



# COLCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Colchester, Connecticut

## SPECIAL MEETING

**November 30, 2021 5:30PM**

**Bacon Academy  
Library Media Center**

### MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Donna Antonacci, Marguerite Gignac, Rosemary Gignac, Suesen Hickey (5:35), Jessica Morozowich, Alexander Oliphant & Mary Tomasi

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:** Superintendent Jeffrey Burt, Colchester Elementary School Principal Judy O'Meara, Jack Jackter Intermediate School Principal Elise Butson, William J. Johnston Middle School Principal Chris Bennett, Bacon Academy Principal Matt Peel, Director of Teaching and Learning Charles Hewes, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education Kathleen Perry, Director of Educational Technology and Instructional Innovation, Director of Human Resources Shannon Ramsby, Chief Financial Officer Maggie Cosgrove.

### **1. MEETING OPENING**

#### 1.1 Call to Order

Superintendent Burt called the meeting to order per Board Bylaw 9321 "Organizational Meeting" at 5:31

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### 2.1 Public Comment - None

### **3. PRIORITY DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

#### 3.1 Board Organization/Elections

According to Bylaw 9120-Officers and Auxiliary Personnel, the Board shall, not later than one month after the date on which newly elected members take office, elect from its own members a Chair, a Vice-Chair, and a Secretary.

Superintendent Burt asked for nominations for the Board of Education Chair.

**Motion by:** M. Gignac

to nominate Alexander Oliphant for Chair of the Board of Education.

**Second by:** R. Gignac

**Vote: By roll call:**

- a. Donna Antonacci, Yes
- b. Marguerite Gignac Yes
- c. Rosemary Gignac Yes

- d. Suesen Hickey - Not present
- e. Alexander Oliphant Yes
- f. Jessica Morozowich Yes
- g. Mary Tomasi Yes

Unanimous to elect A. Oliphant as Chair.

Chair Oliphant called for nominations for Vice Chair (Member S. Hickey arrived 5:35)

**Motion by:** J. Morozowich

to nominate M. Tomasi for Vice Chair.

**Second by:** M. Gignac

**Vote: By roll call:**

- a. Donna Antonacci, Yes
- b. Marguerite Gignac Yes
- c. Rosemary Gignac Yes
- d. Suesen Hickey Yes
- e. Alexander Oliphant Yes
- f. Jessica Morozowich Yes
- g. Mary Tomasi Yes

Unanimous to elect M. Tomasi as Vice Chair.

Chair Oliphant called for nominations for Secretary.

**Motion by:** M. Tomasi

to nominate J. Morozowich for Secretary.

**Second by:** R. Gignac

**Vote: By roll call:**

- a. Donna Antonacci, Yes
- b. Marguerite Gignac Yes
- c. Rosemary Gignac Yes
- d. Suesen Hickey Yes
- e. Alexander Oliphant Yes
- f. Jessica Morozowich Yes
- g. Mary Tomasi Yes

Unanimous to elect J. Morozowich as Vice Chair.

Chair Oliphant appointed members to subcommittees:

**Personnel Committee:**

Chair: Mary Tomasi

Member: Rosemary Gignac

Member: Sue Hickey

**Policy Committee:**

Chair: Donna Antonacci

Member: Margo Gignac

Member: Mary Tomasi

**Budget Committee:**

Chair: Jessica Morozowich

Member: Margo Gignac  
Member: Donna Antonacci

**Ad-Hoc DEI Committee:**

Chair: Sue Hickey  
Member: Rosemary Gignac  
Member: Jessica Morozowich

**Curriculum Committee A (ELA):**

Member: Jessica Morozowich, Donna Antonacci, Rosemary Gignac

**Curriculum Committee B (Math/Science):**

Member: Sue Hickey, Mary Tomasi, Margo Gignac

Chair Oliphant Tomasi noted the new liaisons and members to the various boards and committees:

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Board of Selectmen:      | Donna Antonacci    |
| Board of Finance:        | Margo Gignac       |
| P&R Parent Commission:   | Rotating Members   |
| PTO Collaborative:       | Margo Gignac       |
| C3 Collaborative:        | Sue Hickey         |
| Commission on Aging:     | Mary Tomasi        |
| CORE Commission:         | Jessica Morozowich |
| Youth & Social Services: | Rosemary Gignac    |

3.2 New Board Member Orientation

The superintendent, principals and directors provided a brief overview of their departments' functions and their job responsibilities.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

4.1 Public Comment - None

5. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Oliphant adjourned the meeting at 6:59PM.