

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GREENWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION

TIME: November 19, 2002, 8:00 a.m.

PLACE: Board Room, Havemeyer Building

PRESENT:

Board: Mrs. Sandra N. Waters, Chairman
Mrs. Susan M. Anderson, Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Colleen Giambo, Secretary
Mr. J. Robert Carey
Ms. Virginia Gwynn
Mr. William G. Kelly
Mr. Steven H. LoParco
Mr. Paul Toretta

Administration:

Dr. Maria Melendez, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. John Curtin, Program Coordinator, Research & Evaluation
Mrs. Mary P. Forde, Director, Pupil Personnel Services
Mr. Frederick Baker, Director of Operations
Mr. John Spang, Assistant Director, Business
And others

Other: Ms. Dema Joseph, WGCH; Mr. Ivan Golden, Greenwich Time;
Mr. Ken Borsuk, Greenwich News and others

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Waters, Chairman, at 8:00 a.m.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Anderson to
move into Executive Session.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed **MOTION CARRIED**

The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:02 a.m.

The Board moved back into Public Session at 8:25 a.m.

Mrs. Waters read a statement indicating to the members of the audience that Dr. Herbert F. Pandiscio has resigned, effective today, as both Interim Superintendent of Schools and as Lead Search Consultant for the search for the new Superintendent of Schools. The reason cited by Dr. Pandiscio for his resignation is the extensive toll that traveling to Greenwich from his home in Avon was taking and his inability to continue making the grueling drive on the Merritt Parkway every day. He thanked

the Board members for their support during the time he was Interim Superintendent and Search Consultant.

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Gwynn (1) to accept the resignation of Dr. Herbert F. Pandiscio, as Interim Superintendent of Schools and from Dr. Herbert F. Pandiscio, acting as President of Herbert William Consulting, Inc. as the Search Consultant, and (2) to accept the recommendations of the Chairman of the Board's Negotiations Committee to waive the thirty day advance notice provision of Dr. Pandiscio's contract as Interim Superintendent of Schools and to compensate Herbert William Consulting, Inc. for the search effort, according to the terms of the contract, upon completion of the search.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

Connecticut law dictates that a school system cannot operate without a Superintendent in place to provide leadership to the district.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mrs. Anderson to appoint Dr. Maria M. Melendez as Interim Superintendent of Schools, effective Immediately.

Mrs. Anderson read a prepared speech to the member of the audience praising Dr. Melendez and indicating the confidence that the Board has in her to provide leadership to the District.

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

Mrs. Waters advised the audience that Mrs. Anderson, Vice-Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Search Committee would be making a recommendation to the Board regarding how best to continue the search process at its November 21st Regular Board Meeting.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. LoParco to adjourn .

VOTE: 8 in favor, none opposed MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Giambo
Secretary