

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION, held March 10, 2021, by video conference call, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. Present were members Chair John Weldon, Vice Chair Bobbi Brown, Albert Benejan, Joe Sokolovic, Sosimo Fabian, Chris Taylor, and Sybil Allen.

Supt. Michael J. Testani was present.

The sole agenda item was on the possible termination of employment of Kathleen Smith. Mr. Weldon said the item qualifies for executive session.

Upon inquiry, Ms. Smith said she was not requiring the meeting be held in public session.

Ms. Brown moved "*to go into executive session to discuss the sole agenda item.*" The motion was seconded by Mr. Sokolovic. The motion was approved by a 6-1 vote. Voting in favor were members Weldon, Brown, Benejan, Allen, Sokolovic, and Fabian. Mr. Taylor was opposed.

Invited to participate were the board members, Supt. Testani, Kathleen Smith, Atty. Floyd Dugas, Denise Altro-Smith, and Joseph Raiola.

The executive session began at 6:39 p.m.

The board reconvened in public session at 7:52 p.m.

Mr. Sokolovic moved “*to terminate the contract of Kathleen Smith effective immediately.*” The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The vote on the motion was 6-1. Voting in favor were members Weldon, Brown, Fabian, Benejan, Taylor, and Sokolovic. Voting in opposition was Ms. Allen.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John McLeod