

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING
HELD AT DODD MIDDLE SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 13, 2021 AT 7:15 PM**

Board Members Present: Anthony Perugini-Chair; Adam Grippo-Vice Chair; Faith Ham, Anne Harrigan, Andrew Martelli, Timothy White

Board Members Absent: Kathryn Hallen-Secretary

Administrators Present: Jeffrey F. Solan, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools; Marlene Silano, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Vincent Masciana, Chief Operating Officer

Public access made available through live streaming the Cheshire Public School's YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/cheshirepublicschools. Public comments were accepted at CPSCovid19@cheshire.k12.ct.us.

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:15 P.M.

- A. Roll for Quorum. The roll was called and a quorum determined.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
Mr. Perugini led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. AUDIENCE

None.

3. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. PERSONNEL

I. Appointment of Family and Community Engagement Coordinator

MOTION by Mr. White and seconded by Ms. Harrigan.

MOVED that the Cheshire Board of Education appoint Ryan J. Murphy to the position of Family and Community Engagement Coordinator, effective November 15, 2021. Further, that Ryan J. Murphy be compensated in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement between the Board and the Cheshire Administrative Personnel.

Discussion:

Mr. White explained that Mr. Murphy will be taking on the responsibilities of the Director of Adult Education and School and Business Community Coordinator, Kelly Lenz, who recently retired.

Dr. Solan added that, as the Family and Community Engagement Coordinator, Mr. Murphy will serve as the Director of Adult Education and Summer School, as well as, serve as the liaison to English Learners and their families and students and families who participate in the Open Choice program.

He reported that Mr. Murphy began his college education at Quinnipiac University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing and Advertising. After working in the corporate environment for several years, Mr. Murphy embarked on a new path in Education, where he earned his Master's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of New Haven and subsequently his Sixth Year Degree in Educational Leadership from Southern Connecticut State University.

Mr. Murphy taught Kindergarten through 6th Grade in Bethany and East Hartford Public Schools. During that time, he took on a range of responsibilities outside of the classroom, such as District Science Liaison, Grade Level Facilitator, TEAM mentor, PBIS Coach and Coordinator of Summer Programs, to name a few. In addition, he was a member of the district's LEAP Team promoting positive relationships with families and conducting home visits.

Mr. Perugini noted that the Board and Administration have been discussing this position for a number of months. Mr. White noted that this is a ceremonial vote, as the Superintendent is responsible for the hiring and firing of staff. Members of the Board welcomed Mr. Murphy.

VOTE: The Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. White, and seconded by Mr. Grippo, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Perugini, Board Chair

Attest:

Carol K. Jesensky, Board of Education Clerk

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