

**ACTION REPORT OF THE
WORKING MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Stamford, Connecticut
February 9, 2010**

The Working Meeting of the Board of Education was held on January 12, 2010 at the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard. The meeting was called to order at 7:22 p.m. by Mrs. Heftman, President, with the following Board members present: Mrs. Heftman, Mr. King, Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak, Ms. Olson (arrived at 7:50 pm), Mr. Pia, Mr. Polo, Dr. Rauh, and Ms. Wade. Absent: Dr. Starr, Mayor Pavia and Mr. Limone. Also in attendance: Dr. Hamilton, Ms. Gagne, Ms. Karwan, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Siladi, Mr. DiBlasio, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Gross, Dr. Singer, representative from the SEA, representative from EASA, Advocate reporter, and 3 guests.

REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS/RESOLUTIONS

FISCAL

Resolution 02-23-10:187

Mr. King moved, seconded by Dr. Rauh:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accepts *The Purdue Pharma Education Grant in the amount of \$20,000* in order to improve student achievement and promote college access for students at WHS.

The resolution was passed with the following Committee members voting in favor: Mrs. Heftman, Mr. King, Mr. Pia, and Dr. Rauh.

Resolution 02-23-10:188

Dr. Rauh moved, seconded by Mr. King:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accepts the 2009-10 budget transfers per the document dated February 23, 2010.

The resolution was passed with the following Committee members voting in favor: Mrs. Heftman, Mr. King, and Mr. Pia. Opposed: Dr. Rauh.

Resolution 02-23-10:189

Mr. King moved, seconded by Dr. Rauh:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accepts the proposal from Hewlett Packard & Gersh Consulting Services for students diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Mrs. Heftman noted that the resolution was worded incorrectly since both vendors are not linked to Autism Spectrum Disorders. Mr. Murphy suggested changing it to read “to accept purchases of over \$100,000” and could be combined with Resolution 02-23-10:190. Mr. Murphy then realized that this would not work since one item is for the 2009-10 school year and the other is for 2010-2011 school year.

Mrs. Heftman moved, seconded by Mr. King to amend the resolution as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the above purchases of over \$100,000 for purchases for 2010-2011.

Dr. Rauh stated that she did not think we could do a resolution for purchase for 2010-2011 when we don’t have a budget for that year. Mrs. Heftman stated that this just accepts the proposal from the vendors.

Mr. Pia suggested that Mr. Murphy and Mr. Gross discuss this further and rewrite the resolution and we will return to this resolution.

Mrs. Heftman withdrew her motion to amend the resolution.

Resolution 02-23-10:190

Mr. King moved, seconded by Dr. Rauh:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the above purchases of over \$100,000.

The resolution was passed with the following Committee members voting in favor: Mrs. Heftman, Mr. King, Mr. Pia, and Dr. Rauh.

Mrs. Heftman moved, seconded by Mr. King to amend the agenda to include Resolutions 02-23-10:190A, 190B, and 190C.

The motion passed with the following Committee members voting in favor: Mrs. Heftman, Mr. King, Mr. Pia, and Dr. Rauh.

Resolution 02-23-10:190A

Mr. King moved, seconded by Dr. Rauh:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accepts The After School Grant in the amount of \$240,000 for a 2 year period in order to extend and strengthen academic/educational enrichment, recreational activities and family/community engagement for improved student learning. The program targets Latino students and their families at Stamford and Westhill High Schools.

The resolution was passed with the following Committee members voting in favor: Mrs. Heftman, Mr. King, Mr. Pia, and Dr. Rauh.

Ms. Olson arrived at 7:50 pm.

Resolution 02-23-10:190B

Dr. Rauh moved, seconded by Mr. King:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accepts The 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant in the amount of \$850,000.00 for a 5 year period in order to extend and strengthen focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development, as well as community engagement. The program targets 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and their families at Dolan Middle School.

The resolution was passed with the following Committee members voting in favor: Mrs. Heftman, Mr. King, Mr. Pia, and Dr. Rauh.

Resolution 02-23-10:190C

Dr. Rauh moved, seconded by Mr. King:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accepts Learn and Serve America K-12 School Based Program Grant in the amount of \$32,000 in order to support school-based service-learning initiatives that will increase social and academic learning. The program targets Alternate Route to Success Program (ARTS) students.

The resolution was passed with the following Committee members voting in favor: Mrs. Heftman, Mr. King, Mr. Pia, and Dr. Rauh.

The Committee returned to Resolution 02-23-10:189 to amend the wording.

Mr. King moved, seconded by Dr. Rauh to amend Resolution 02-23-10:189 as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the above purchases of over \$100,000 for the 2010-2011 fiscal year contingent upon funding.

The amended resolution was passed with the following Committee members voting in favor: Mrs. Heftman, Mr. King, Mr. Pia, and Dr. Rauh.

POLICY

Resolution 02-23-10:191

Mr. Pia moved, seconded by Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves Policy 5131.911 Bullying Policy, 2nd vote.

Mrs. Heftman asked for a motion to table Resolution 02-23-10:191 and Resolution 02-23-10:192.

Mr. Pia moved, seconded by Mr. Polo to table Resolution 02-23-10:191 and Resolution 02-23-10:192.

The motion was passed with the following Board members voting in favor: Mrs. Heftman, Mr. King, Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak, Ms. Olson, Mr. Pia, Mr. Polo, Dr. Rauh, and Ms. Wade.

Resolution 02-23-10:192

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves Policy 6121, Curriculum Management, Design and Delivery, 2nd vote.

Resolution 02-23-10:193

Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Polo:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the Online Course Policy for Stamford Public Schools, 1st Vote.

Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak noted that only a statement was attached to the resolution and the actual policy would be needed in order to vote and asked for a motion to table this resolution.

Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak moved, seconded by Mr. Pia to table Resolution 02-23-10:194.

The motion was passed with the following Board members voting in favor: Mrs. Heftman, Mr. King, Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak, Ms. Olson, Mr. Pia, Mr. Polo, Dr. Rauh, and Ms. Wade.

Resolution 02-23-10:194

Mrs. Heftman moved, seconded by Mr. King:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the attached Revised Board Regular meeting dates for January through December 2010.

Ms. Olson asked that the November 2, 2010 meeting be moved to Thursday, November 4, 2010 due to the fact that November 2nd is Election Day. The change was noted. Ms. Wade also asked that it be noted on the document which committees are meeting on the 1st Tuesday and which committees are meeting on the 2nd Tuesday.

The resolution was passed with the following Board members voting in favor: Mrs. Heftman, Mr. King, Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak, Ms. Olson, Mr. Pia, Mr. Polo, Dr. Rauh, and Ms. Wade.

Ms. Olson moved, seconded by Mr. Polo to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m. with the following Board members voting in favor: Mrs. Heftman, Mr. King, Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak, Ms. Olson, Mr. Pia, Mr. Polo, Dr. Rauh, and Ms. Wade.

Dr. Joshua P. Starr
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