

**DANBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 13, 2017**

Present: Gladys Cooper, Michael Ferguson, Richard Jannelli, Patrick Johnston, Fred Karrat,
Kathy Molinaro, Ralph Pietrafesa

Absent: Eileen Alberts, Richard Hawley, David Metrena

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson, Ralph Pietrafesa, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and those assembled recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPLICANT INTERVIEW

There is one applicant, Farley Santos, for the seat on the Board of Education due to the resignation of Holly Robinson.

Mr. Farley Santos was called into the meeting. Mr. Santos distributed a copy of his resume and spoke of his background and interest in serving on the Board of Education. Each Board member asked one or more of the following questions:

- 1) As a candidate seeking to serve on the Board of Education, please describe how you view, at this time, the roles and responsibilities of the position.
- 2) Please share with the Board the initial steps you have taken to prepare for this position, such as: awareness of educational issues, involvement with educational groups, etc. Have you attended any previous Board of Education meetings or had an opportunity to read any of the Board Minutes?
- 3) Are you aware of the time commitment required for effective Board functioning? Please provide information indicating personal time available for Board training, special meetings, committee meetings, community events, as well as regular scheduled Board meetings.
- 4) Would you, as a member of the Board, recognize your duty to represent impartially all the people of the district rather than any special interest group; be it political, social, religious or economic? Elaborate.
- 5) In your view, what are the most critical issues facing public education in general, and the Danbury School system in particular, at this time. How would you look to resolve these issues?
- 6) What contributions can you bring to this Board and why did you decide to join?
- 7) Are you employed by the Board of Education in any capacity?

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Pat Johnston moved, seconded by Michael Ferguson, to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Board Candidate and act on appointment in Public Session. **The motion passed at 6:40 p.m.**

MOTION: Michael Ferguson moved, seconded by Pat Johnston, to return to Public Session. **The motion passed at 6:50 p.m.**

PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION: Kathy Molinaro moved, seconded by Michael Ferguson, that the Board appoint Farley Santos to fill the Board vacancy until the next election of Board Members in November 2017. **The motion passed unanimously at 6:52 p.m.**

ADJOURNMENT

Michael Ferguson moved, seconded by Pat Johnston, to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Education. **The motion passed at 6:55 p.m.**

Kathleen Molinaro, Secretary