

Thursday, July 26, 2018

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION, held July 26,  
2018, at Bridgeport City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport,  
Connecticut

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m.

Present were Chair John Weldon, Vice President Hernan Illingworth, Joseph Sokolovic, Sybil Allen, Ben Walker and Maria Pereira.

The sole topic of discussion was the performance evaluation of Supt. Aresta Johnson.

Mr. Illingworth moved *“to go into executive session for the purpose of conducting the evaluation of the superintendent, that would include only the board members”*. The motion was seconded by Ms. Allen and unanimously approved.

The executive session began at 6:14 p.m.

The board reconvened in public session at 9:14 p.m. Mr. Sokolovic was not present.

Ms. Pereira moved *“that we set Friday, August 3rd, as the date to get in all evaluations, including summary and objectives, to you, the chair, by 5:00 o’clock, Friday, August 3rd, which should be the ratings, the substantiations of a 1, 2 or 4, and the summary and the focus areas.”* The motion was seconded by Mr. Walker unanimously approved.

Mr. Weldon said he would send out an email right away.

Ms. Pereira moved *“to reschedule the evaluation that we were going to deliver to the superintendent on Thursday, August 9th to Thursday, August 16, based on the superintendent’s availability.”* The motion was seconded by Mr. Walker and unanimously approved.

Ms. Pereira said we need to have a meeting to bring together the focus areas. Mr. Weldon described it as a finalization meeting.

Ms. Pereira suggested the date be August 8th. Mr. Walker said this could be done by email legally if everybody responds separately. He said Mr. Weldon could put a list together on the focus areas given to him and ask board members to rate them one to five.

Mr. Illingworth said he agreed.

Mr. Walker said the list of focus areas would not include the members’ submissions by name. The board members would rank them in order individually. Mr. Weldon would then tabulate the scores.

Mr. Weldon said he would send a Word document to the board members.

Mr. Walker said the board members could not reply to all members via email in this process.

Mr. Weldon said he would send out the document within a week, by Friday, August 10. Ms. Pereira said she wanted to see a completed document before the board meets with the

superintendent.

Mr. Walker moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Allen and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John McLeod

*Approved by the board on October 22, 2018*