

**ACTION REPORT OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Stamford, Connecticut
February 24, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on February 24, 2009 at the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Ms. Nabel, President, with the following Board members present: Mr. King, Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak (arrived at 7:25 pm), Ms. Lorenti, Mr. Mathews, Ms. Nabel, Mr. Polo, Mr. Rubino, and Ms. Wade. Absent: Mayor Malloy and Ms. Heftman. Also in attendance: Dr. Starr, Dr. Hamilton, Mr. Dunn, Dr. Nicholson, Ms. Swerdlick, Ms. Gagne, Ms. Karwan, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Hanna, Mr. Meyer, Ms. Arnold, Mr. Barbarotta, Mr. DiBlasio, State of Connecticut Representatives Pat Proctor, Nancy Capello, Tony Gasper, Bob Pittaco, Deb Richards, and Susan Kennedy, Representatives from the Advocate and Stamford Times, and approximately 45 guests.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Ms. Lorenti moved, seconded by Mr. Rubino,
to accept the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting –
January 23, 2009 – pp. 155.

The minutes were accepted with the following Board members voting in favor:
Mr. King, Ms. Lorenti, Mr. Mathews, Ms. Nabel, Mr. Polo, Mr. Rubino, and Ms.
Wade.

Mr. King moved, seconded by Ms. Lorenti,
to accept the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting –
January 24, 2009 – pp. 156.

The minutes were accepted with the following Board members voting in favor:
Mr. King, Ms. Lorenti, Mr. Mathews, Ms. Nabel, Mr. Polo, Mr. Rubino, and Ms.
Wade.

Ms. Lorenti moved, seconded by Ms. Wade,
to accept the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting –
January 27, 2009 – pp. 157 - 171.

The minutes were accepted with the following Board members voting in favor: Mr. King, Ms. Lorenti, Mr. Mathews, Ms. Nabel, Mr. Polo, Mr. Rubino, and Ms. Wade.

Mr. Mathews moved, seconded by Ms. Wade,
to accept the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting –
February 5, 2009 – pp. 172 - 173.

The minutes were accepted with the following Board members voting in favor: Mr. King, Ms. Lorenti, Mr. Mathews, Ms. Nabel, Mr. Polo, Mr. Rubino, and Ms. Wade.

REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS/RESOLUTIONS

CURRICULUM

Resolution 02-24-09:74

Ms. Lorenti moved, seconded by Mr. Mathews:

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 Board members voting in favor: Mr. King, Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak, Ms. Lorenti, Mr. Mathews, Ms. Nabel, Mr. Polo, Mr. Rubino, and Ms. Wade.

FACILITIES

Resolution 02-24-09:75

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 #135-0203 A/CV Rippowam Center Renovation.

The resolution was passed 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.

Resolution 02-24-09:76

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 #135-0219 VA/N Westhill High School Vo-Ag Center.

The resolution was passed 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.

LABOR RELATIONS

Mr. King left the meeting.

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 Board members voting in favor: Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak, Ms. Lorenti, Mr. Mathews, Ms. Nabel, Mr. Polo, Mr. Rubino, and Ms. Wade.

Mr. King returned to the meeting.

Resolution 02-24-09:78

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 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 Board members voting in favor: Mr. King, Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak, Ms. Lorenti, Mr. Mathews, Ms. Nabel, Mr. Polo, Mr. Rubino, and Ms. Wade.

Resolution 02-24-09:79

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

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 effective immediately and shall continue through June 30, 2010.

The resolution was passed 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.

POLICY

Resolution 02-24-09:80

Ms. Lorenti moved, seconded by Mr. Mathews:

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

Ms. Lorenti moved, seconded by Ms. Wade to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 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
Executive Office