



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

New Britain Board of Education Special Meeting

October 23, 2019 – 6:00 PM | New Britain Educational Administration Center

Call to Order

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Mr. Nicholas Mercier, School Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Board Members Present

Ms. Catherine Cheney, Dr. Violet Jimenez Sims, Mr. Nicholas Mercier, Ms. Annie Parker, Ms. Gayle Sanders-Connolly

New Business

Grievances Submitted by Local 2407 Union Members (The New Britain Federation of Paraeducators, AFT-CT, AFL-CIO)

Mr. Bob Cerritelli, AFT-CT Field Representative, presented a grievance related to discipline of a paraeducator at Roosevelt Early Learning Center.

Ms. Theresa Staranchak, Local 2407 Union President, presented a grievance related to the awarding of a paraeducator inclusion position at Vance Elementary School.

Closed Session

Board Attorney, Mr. Kevin Roy, recommended the committee go into closed session for deliberation at 6:52 PM. Superintendent Sarra was invited into closed session.

Continuation of Meeting

The meeting resumed in open session at 7:35 PM.

Ms. Sanders-Connolly motioned to deny both grievances submitted by Local 2407 Union members, seconded by Ms. Cheney. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that Grievance Hearings for Local 871 union members would be rescheduled due to absence of union representatives and grievants.

Closing and Adjournment

Dr. Jimenez Sims motioned to adjourn at 7:36 PM, seconded by Ms. Cheney. Motion carried unanimously.

New Britain Board of Education

Nicole Rodriguez - President | Nicholas Mercier – Vice President | Gayle Sanders-Connolly - Secretary
Catherine Cheney | Merrill Gay | Annie S. Parker | Nancy Rodriguez | James Sanders Jr. | Violet Jiménez Sims