

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE OF THE BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION, held August 4, 2021, by video conference, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 4:18 p.m. Present were members Chair Sosimo Fabian and John Weldon. Board member Albert Benejan was present. Committee member Sybil Allen joined the meeting subsequently as noted.

Supt. Michael J. Testani and Denise Altro-Dillon, executive director of human resources, were present.

The agenda items were to conduct interviews in order to make a recommendation to the superintendent.

Mr. Weldon moved “*to go into executive session for that purpose.*” The motion was seconded by Dr. Fabian.

Mr. Weldon noted the candidates themselves have the right to require the interviews be held in public session.

The candidates - Lynn Stephens, Chandra Maxwell, Joyce Fiscus and Jaclyn Vazquez – indicated they were not requesting public interviews.

Supt Testani noted the interviews were for supervisor at Skane School and coordinator of family and community climate, engagement, which includes our social-emotional learning position.

There were technical difficulties with establishing the proper internet connection.

Mr. Weldon said because of the difficulties he would moved to refer all these candidates to the superintendent to make his own decision. He said he understood the superintendent needed the employees on board on August 16th. He noted the decision is the superintendent's in any event.

Dr Fabian said he could be available at any time for another meeting.

The motion to go into executive session was unanimously approved.

The executive session began at 4:40 p.m.

The committee reconvened in public session at 6:10 p.m. Ms. Allen was now present.

Dr. Fabian said the interviews were concluded.

Mr. Weldon moved "*to put forward our recommendation as we had discussed in executive session.*" The motion was seconded by Ms. Allen and unanimously approved.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John McLeod