

The Board of Education Town of Vernon

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February 6, 2023

APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION - SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Vernon Board of Education was held in-person and via Zoom Webinar at the Administration Building on Monday, February 6, 2023.

1.0 Establish Quorum

Roll call was taken at 7:00 p.m.

There was a quorum. Board members present: Mrs. Fischer, Dr. Buxton, Mr. Grabowski, Ms. Colt, Mr. Kalina, Mr. Linton and Ms. Wintress. Mrs. Rodriguez attended via Zoom Webinar. Mr. Thrall was absent.

Administration present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Macary, Assistant Superintendent Mr. Robert Testa and Director of Business and Finance Mr. William Meier III.

2.0 Call to Order

Chairperson Fischer called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

4.0 Community Forum

Opportunity for comments on agenda items, potential future agenda items, or general information provided to the Board from citizens and community organizations (Individual speakers shall be limited to five minutes and the total time for public forum shall be limited to 15 minutes.)

No one addressed the Board.

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5.0 Approval of the Superintendent's Proposed 2023-2024 Budget

Dr. Macary spoke of two handouts distributed by Mr. Meier, Director of Business and Finance. The handouts summarized the proposed changes made by the Board of Education during the budget workshops held in January and February. These changes resulted in an adjustment of (\$25,174.00) to the original Superintendent's proposed 2023-2024 budget amount of \$58,293,050.00, resulting in a new total budget figure of \$58,267,876.00 and an increase of 4.47%. Mr. Kalina thanked Dr. Macary and all involved for their efforts in the budget process. He said this was very well done in spite of the current economic climate. Dr. Macary said this was the toughest budget he's ever done. In the last 7 years, the budget increase has averaged 1.1%.

MOTION: Dr. Buxton moved to accept and approve the Superintendent's Proposed 2023-2024 Budget totaling \$58,267,876.00 as presented.

SECOND: Ms. Colt

VOTE: Unanimous

6.0 Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Linton made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 PM

SECOND: Ms. Wintress

VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Buxton, Board Secretary