

**Watertown Board of Education
Special Meeting Minutes
August 17, 6:30 PM
Remote meeting**

Meeting Date: August 17, 2020

Meeting Time: 6:30 PM

Members Present: Ms. Leslie Crotty, Chairman
Mr. Tom Lambert, Vice Chairman
Ms. Janelle Wilk, Secretary
Ms. Cathie Rinaldi
Mr. Robert Makowski
Ms. Diane Bristol
Ms. Josephine Cavallo-Rosa
Ms. Cindy Eastman
Mr. Jason Malagutti

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. John Ramos, Interim, Superintendent of Schools

A. Convene Regular Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

B. Executive Session (6:30 p.m.)

Text of the Motion: Madame Chair, I move that the Board go into Executive Session for a discussion concerning the Superintendent of Schools contract and for a discussion concerning the possible appointment of an Interim Superintendent. Attending the Executive Session will be Leslie Crotty, Tom Lambert, Janelle Wilk, Rob Makowski, Diane Bristol, Josephine Rosa, Cindy Eastman, Jason Malaguitti, Cathie Rinaldi & Interim Candidate.

Motion Presented By: Cathie Rinaldi

Motion Seconded By: Diane Bristol

C. Return to Regular Session: 6:50 pm

A) Subject: Possible Action Regarding the Resignation of Dr. Rydell Harrison, Superintendent of Schools.

Motion Presented By: Robert Makowski

Seconded By: Josephine Rosa

Text of the Motion: Madame Chair, I move that the Watertown Board of Education accepts the resignation of Dr. Rydell Harrison as the Superintendent of Schools, effective August 27, 2020. The Board would like to thank Dr. Harrison for his extraordinary leadership and service to the Watertown Community. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavor as the Superintendent of the Region 9 School District.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Vote: Motion Passes unanimously

B) Subject: Possible Action Regarding the Appointment of an Interim Superintendent for Watertown Public Schools.

Motion Presented By: Janelle Wilk
Josephine Rosa

Text of the motion Madame Chair, I move that the Watertown Board of Education appoint Dr. John Ramos as the Interim Superintendent of Schools, effective August 27th, 2020, subject to the State's approval in accordance with Section 10-157 of the Connecticut General Statutes. I move further that the Chair shall be authorized to negotiate and execute a contract of employment with Dr. John Ramos.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Vote: Motion Passes unanimously

D. Adjournment:

Madame Chair, I move that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion Presented by: Diane Bristol
Seconded By: Robert Makowski

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Submitted by:
Elese Taylor
Executive Assistance