

RUTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

August 13, 2019

School Board Members Present:

Dick Courcelle
Hurley Cavacas, Jr.
Michael Blow
Ann Dages
Dena Goldberg
Kam Johnston
Alison Notte
Matthew Olewnik
Joanne Pencak
Charlene Seward
Erin Shimp

Also Present:

Erin Gallivan, Esq.
Kate Barcellos

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was noted that all Commissioners are in attendance.

Motion by Johnston/Seward to accept the minutes of the June 25, 2019 regular school board meeting as written. Motion passed with one abstention (Dages.)

Motion by Notte/Shimp to approve the Licensed and Non-licensed sections of the Personnel Memorandum No. 597 dated August 8, 2019 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Discussion revolved around the qualifications and commitment of the candidate. Commissioner Johnston noted that he would vote, "No," based on the grounds the candidate was over qualified and questioned her long term commitment and whether she was hired by Green Mountain College as a "fixer." Commissioners Cavacas and Notte spoke to the candidate's giving back to the community and her preference of moving from the Corporate World to education. Commissioners Olewnik and Pencak commented on Noonan's history as a Vermonter and roots in the area. A roll call vote was requested by Commissioner Johnston.

Roll Call: Blow – Yes, Cavacas – Yes, Dages – Yes, Goldberg – Yes, Johnston – No, Notte – Yes, Olewnik – Yes, Pencak – Yes, Seward – Abstain, Shimp – Yes.

Motion passed 8:1 with one abstention.

Motion by Cavacas/Notte at 5:45 pm for the Board to convene to executive session with Erin Gallivan, Esq., to consider confidential attorney-client communication made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the board, to consider a contract where premature general knowledge would clearly place the board at a substantial disadvantage and for discussion or consideration of records or documents that are not public documents and access to public records request act.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:35 pm.

Motion by Cavacas/Olewnik to authorize counsel to negotiate with employee as discussed in executive session.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Cavacas/Goldberg to adjourn at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Hurley Cavacas, Jr., Clerk

**CALL TO
ORDER**

**MINUTES
6/25/19**

**PERSONNEL
MEMO #597**

**MOTION:
EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

**OUT OF
EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

**MOTION:
AUTHORIZE
COUNSEL**