

Monday, April 22, 2019

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION, held April 22, 2019, at Bridgeport Regional Aquaculture Science & Technology Education Center, 60 St. Stephens Road, Bridgeport, Connecticut

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present were Chair John Weldon, Secretary Joseph Sokolovic, Hernan Illingworth, Sybil Allen, Maria Pereira, and Joseph Lombard.

The sole agenda item was the interview of a board member to fill the board vacancy created by the resignation of Ben Walker. Mr. Weldon said the candidate had to be a registered member of the Libertarian Party.

LaMar Kennedy was the only candidate to be interviewed.

Ms. Pereira thanked Mr. Kennedy for applying after the horrible way he was treated. Mr. Kennedy said he thought everything was fair.

In response to a question, Mr. Kennedy said he had taken into consideration his job responsibilities and travel time and felt he would be able to fulfill his board duties.

Mr. Sokolovic, Ms. Allen and Mr. Lombard did not ask questions.

In response to a question, Mr. Kennedy said he viewed the

most important areas of concern for the district to be financial stability, teacher recruitment, and teacher retention. He said he knew the district recently lost an excellent educator to an administrative position in Hartford. He said one thing that jumped out to him was that there are three salary levels in the district for teachers while other districts have more salary levels.

In response a question, Mr. Kennedy said one thing he would like to fix in the six months of a term on the board is middle school athletics. He said the district where he works has a full middle school athletic program, while Bridgeport's is more limited.

Mr. Kennedy said he would love to be appointed and get right to work.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John McLeod