

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
UTICA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
HEARING PURSUANT TO EDUCATION LAW SECTION 281
PUBLIC HEARING – TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
Administration Building – 929 York Street – Kernan School**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Louis D. LaPolla, Presiding; Robert Cardillo, Don Dawes,
Joseph Hobika, Jr., Christopher Salatino

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Anthony LaPolla – Excused Absence
Danielle Padula – Excused Absence

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Bruce Karam, Don Gerace, Esq., Steve Falchi, Kathy Hughes,
Michele LaGase, Teresa Mathews

President LaPolla called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Board Clerk Kathy Hughes conducted Roll Call. All members of the Board of Education with the exception of Mr. Anthony LaPolla and Mrs. Padula were present.

Presentations and Public Hearings

Utica City School District 2022-2023 Budget Hearing – Michele Albanese, School Business Official

Miss Albanese presented the 2022-2023 Budget Hearing presentation.

Questions from the Board Members:

(None)

Utica City School District 2022-2023 Contract for Excellence Hearing – Michele Albanese, School Business Official

Miss Albanese presented the 2022-2023 Contract for Excellence Hearing presentation.

Questions from the Board Members:

(None)

Utica City School District-Wide Safety Plan 2022-2023 – Steve Falchi, Administrative Director of Curriculum & Instruction K-12

Mr. Falchi presented the Utica City School District-Wide Safety Plan 2022-2023 presentation.

Questions from the Board Members:

(None)

Mr. Dawes commented, "This is Teacher Appreciation Week and I just want to say, I speak for myself but I'm sure I speak for the Board when I say we appreciate our teachers as much or more as most Boards in the state because they are the backbone of the school. We know our schools are a tough place to be. Hopefully we are going to fill all the positions and come to a contract and work things out. We usually do. I just wanted to say thanks.

Mr. Salatino: Well said Don.

Mr. Cardillo: Ditto.

Mr. Dawes made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing; seconded by Mr. Cardillo.

There being no further discussion; the Public Hearing adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully transcribed and submitted:

DEBORAH VENNERO
Board Recorder