

**DANBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021 - 7:00 PM  
DANBURY HIGH SCHOOL - BLACK BOX THEATRE**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Chairperson, G. Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and those assembled recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLLCALL**

Present: Joseph Britton, Kate Conetta, Gladys Cooper, Loren Daly,  
Joseph DaSilva, Richard Jannelli, Kathleen Molinaro,  
Albert Russo, Amy Spallino  
Absent: Rachel Chaleski, Kathryn Hodgdon  
Also Present: Dr. Pascarella, Courtney LeBorious, Kelly Truchsess, Kevin Walston, Dr. K.  
Casimiro, Kim Thompson.

**RECOGNITIONS**

Dr. Sal Pascarella, Superintendent of Schools, 15 Years of Service.

- There was a reception and video presentation for Dr. Pascarella to celebrate his 15 years of service as DPS Superintendent. "Dr. Sal has a big heart and he always puts the kids first".
- Mr. Fox presented Dr. Pascarella with a recognition from the City of Danbury.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Karin Patterson implored that the BOE advocate for the DPS children in the State and end the mask wearing in school next academic year.
- Melissa Liquori asked that the BOE please advocate for the DPS children to end mask wearing in school next academic year.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**EXHIBIT**

MOTION: K. Conetta moved, seconded by J. DaSilva that the Board of Education approve the items on the Consent Calendar, Exhibits 21-90 through 20-92 recommended:

**MINUTES**

6/8/21 Special Meeting	21-90 (pg.4)
6/9/21 Regular Meeting	21-91 (pg.5)
6/15/21 Policy Committee	21-92 (pg.11)

Votes Yes: Joseph Britton, Kate Conetta, Gladys Cooper, Loren Daly,  
Joseph DaSilva, Richard Jannelli, Kathleen Molinaro,  
Albert Russo, Amy Spallino.

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Absent: Rachel Chaleski, Kathryn Hodgdon.

**Motion carried at 7:29 pm**

**EDUCATIONAL STAFF REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

- NEA-Danbury Representative: Erin Daly, President-None
- DSAA: Dr. Kristy Zaleta, President-None

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

- DHS Representatives: None
- Ace Representatives: None

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Board of Education Meeting Schedule 2021-2022**

MOTION: K. Molinaro moved, seconded by L. Daly that the Board of Education approve the Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2021-2022 in accordance with 21-93 (pg.12)

Votes Yes: Joseph Britton, Kate Conetta, Gladys Cooper, Loren Daly, Joseph DaSilva, Richard Jannelli, Kathleen Molinaro, Albert Russo, Amy Spallino.

Absent: Rachel Chaleski, Kathryn Hodgdon.

**Motion carried at 7:32 pm**

**B. Education Specifications for Danbury Career Academy**

MOTION: K. Conetta moved, seconded by J. DaSilva that the Board of Education amend Action Item B to reflect the Education Specifications date of June 23, 2021.

Votes Yes: Joseph Britton, Kate Conetta, Gladys Cooper, Loren Daly, Joseph DaSilva, Richard Jannelli, Kathleen Molinaro, Albert Russo, Amy Spallino.

Absent: Rachel Chaleski, Kathryn Hodgdon.

**Motion carried at 7:33 pm**

MOTION: K. Conetta moved, seconded by K. Molinaro that the Board of Education approve the Education Specifications dated June 23, 2021, for the Danbury Career Academy Project, in accordance with 21-94 (pg.13)

Votes Yes: Joseph Britton, Kate Conetta, Gladys Cooper, Loren Daly, Joseph DaSilva, Richard Jannelli, Kathleen Molinaro, Albert Russo, Amy Spallino.

Absent: Rachel Chaleski, Kathryn Hodgdon.

**Motion carried at 7:35 pm**

C. Sodexo Food Service Agreement 2020-2021 - Amendment

MOTION: A. Spallino moved, seconded by J. DaSilva that the Board of Education approve an amendment to Sections 12.11 (C) to read "The FSMC's Management Fee (FSMC's profit) for August/September - June is \$.124 center per meal. Total Management Fee cannot exceed \$85,277 for the contract year" and Section (D) to read "The FSMC's Administrative Fee (FSMC's profit) for August/September- June is \$.296 cents per meal. Total Administrative Fee cannot exceed \$203,000 for the contract year. The following functions are the FSMC's responsibility and will be include in such fees: corporate supervision; financial reporting and analysis; field auditing; marketing, assistance; and purchasing administration". The amendment is effective for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, with an anticipating savings of approximately \$30,000, in accordance with 21-95 (pg.56)

Votes Yes: Joseph Britton, Kate Conetta, Gladys Cooper, Loren Daly,  
Joseph DaSilva, Richard Jannelli, Kathleen Molinaro,  
Albert Russo, Amy Spallino.

