

AGENDA

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Hartford Board of Education Minutes Special Meeting – Monday, September 12, 2006 SAND – 1750 Main Street

I. Opening

A. Call to Order – roll call / Moment of Silence

At 5: 40 p.m. Chairman Perez called the meeting to order and Judith Fagan, Support Administrator for the Board administered the roll call. A quorum was present. Chairman Perez then called for a moment of silence.

Present:

Honorable Mayor Eddie A. Perez, Chairman
Ms. Elizabeth Brad Noel, Vice Chair
Ms. Pamela Richmond, Secretary
Ms. Andrea Comer
Mr. Israel Flores
Mr. David MacDonald
Ms. Ada Miranda
Mr. Luis Rodriguez Davila
Ms. Sharon Patterson-Stallings

Acting Superintendent Jacqueline Jacoby

II. Items

I. Oral Report from Search Committee Chair

Ms. Miranda explained that since there was a written report she would limit her comments to thanking the Search Committee members. She described the process as seamless, that the Search Committee group of individuals showed extreme professionalism never putting in jeopardy the integrity of the process. She further thanked the Mayor's office and Hartford Public Schools for assisting with some of the logistics of the process. She thanked Dr. Jacoby for keeping the school system stable and allowing for a smooth beginning of the school year. She thanked Dr. Adamowski for being so gracious for putting up with a thorough process and understanding the needs of Hartford Public Schools.

2. Executive Session

At 5:41 p.m. Ms. Richmond moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues on the appointment of the new Superintendent. Ms. Comer seconded, the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

At 6:10 p.m. the board returned from executive session. A roll call was administered by Judith Fagan and a quorum was present.

Chairman Perez thanked the Search Committee, Board, staff and community for supporting the work that the board is attempting to do. He stated that this is a great day for the young people of Hartford, a day when everyone has to make a statement that students come first. He would like everyone to work together as a board, school system and City, as the new chapter begins. Chairman Perez stated that as a community the search was

done for a person to lead the new system to new heights, someone who is focused on the students and will keep us honest in the journey. Someone who will allow debate, work hard, and allow us to dream. Hartford has a reputation to tear things apart and every time things are not done together it is the least among us that suffers-- the children. The Search Committee identified a candidate for Superintendent of Schools unanimously.

Chairman Perez entertained a motion to appoint the Hartford Public Schools Superintendent

3. Appointment of Hartford Public Schools Superintendent

Item #3 - Ms. Miranda moved, Ms. Noel seconded and the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Miranda read the resolution as follows:

That the Hartford Board of Education hereby elects Dr. Steven Adamowski to the office of Hartford Superintendent of Schools pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut General Statute Section 10-157, and that the Board further authorizes Chairman Perez to negotiate and execute an employment agreement with the new Superintendent of Schools on behalf of the Board, to include a beginning date and term of office.

Chairman Perez made welcoming remarks and thanked Dr. Adamowski for considering Hartford as a school district where he can make a difference. Dr. Adamowski thanked the Board and the Search Committee for the confidence they had in him and stated that congratulations will be in order when student achievement goes up. Dr. Adamowski's career began in Connecticut and he is encouraged that he has the opportunity to return. He stated that there is hard compelling work ahead to make the difference in the lives of thousands of students whose access to a global economy will depend on it. He thanked Dr. Jacoby for her graciousness and looks forward to working with her through the transition. He looks forward to working with the district to reinvent and create a system that students have the same opportunities like students in the rest of the state. To be worthy of being the capitol city Connecticut's rising star. His hope is that when the work is done the district will be a source of light and example for others to follow.

Chairman Perez stated that Dr. Adamowski will report on or about November 15 and expressed his pleasure working with Dr. Jacoby.

III. Adjournment

At 6:20 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.