.

Kathleen Molinaro nominated Gladys Cooper, seconded by Robert Taborsak.  
Gary Falkenthal nominated Eileen Alberts, seconded by Richard Hawley.

Mr. Jannelli asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. Being no other nominations, the nominations were closed.

Florence Modzelewski counted the votes with 6 votes Gladys Cooper was elected Chairperson at 6:10 p.m.

In favor of Gladys Cooper: Shirley Chilian, Gladys Cooper, Richard Jannelli,  
Kathleen Molinaro, Robert Taborsak , Phyllis Tranzillo.

In favor of Eileen Alberts: Eileen Alberts, Gary Falkenthal, Richard Hawley,  
Annrose Fluskey-Lattin, Sandy Steichen.

### VICE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson, Gladys Cooper, asked for nominations from the floor for the Office of Vice Chairperson.

Robert Taborsak nominated Kathleen Molinaro, seconded by Phyllis Tranzillo.  
Richard Hawley nominated Sandy Steichen, seconded by Annrose Fluskey-Lattin.

The Chairperson, Gladys Cooper, asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. Being no other nominations, the nominations were closed.

Florence Modzelewski counted the votes with 6 votes Kathleen Molinaro was elected Vice Chairperson at 6:15 p.m.

In favor of Kathleen Molinaro: Shirley Chilian, Gladys Cooper, Richard Jannelli,  
Kathleen Molinaro, Robert Taborsak , Phyllis Tranzillo.

In favor of Sandy Steichen: Eileen Alberts, Gary Falkenthal, Richard Hawley,  
Annrose Fluskey-Lattin, Sandy Steichen.

### SECRETARY

The Chairperson, Gladys Cooper asked for nominations from the floor for the Office of Secretary.

Richard Jannelli nominated Richard Hawley, seconded by Kathleen Molinaro.

The Chairperson, Gladys Cooper, asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. Being no other nominations, the nominations were closed.

Shirley Chilian moved, seconded by Robert Taborsak, to cast one vote for Richard Hawley. The motion passed and Richard Hawley was elected Secretary at 6:20 p.m.

### ADJOURNMENT

G. Falkenthal moved, seconded by Kathleen Molinaro, to adjourn the December 7, 2011 meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Richard Hawley, Secretary