

Ashford Board of Education
Ashford, Connecticut
Special Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2021
7:30 pm
Electronic Meeting via Zoom

Chair John Lippert called the special meeting to order at 7:34 pm. Present were members Marian Matthews, Al Maccarone, Tina Fradette, Jane Urban, Tess Grous and Kim Kouatly. Also present was Supt. of Schools Dr. James Longo, Board of Finance Chair Chuck Funk and Zoom meeting host Scott Waddell. There were approximately 12 others in the virtual audience.

District Office Staff Resignation

The Board has received a letter of resignation from Business Manager Martha Guidry.

Motion by Jane Urban to regretfully accept the resignation of Martha Guidry. Motion seconded by Kim Kouatly and carried unanimously.

Dr. Longo noted that Mrs. Guidry is planning to work through the end of March.

Discuss Business Office Operations Plan

A discussion was held concerning the organization of the business office. The current plan is to have Kelee Calkins serve as Interim Business Manager when Mrs. Guidry leaves. Some of Mrs. Calkins duties will be absorbed by current office staff and possibly an additional part-time hire.

Jane Urban asked for comments from Mr. Funk. He emphasized the importance of the school's business office and expressed regret regarding Martha's leaving.

Strategy with Respect to Non-Union Personnel Negotiations (Executive Session Anticipated)

Motion made by Jane Urban to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion of strategy of non-union personnel negotiations, and to invite Dr. Longo to the session. Motion seconded by Kim Kouatly and carried unanimously.

Present: John Lippert, Marian Matthews, Kim Kouatly, Tina Fradette, Tess Grous, Jane Urban, Al Maccarone and Dr. Longo.

The board and Dr. Longo exited the executive session at 8:58pm. There was no action taken.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Marian Matthews. Motion seconded by Jane Urban and carried unanimously.

Recorded by: John Lippert