

**ACTION REPORT OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Stamford, Connecticut
February 12, 2009**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was held on February 12, 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, Mr. Mathews, Ms. Nabel, Mr. Polo, Mr. Rubino, and Ms. Wade. Absent: Mayor Malloy. Also in attendance: Dr. Starr, Dr. Hamilton, Mr. Dunn, Dr. Nicholson, Ms. Karwan, Mr. Murphy, representatives from News 12, Stamford Times, Stamford Advocate, and approximately 45 guests.

Salute to the flag.

Resolution 02-12-09:81

Ms. Heftman moved, seconded by Mr. Polo:

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.

Ms. Heftman moved, seconded by Mr. Rubino to amend the resolution to reduce the amount to \$226,810,146 (3.75%) and 1948.4 positions.

The amendment 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 reduce \$25,000 from Program 33/39 which specifically would reduce the amount allocated for the Assistant Transportation Director and return it to an Office Support Specialist position.

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

Mr. Rubino moved, seconded by Mr. Mathews to reduce Program 39-Line 510 for Pupil Transportation in the amount of \$240,000 which is the cost of three buses.

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

Mr. Rubino moved, seconded by Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak to cut \$122,000 from Program 32 in order to combine the positions of Director of ESL and Director of Bilingual Education.

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

Mr. Rubino moved, seconded by Mr. Mathews to cut \$90,000 to combine the positions of Curriculum Associate for Elementary Math and Curriculum Associate for Secondary Math.

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

The amended 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 02-12-09:82

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

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.

Ms. Heftman moved, seconded by Ms. Lorenti to amend the resolution to increase the amount to \$20,831,082 and 164.6 positions.

The amendment 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

The amended 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 02-12-09:83

Ms. Heftman moved, seconded by Mr. King:

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 \$239,897,442 (5.77%) and the 2011-2012 Operating Budget in the amount of \$252,130,554 (5.10%).

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, and Ms. Wade. Opposed: Mr. Rubino.

Ms. Heftman moved, seconded by Mr. King, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 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.

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