

**MINUTES OF CHESHIRE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SHOWCASE MEETING
HELD AT HIGHLAND SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 2, 2023 AT 7:30 PM**

Board Members Present: Anthony Perugini-Chair; Adam Grippo-Vice Chair; Anne Harrigan-Secretary; Faith Ham, Samantha Rosenberg, Timothy White

Board Members Absent: Andrew Martelli

Administrators Present: Jeffrey F. Solan, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools; Vincent Masciana, Chief Operating Officer, Marlene Silano, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Robin-Anne Carey, Director, Pupil Personnel Services; Mary Jocelyn-Gadd, Principal, Cheshire High School; Kristin Pelz, Assistant Principal, Cheshire High School; Maureen Reed, Ed.D., Assistant Principal, Cheshire High School; Daniel Tartarelli, Assistant Principal-Cheshire High School; Kelly Grippo, Principal, Dodd Middle School; Ryan Murphy, Assistant Principal-Dodd Middle School; Diana Burns, Principal-Chapman Elementary School; Katharine Carlucci, Assistant Principal-Chapman & Norton Elementary Schools; Kimberly Dessert, Principal-Darcey School; Amy O'Brien-Principal, Doolittle School; Kristin Lopa, Assistant Principal, Doolittle School; Jodie Roden, Principal-Norton School; Scott Jeffrey-Principal, Highland Elementary School; Erica Bordonaro, Assistant Principal-Highland Elementary School; Kevin Hanlon, K-8 Curriculum Coordinator; Christina Sherwood, Supervisor of Elementary Special Education; Marie Broadway, Supervisor of Secondary Special Education; Mike Woods, Community Engagement Coordinator.

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:30 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. PRESENTATIONS

The elementary school administrators, along with Norton teacher, Fran Hauser and K-6 math coach, Jessica Atnes shared a presentation highlighting professional learning and instructional shifts that are occurring in all of the Cheshire Public Schools elementary schools. They are using Building Thinking Classrooms by Peter Liljedahl as the springboard to their work in providing High Quality Instruction. The group spotlighted some of the key strategies from the research that lead to complex thinking and student engagement in mathematics and other subject areas. Board members joined in on an

exercise working as a group, using vertical white boards to solve a math problem. Dr. Solan and Ms. Silano noted how these strategies are used in the upper grades also and they will showcase these strategies throughout this year. Dr. Solan also noted that this practice is the embodiment of our practice of social emotional learning and complex thinking.

Mr. Perugini thanked the administrators for their presentation.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Ms. Harrigan, and seconded by Ms. Ham, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Perugini, Board Chair

Attest:

Carol K. Jesensky, Board of Education Clerk

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