

Monday, December 7, 2020

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION, held December 7, 2020, by video conference call, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were members Chair John Weldon, Vice Chair Bobbi Brown, Secretary Joseph Lombard, Albert Benejan, Sosimo Fabian, Joseph Sokolovic, Jessica Martinez, and Sybil Allen.

Supt. Michael J. Testani was present.

Present were Attorneys Richard Buturla and Ryan Driscoll of Berchem Moses, along with Attorney John Mitola of the city attorney's office.

The two agenda items were legal matters: GB vs. Bridgeport Board of Education and discussion and possible action on magnet school tuition agreements. Mr. Weldon said both items qualify for executive session as they are pending claims.

Ms. Allen moved *"to go into executive session with the members of the board being present, the superintendent being present, and Attorneys Driscoll, Buturla & Mitola being present."* The motion was seconded by Mr. Benejan and unanimously approved.

The executive session began at 5:02 pm.

The board resumed in public session at 6:06 p.m.

The first item addressed was GB vs. Bridgeport Board of Education.

Ms. Allen moved “*to authorize counsel to resolve this matter in accordance with counsel’s recommendation in executive session.*” The motion was seconded by Mr. Sokolovic and approved.

The motion was approved by an 7-0 vote. .Voting in favor were members Allen, Benejan, Sokolovic, Martinez, Weldon, Fabian, and Lombard. Ms. Brown abstained.

The next agenda item was on the magnet school tuition agreements.

Ms. Brown moved “*to authorize counsel to enter into the agreements in accordance with the discussion in executive session with respect to the agreements related to the Town of Stratford, the Town of Trumbull, and the Town of Monroe. and further authorize counsel to continue negotiation of an agreement with the Town of Shelton and authorize him to execute an agreement with the Town of Shelton if he is able to execute an agreement with that town comparable to the ones with the other three towns.*” The motion was seconded by Ms. Martinez and unanimously approved.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John McLeod

*Approved by the board on December 21, 2020*

