



**AVON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**AVON HIGH SCHOOL
Avon Community Room
Tuesday, December 12, 2017—7:30 p.m.**

Attendance

Members Present: Ken Birk; Jackie Blea; Deb Chute; Jason Indomenio; Houston Putnam Lowry; Peggy Roell; Jay Spivak; Laura Young (7:41 pm); Kathy Zirolli

Member(s) Absent: none

Administration Present: Heather Michaud, Director of Fiscal Affairs; Dr. Kimberly Mearman, Director of Pupil Services; Dr. Donna Nestler-Rusack, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Interim Superintendent

I. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Houston Putnam Lowry at 7:30 pm.

II. **Discussion and Possible Action on the Election of a Superintendent of Schools**

Chair Lowry explained the Board of Education established a superintendent search committee that consisted of the nine standing Board members along with the three newly elected Board members, David Cavanaugh, Jeffrey S. Fleischman and Bogdan Oprica as well as the Interim Superintendent, Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, as an adjunct member of the committee to assist in the process. The committee reviewed 25 candidates and after interviews, unanimously selected one candidate.

The Chair introduced Dr. Bridget Heston Carnemolla.

At 7:35 pm Ms. Zirolli moved and seconded by Ms. Chute the following:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-157, hereby elects Bridget Heston Carnemolla to serve as the Superintendent for the Avon Public Schools commencing March 6, 2018, pending the successful resolution of contract terms, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board Chair be authorized to execute the employment contract on behalf of the Board with respect to Bridget Heston Carnemolla's employment as Superintendent of Schools.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education terminates the search process for Superintendent of Schools and dismisses the Superintendent Search Committee.

Favor to approve the motion: Birk, Blea, Chute, Indomenico, Lowry, Roell, Spivak and Zirolli

Not in favor: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried: 8:0:0

Board members individually welcomed and congratulated Dr. Carnemolla and expressed their overwhelming support.

Board members also thanked search consultant, Dr. Joe Erardi for leading the successful nationwide search.

Dr. Carnemolla spoke of her excitement of the Board's offer to have her and the work she will do in the Avon schools. She also thanked the Board members for the honor of their decision to appoint her as the Superintendent of Schools and is appreciative of the trust given to her to lead the district. She also thanked Dr. Erardi for leading the comprehensive search as well as her family for their encouragement and support.

Dr. Carnemolla stated that Avon's mission to inspire in each student a joy and passion for learning and a commitment to excellence, personal integrity and social responsibility is precisely what drives her throughout her career as an educator. She is grateful to know she can continue to do what she loves in Avon. As an exemplary school system, Dr. Carnemolla feels she must lead with excellence and dedication in all she does and is eager to collaborate with and support the faculty and the leadership team in doing all that can be done to support the children and families of Avon.

III. Adjournment

The Board adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:44 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Shirley Moy, Board Recording Secretary
Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Zirolli, Board Secretary

Katharine F. Zirolli

December 15, 2017