MINUTES OF THE (first) SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION, held September 24, 2018, at Bridgeport Regional Aquaculture Science & Technology Education Center, 60 St. Stephens Road, Bridgeport, Connecticut

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

Present were Vice President Hernan Illingworth, Joe Sokolovic, Maria Pereira, Chris Taylor, Sybil Allen, and Ben Walker. Secretary Jessica Martinez arrived subsequently as indicated.

Supt. Aresta L. Johnson, Ed.D., was present.

The sole agenda item was discussion of BCAS grievance regarding Christopher Johnson.

Upon inquiry, Mr. Johnson requested the meeting be held in executive session.

Mr. Walker moved that "we adjourn to executive session with the Board of Education, the superintendent, Atty. Dugas, Mr. Johnson and BCAS leadership and our chief talent officer, along with Dr. Black, Ms. Morgan and Mr. Testani."

The motion was seconded by Ms. Pereira and unanimously approved.

The executive session began at 5:35 p.m.

The board reconvened in public session at 6:19 p.m. Ms. Martinez was now present.

Ms. Pereira moved "to deny the BCAS grievance regarding Chris Johnson." The motion was seconded Ms. Allen.

The motion was approved by a 4-3 vote. Voting in favor were members Allen, Martinez, Pereira and Walker. Voting in opposition were members Illingworth, Sokolovic and Taylor.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John McLeod