

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Stamford, Connecticut  
February 5, 2008

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was held on February 5, 2008 at Cloonan Middle School, 11 West North Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Mr. Freedman, President with the following Board members present: Mr. Freedman, Ms. Lahiri-Hoherchak, Ms. Lorenti, Mr. Mathews, Ms. McManus, Ms. Nabel, Mr. Rubino, and Ms. Wade. Absent: Mr. King and Mayor Malloy. Also in attendance: Dr. Starr, Mr. Dunn, Dr. Hamilton, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Thessin, Ms. Karwan, Mr. Meyer, Ms. Arnold, and approximately 5 guests.

Superintendent Starr presented his proposed 2008-2009 Operating Budget. He began with the work that went into crafting the budget and the Stamford Public Schools goals that drive each item in the budget. He broke out programs that are increasing in the system and those that will be terminated since they are not showing the results expected.

Dr. Starr broke out the State & Federal mandates and the costs for the district. Student achievement was reviewed with an eye to most resources needed to raise achievement for all students at all levels.

The Superintendent then went into the specific breakdown in the budget. The floor was turned over to the Board Members to accept public comment. Five speakers urged the Board to include various items, but some commented only on redistricting.

Ms. McManus moved, seconded by Mr. Lorenti, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. with the following Board members voting in favor:

Joshua P. Starr, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools  
Executive Officer