

**DANBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
Board Candidate Interviews  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017 – 5:45 PM  
WESTSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMY – MEDIA CENTER

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Richard Hawley, Vice Chairperson, call the meeting to order at 5:45 pm and those assembled recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Rachael Chaleski, Gladys Cooper, Richard Hawley, Richard Jannelli, Patrick Johnston, Frederick Karrat, David Metrena, Kathleen Molinaro, Farley Santos and Amy Spallino

Also Present: Sal Pascarella, Bill Glass, Joe Martino, Kim Thompson, Kelly Truchsess

**MOTION** - Richard Hawley moved, seconded by Kathleen Molinaro, that the agenda be amended to include Florence Modzelewski as recording secretary.

**Motion carried unanimously at 5:46 pm.**

The Board interviewed three candidates to fill the recent vacancies. All candidates were asked several interview questions prepared by administration.

Roberto Alves - 5:50–6:00 pm

Mr. Alves distributed a resume to the Board. He told the Board his work experience. He stated that he graduated from Danbury High School and currently a student at Naugatuck Valley Community College. He stated that her work experience in administering policies would be an asset to the Board. Mr. Alves elaborated why he would like to be a member of the Danbury Board. He feels his experience; in his position as Senior Expatriate Compensation Executive in administering policies would be an asset to the Board.

Emanuela Palmares – 6:00-6:10 pm

Ms. Palmares said she was born in Brazil. She currently has a son in the Danbury Schools. She is editor of the Tribuna Newspaper, also owns her own business. She is passionate about diversity in the community. She is a graduate of Danbury schools. She told the Board that in 2016 she received the Commission on Children's Robert Haller Memorial Award working with immigrant children and families in the State of Connecticut. She also mentioned that she ran for election to the Danbury Board in 2015 and she is interested in serving the City in that capacity.

Ralph Pietrafesa – 6:10-6:20 pm

Mr. Pietrafesa told the Board that he enjoyed being on the Board for the past four years and serving the last year as Chairperson. He in those years he believes he worked together with the other Board members and administration towards a common goal of doing what's best for the kids in Danbury Public Schools. He would like the opportunity to continue on doing that believes he is the best person for the open seat on the Board. He stated that he has no other agenda and will always put all the children in the district above everything else.

The Board members thanked the candidates for coming this evening for an interview.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Richard Hawley moved, seconded by Kathleen Molinaro that the Board of Education convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the candidates for the Board of Education vacancy.

**Motion carried unanimously at 6:21 pm.**

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

**MOTION:** David Metrena moved, seconded by Farley Santos that the Board return to Public Session to select a candidate for the Board.

**Motion carried unanimously at 6:28 pm.**

**MOTION:** Richard Hawley moved, seconded by Patrick Johnson, that the Board table the motion to select a candidate until the Danbury Board of Education's meeting on December 13, 2017.

**Motion carried unanimously at 6:29 pm.**

Richard Hawley moved, seconded by Kathleen Molinaro, that the Board of Education adjourn and meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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Kathleen Molinaro, Secretary