Absent: Rachel Chaleski, Kathryn Hodgdon.

**Motion carried at 7:38 pm**

D. Sodexo Food Service Agreement 2021-2022 Amendment

MOTION: A. Russo moved, seconded by A. Spallino that the Board of Education approve the Amendment to the Food Service Agreement to extend the agreement for one year July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, in accordance with 21-96 (pg.57)

Votes Yes: Joseph Britton, Kate Conetta, Gladys Cooper, Loren Daly,  
Joseph DaSilva, Richard Jannelli, Kathleen Molinaro,  
Albert Russo, Amy Spallino.

Absent: Rachel Chaleski, Kathryn Hodgdon.

**Motion carried at 7:39 pm**

E. May 2021 Operating Results (General Fund/Grant Projects)

MOTION: L. Daly moved, seconded by J. Britton that the Board of Education accept the May 2021 Operating Results and Analysis (General Fund/Grant Projects) in accordance with 21-97 (pg.59)

Votes Yes: Joseph Britton, Kate Conetta, Gladys Cooper, Loren Daly,  
Joseph DaSilva, Richard Jannelli, Kathleen Molinaro,  
Albert Russo, Amy Spallino.

Absent: Rachel Chaleski, Kathryn Hodgdon.

**Motion carried at 7:40 pm**

F. Interim Superintendent

MOTION: K. Conetta moved, seconded by A. Russo that the Board of Education amend the agenda to add Action Item F regarding the appointment of an Interim Superintendent.

Votes Yes: Joseph Britton, Kate Conetta, Gladys Cooper, Loren Daly,  
Joseph DaSilva, Richard Jannelli, Kathleen Molinaro,  
Albert Russo, Amy Spallino.

Absent: Rachel Chaleski, Kathryn Hodgdon.

**Motion carried at 7:41 pm**

MOTION: R. Jannelli moved, seconded by K. Conetta that the Board of Education hereby appoints Mr. Kevin Walston as Interim Superintendent for the time until the Board appoints a successor and that successor Superintendent assumes his or her responsibilities as Superintendent, or until the Board otherwise takes further action.

Votes Yes: Joseph Britton, Kate Conetta, Gladys Cooper, Loren Daly,  
Joseph DaSilva, Richard Jannelli, Kathleen Molinaro,  
Albert Russo, Amy Spallino.

Absent: Rachel Chaleski, Kathryn Hodgdon.

**Motion carried at 7:42 pm**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Pascarella conveyed his sincere appreciation to all for the reception and wished K. Watson well, "I know you will continue to do the work".

Dr. Pascarella spoke about the CES Pilot program and that it will be set up as a lottery and parents will have to apply in the Spring of 2022 for the 2022-2023 academic year. There will be no cost to the district.

K. Thompson introduced F. Connolly to the BOE as Interim Director of Finance. Will continue to look for a permanent Finance Director.

K. Walston spoke about the new Hayestown Principal Ellen Paolino. She comes to us with a wealth of experience, and he is excited to have her join DPS.

K. Truchsess spoke about Michelle Tarsi as the new permanent Principal to Mill Ridge Primary.

Dr. K. Casimiro spoke about J. Sayegh who will be the Interim Principal at the Brookfield Primary Center.

K. Walston spoke about the Delta Leadership program in place to help and develop our staff to leadership positions.

**DISCUSSION**

**INFORMATION**

**BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

G. Cooper gave an update on the Superintendent Search. Round 1 will be on 6/29/2021 and 6/30/2021 via zoom, they have 5 candidates.

**BOARD REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

K. Conetta moved, seconded by K. Molinaro that the Board of Education adjourned its Meeting of June 23, 2021 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

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Kathleen Molinaro, Secretary

**FUTURE MEETINGS AND DATES TO REMEMBER**

August 30 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Classes
September 6	Labor Day, Schools/Offices Closed
September 8	Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
September 7	Rosh Hashanah, Schools/Offices Closed
September 16	Yom Kippur, Schools/Offices Closed
September 22	Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
October 11	Columbus Day, Schools/Offices Closed
October 13	Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
October 27	Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 pm