



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

New Britain Board of Education Special Meeting

February 12, 2020 – 6:30 PM | New Britain Educational Administration Center

Call to Order and Roll Call

Call to Order

Mr. Merrill Gay, President of the New Britain Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

Board Members Present

Mr. Anthony Kane, Ms. Diane Leja, Mr. Nicholas Mercier, Ms. Annie Parker, Ms. Diana Reyes, Ms. Gayle Sanders-Connolly, Dr. Violet Jiménez Sims

Board Members Absent

Ms. Nancy Rodriguez

New Business

Preschool Update

Superintendent Sarra, Mr. Raymond Moore, Director of Facilities Management, and Ms. Maegan Adams, School Readiness Liaison, spoke to board members about a proposal to build a Preschool Center at Chamberlain Elementary School to house the 350 preschool students currently attending Roosevelt Early Learning Center. Superintendent Sarra added that she is also working toward a possible partnership with CCSU to create another Preschool Center to house additional preschool students from the district. The construction of a Preschool Center at Chamberlain Elementary School would be beneficial to the preschoolers and could also potentially open up classroom space at the Roosevelt Campus for the creation of an alternative high school setting. The original resolution for renovation of Chamberlain Elementary School will need to be amended by the Mayor of the City of New Britain and members of the Common Council to include the additional work associated with the creation of this Preschool Center.

Ms. Sanders-Connolly motioned to grant permission for Superintendent Sarra to move forward with requesting additional funds for the expansion/renovation of Chamberlain Elementary School to include the creation of a Preschool Center, seconded by Dr. Violet Jimenez Sims. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Mr. Mercier motioned to go into executive session at 7:19 PM to discuss item 2B (Pending Personnel Matters), seconded by Mr. Kane. Superintendent Sarra, Mr. Kevin Kane, Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. Michael Foran, Assistant Superintendent, were invited into executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Closing and Adjournment

Mr. Mercier motioned to adjourn at 8:20 PM, seconded by Mr. Kane.

New Britain Board of Education

Merrill Gay – President | Nicholas Mercier – Vice President | Violet Jiménez Sims – Secretary

Monica Dawkins | Anthony Kane | Diane Leja | Annie S. Parker | Diana Reyes | Nancy Rodriguez | Gayle Sanders-Connolly