

Monday, September 27, 2021

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION, held September 27, 2021, at Bridgeport Regional Aquaculture Science and Technology Education Center, 60 St. Stephens Road, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Present were members Chair John Weldon, Vice Chair Bobbi Brown, Secretary Joseph Lombard, Sybil Allen, and Joseph Sokolovic. Albert Benejan, Jessica Martinez and Sosimo Fabian arrived subsequently as noted

Superintendent Michael J. Testani was present.

The sole agenda item was regarding Bridgeport Education Association grievance number 2833. Attorney Floyd Dugas appeared on behalf of the district and Attorney Eric Marshall was present for the BEA.

Atty. Dugas said this was a personnel matter so it qualified for executive session. He said Atty. Marshall indicated the preference of the employee would be executive session.

Ms. Allen moved *“to recess the public session and move into executive session for the purpose of hearing both sides of this grievance, with those being present being the board, the superintendent, district counsel, the employee, the union representation and their attorney as well.”* The motion was seconded by Mr. Lombard and unanimously approved.

The executive session at 6:06 p.m.

The board reconvened in public session at 7:33 p.m.  
Members Fabian, Martinez, and Benejan were now present.

Mr. Lombard moved “to *sustain the grievance.*” The motion was seconded by Ms. Allen and approved by a 5-0 vote. Voting in favor were members Brown, Fabian, Sokolovic, Allen, and Lombard.

Mr. Weldon, Ms. Martinez, and Mr. Benejan abstained

Ms. Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brown and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John McLeod