

**ACTION REPORT OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Stamford, Connecticut  
January 13, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on January 13, 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: Ms. Heftman, Mr. King, Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak, Ms. Lorenti, Mayor Malloy, Mr. Mathews, Ms. Nabel, Mr. Polo, Mr. Rubino, and Ms. Wade. Also in attendance: Dr. Starr, Dr. Hamilton, Mr. Dunn, Dr. Nicholson, Ms. Swerdlick, Ms. Gagne, Ms. Karwan, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Barbarotta, Mr. DiBlasio, Mr. Casolo, Mr. Tramontozzi, representatives from the Advocate and Stamford Times, and approximately 45 guests.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Ms. Lorenti moved, seconded by Mr. King, to accept the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting – December 16, 2008 – pp. 141 - 142.

The minutes were accepted 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.

**REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS/RESOLUTIONS**

Ms. Nabel asked for a motion to move the Facilities agenda out of order.

Ms. Lorenti moved, seconded by Ms. Wade to move the Facilities agenda out of order.

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.

## **CURRICULUM**

### **Resolution 01-13-09:63**

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 Trip Request to Ghana and Egypt in Africa from July 6, 2009 to July 18, 2009 by the Rites of Passage students.

Ms. Heftman moved, seconded by Mr. Rubino to table Resolution 01-13-09:63.

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

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. Abstained: Ms. Heftman

### **Resolution 01-13-09:64**

Ms. Lorenti moved, seconded by Mr. King:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the School Trip Request to Spain July 2, 2009-July 18, 2009, by students from Stamford High School.

Ms. Heftman moved, seconded by Mr. Rubino to table Resolution 01-13-09:64.

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

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. Abstained: Ms. Heftman

## **FISCAL**

### **Resolution 01-13-09:65**

Ms. Heftman moved, seconded by Ms. Lorenti:

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

Ms. Heftman moved, seconded by Ms. Wade to table Resolution 01-13-09:65 to the January 27, 2009 Regular Board meeting.

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

## **LABOR RELATIONS**

Ms. Nabel indicated that the Board would need to go into Executive Session to discuss Resolution 01-13-09:66 and made the following motion.

Ms. Nabel moved, seconded by Mr. Mathews to go into Executive Session at 9:15 pm to discuss Resolution 01-13-09:66.

The motion 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.

Ms. Lorenti moved, seconded by Mr. King to go out of Executive Session at 9:27 pm.

The motion 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.

### **Resolution 01-13-09:66**

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 contract between the Stamford Administrative Unit and the Stamford Board of Education period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011.

The resolution 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.

**Resolution 01-13-09:67**

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

**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 Dolan effective January 14, 2009.

The resolution 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.

**Resolution 01-13-09:68**

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 2008-2009 school year for the following teacher: Megan Malay.

The resolution 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. Mathews moved, seconded by Ms. Heftman to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m. 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.

Dr. Joshua P. Starr  
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