

Friday, October 30, 2020

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION, held October 30, 2020, by video call, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Present were members Chair John Weldon, Vice Chair Bobbi Brown, Joseph Sokolovic, Joseph Lombard, Albert Benejan, and Sybil Allen. Jessica Martinez joined the meeting subsequently as noted.

Mr. Weldon said the sole agenda item was the election of the board's secretary to fill the vacancy of that office. Ms. Brown resigned that office because she was elected vice chair.

Mr. Weldon said he received verification from the registrar of voters as to all members' party affiliation confirming the representations made at the prior meeting. The advertisement to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Illingworth's resignation will appear in the *Connecticut Post* on November 4th and transmitted to other community organizations.

Mr. Weldon said the district and the city's department of health will be holding a virtual health forum on November 4th, accessible on the district's webpage.

Ms. Allen nominated Mr. Sokolovic for the position of secretary.

Ms. Martinez joined the meeting.

Mr. Sokolovic declined the nomination. He nominated Mr. Lombard for the position of secretary.

Mr. Benejan nominated Ms. Martinez.

Mr. Weldon said Ms. Valle would send an electronic ballot to the board members; other members could vote orally.

Ms. Valle said she had received four responses electronically.

Ms. Allen voted orally for Mr. Lombard. Mr. Lombard voted orally for Mr. Lombard. Ms. Martinez voted orally for Ms. Martinez.

Ms. Valle said the electronic votes for Mr. Lombard were Ms. Brown, Mr. Weldon, and Mr. Sokolovic. Mr. Benejan voted for Ms. Martinez.

Mr. Weldon said Mr. Lombard was elected by a 5-2 vote.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John McLeod

*Approved by the board on November 9, 2020*