

**ACTION REPORT OF THE
WORKING MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Stamford, Connecticut
February 10, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on February 10, 2009 at the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Ms. Nabel, President, with the following Board members present: Ms. Heftman, Mr. King, Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak (7:20 pm), Ms. Lorenti, Mayor Malloy (8:45 pm), Mr. Mathews, Ms. Nabel, Mr. Polo, Mr. Rubino, and Ms. Wade. Also in attendance: Dr. Starr, Dr. Hamilton, Mr. Dunn (8:50 pm), Ms. Swerdlick, Dr. Nicholson, Ms. Karwan, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Thessin, Ms. Arnold (7:45 pm), representatives from the Advocate and Stamford Times, and approximately 30 guests.

REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS/RESOLUTIONS

CURRICULUM

Resolution 02-24-09:74

Ms. Lorenti moved, seconded by Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the School Improvement Plans for the schools identified as In Need of Improvement (Davenport, Hart, K.T. Murphy, Newfield, Northeast, Rogers, Roxbury, Springdale, Stark, Stillmeadow, Cloonan, Dolan, Rippowam, Turn of River, Stamford High, and Westhill).

The resolution was passed with the following Committee members voting in favor: Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak, Ms. Lorenti, Mr. Mathews, Ms. Nabel, and Ms. Wade.

FACILITIES

Resolution 02-24-09:75

Mr. Mathews moved, seconded by Mr. King:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve completion of School Construction State Project #135-0203 A/CV Rippowam Center Renovation.

The resolution was passed with the following Committee members voting in favor: Mr. King, Ms. Lorenti, Mr. Mathews, Ms. Nabel, and Mr. Polo.

Resolution 02-24-09:76

Mr. Mathews moved, seconded by Ms. Lorenti:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve completion of School Construction State Project #135-0219 VA/N Westhill High School Vo-Ag Center.

The resolution was passed with the following Committee members voting in favor: Mr. King, Ms. Lorenti, Mr. Mathews, Ms. Nabel, and Mr. Polo.

FISCAL

Mr. Rubino left the meeting.

Ms. Heftman asked for a motion to table Resolution 02-12-09:81.

Mr. King moved, seconded by Ms. Nabel to table Resolution 02-12-09:81.

The motion was passed with the following Committee members voting in favor: Ms. Heftman, Mr. King, Mr. Mathews, and Ms. Nabel. Absent: Mr. Rubino.

Resolution 02-12-09:81

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the 2009-2010 Operating Budget as outlined in the budget documents in the amount of \$228,606,204 (4.57%) and 1958.4 positions.

Resolution 02-12-09:82

Ms. Heftman moved, seconded by Mr. Mathews:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the 2009-2010 Grant Budget in the amount of \$20,531,082 and 154.6 positions as outlined in the 2009-2010 Superintendent's Budget request allowing the Superintendent to apply for, accept funding, and administer all the itemized grants on the attached list.

The resolution was passed with the following Committee members voting in favor: Ms. Heftman, Mr. King, Mr. Mathews, and Ms. Nabel. Absent: Mr. Rubino.

Mr. Rubino returned to the meeting.

Ms. Heftman asked for a motion to table Resolution 02-12-09:83.

Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Mathews to table Resolution 02-12-09:83.

The motion was passed with the following Committee members voting in favor: Ms. Heftman, Mr. King, Mr. Mathews, Ms. Nabel, and Mr. Rubino.

Resolution 02-12-09:83

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the 2010-2011 Operating Budget in the amount of \$240,393,192 (5.16%) and the 2011-2012 Operating Budget in the amount of \$252,647,963 (5.10%)

LABOR RELATIONS

Resolution 02-24-09:77

Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak moved, seconded by Ms. Lorenti:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the filling of 1 Special Education Assistant at Springdale effective February 25, 2009.

The resolution was passed with the following Committee members voting in favor: Ms. Heftman, Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak, Ms. Lorenti, Ms. Nabel, and Mr. Rubino.

Resolution 02-24-09:78

Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak moved, seconded by Ms. Nabel:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve an extended childcare leave for the 2009-2010 school year for the following teachers: Sarah Martino and Cara Gregorio Reilly.

The resolution was passed with the following Committee members voting in favor: Ms. Heftman, Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak, Ms. Lorenti, Ms. Nabel, and Mr. Rubino.

Resolution 02-24-09:79

Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak moved, seconded by Ms. Nabel:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Milton Thomas as the Independent Hearing Officer to preside over formal hearings governing school accommodations and student disciplinary matters conducted in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Sections 10-186 and 10-233, respectively, which hearings shall also be conducted pursuant to the accompanying policies and regulations promulgated by the Stamford Public Schools. As the appointed Independent Hearing Officer for such matters, the duties of said Hearing Officer shall include presiding over formal hearings for student expulsions and school accommodations, including residency and transportation hearings. Said appointment shall be effectively immediately and shall continue through the June 30, 2010.

Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak asked that the last line read "Said appointment shall be effective immediately and shall continue through June 30, 2010."

The resolution was passed with the following Committee members voting in favor: Ms. Heftman, Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak, Ms. Lorenti, Ms. Nabel, and Mr. Rubino.

POLICY

Ms. Nabel asked for a motion to table Resolution 02-24-09:80.

Ms. Lorenti moved, seconded by Ms. Wade to table resolution 02-24-09:80.

Resolution 02-24-09:80

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the proposed 2009-2010 school year calendar.

The motion was passed with the following Board members voting in favor: Ms. Heftman, Mr. King, Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak, Ms. Lorenti, Mr. Mathews, Ms. Nabel, Mr. Polo, Mr. Rubino, and Ms. Wade.

Mr. Rubino moved, seconded by Ms. Lorenti to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. with the following Board members voting in favor: Mr. King, Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak, Ms. Lorenti, Mr. Mathews, Ms. Nabel, Mr. Polo, Mr. Rubino, and Ms. Wade.

Dr. Joshua P. Starr
Superintendent of Schools
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