

Board of Education Special Meeting
Central Office Board Room
April 18, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room.

Present: Board members Kendra Wiesel, John Richter, Susan Mercik Davis, Michael Sepko, Debra Dudack, Maureen Sattan, Matthew Service, George Beiter (attended via phone), and Superintendent Karen Berasi.

Discussion/Action Items

A. SHS Robotics Field Trip Request – Detroit, MI – April 24-29, 2018

The Suffield/Windsor Locks Robotics Team qualified for the national championship last week. The students are paying for the trip themselves. The Board will plan to pre-approve a field trip request for this purpose in future years, in case the team qualifies close to the championships. The Board will plan recognition of the team's efforts at a future meeting.

MOTION #18-44: Dudack moved, Sattan seconded to approve the field trip request as presented. All members voted in favor. The motion carried 8-0.

B. Possible Appointment of a new Board of Education Member to fill Lori D'Ostuni's remaining term (2019)

Per Board bylaws, Board Chair Wiesel stated the vacant position must be filled no earlier than 14 days and no later than 30 days after a resignation. In this case, the resignation was signed and submitted to the Town Clerk on March 28, 2018. The Board conducted interviews of interested candidates during its meeting on April 16, 2018 in executive session. Board members Richter and Service enquired about the process for voting and Board Chair Wiesel stated it would be done based on past practice, one candidate at a time until a Board majority approved one.

MOTION #18-45: Dudack moved, Sattan seconded to appoint Jamie Drzyzga to the Board of Education to fill Lori D'Ostuni's remaining term. Dudack, Sattan, Mercik Davis, Wiesel, and Beiter voted in favor. Richter and Service voted in opposition. Sepko abstained. The motion carried 5-2-1.

Board Chair Wiesel noted that both candidates appearing before the Board were exceptional and that it was a difficult decision to make. Board member Mercik Davis noted that both candidates were extremely qualified and thanked both for their willingness to serve the community in this capacity. Board member Sepko stated he decided to abstain due to being present for a portion of only one interview.

Adjournment

Beiter moved, Richter seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Minutes are subject to approval at the regular meeting of May 7, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Dudack
Secretary