

## **WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### *MINUTES ~ REGULAR MEETING*

Thursday, October 18, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Waterbury Arts Magnet School, 16 South Elm Street, Waterbury, Connecticut

**PRESENT:** President Stango, Commissioners Brown, D'Amelio, Harvey, Rodriguez, Sweeney, and Van Stone.

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Harkins, Hayes, and Morales.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Kathleen Ouellette, Chief Academic Officer Anne Marie Cullinan, Chief Operating Officer & Chief of Staff Paul Guidone, Attorney Maurice Mosley, and Education Liaison Mary Ann Marold.

#### **1. SILENT PRAYER**

President Stango called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. with a moment of silence.

#### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Dr. Ouellette led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### **3. ROLL CALL**

CLERK: Commissioner Brown.

BROWN: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner D'Amelio.

D'AMELIO: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Harkins (absent). Vice President Harvey.

HARVEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Hayes (absent). Commissioner Morales (absent).  
Commissioner Rodriguez.

RODRIGUEZ: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Sweeney.

SWEENEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Van Stone.

VAN STONE: Present.

CLERK: President Stango.

STANGO: Here.

#### **4. COMMUNICATIONS**

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, it was voted unanimously to receive and place on file the following communications:**

1. Copy of communication dated October 1, 2012 from Civil Service certifying Radames Acosta for the position of Maintainer I.
2. Copy of communication dated October 1, 2012 from Civil Service certifying Marie-Antoinette Broderick for the position of Paraprofessional.
3. Copy of communication dated October 11, 2012 from Civil Service certifying Georgann LeClerc for the position of Paraprofessional.
4. Civil Summons received October 12, 2012 regarding Jher'Quez Slater.

STANGO: Any discussion? All in favor, opposed, motion carries.

## **5. PUBLIC ADDRESSES THE BOARD**

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to suspend the regular order of business to allow the public to address the Board at 6:37 p.m.**

STANGO: Motion made and seconded. All speakers are encouraged to submit prepared written statements to the Commissioners. Comments shall be limited to a maximum of three minutes. There will be no responses this evening to any questions or concerns raised; they will be referred to the Administration for review and response.

**Geraldo Reyes, Jr., 30 Madison Street, had the following comments:** I come before the Board of Education tonight; I've made a promise to myself to make myself more visible on the education side. We've done a decent job on the Board of Aldermen and lately the topics that have been of interest to our community, and I shouldn't say lately, it's a bad choice of words, continuing topic of concern is education. And with that said, I'd like to read a statement that we wrote: Members of the Board of Education hold an immensely important role within the diverse Waterbury community. That is why we are so pleased with your appointment of Felix Rodriguez as its newest member. We need educated and informed members who are able to affect change and directly impact the people within the community they serve in a positive manner. We respectfully feel that the Hispanic community has been greatly underrepresented in this endeavor and, in some cases, it has been very, very lackadaisical. We all learn when we're growing up that silence is golden but this does not apply when you're supposed to be an active voice on a board that serves our community. The Hispanic voice has been silent until now. Mr. Rodriguez's appointment brings the volume up significantly and the educational needs of the Hispanic community within Waterbury. I'd like to welcome you to the Board of Education. I know you've been no stranger to public service and I'd like to extend my hand in anything that you guys need from me and Dr. Ouellette knows that. With that, I say thank you very much and have a good evening.

**Victor Cueves, 17 Keefe Street, had the following comments:** School districts are a vital part of the community and provide numerous intangibles that enhance community and educational experience for our children; that is why it is important to have active, informed, and articulate individuals on the Board of Education. Because of that, we applaud you for the appointment of Mr. Felix Rodriguez to the Waterbury Board of

Education. We feel the Hispanic community finally has true representation on the Board of Education. Mr. Rodriguez is immersed within the Hispanic community in Waterbury and recognizes the challenges needed and that we are faced with and is committed to delivering those much needed challenges. Before his appointment, this was not the case. There has been no one speaking specifically on behalf of the Hispanic community. Showing up to Board meetings is just not enough; an active participation is required. Thoughts, suggestions will be voiced now by Mr. Rodriguez and for the future needs of the greater Waterbury population, not just the Hispanic kids, but all kids in general. I want to thank the Board for appointing someone who has the willingness to reach out to the needs of the people and to bring it to the forefront here to your leaders on the Board of Education. Thank you very much.

**Abdalla Johnson, 50 Lounsbury Street, had the following comments:** I'd like to thank the Mayor and the Board of Ed. Creating and maintaining quality jobs are essential to creating and sustaining thriving communities and thriving communities begin with a quality educational system. That is why the appointment of Felix Rodriguez to the Waterbury Board of Education is a first step forward for the Hispanic community. While we recognize the contributions and efforts of the Board, we feel there has not been any active representation for the Hispanic community. Waterbury is a multi-cultural city with many diverse communities. A "one size fits all" agenda does not meet everyone's needs. We have needed a vested leader with the interests of the community. Mr. Rodriguez will not just show up for meetings, he is committed to insuring the future viability of the educational system within the Hispanic community. He will speak for us as a community. Thank you for his appointment.

**Wayne Simone, 158 Meriden Road, had the following comments:** I, too, am here in support of the appointment of Felix Rodriguez on the Board of Education. I've invested the past 25 years in many youth in the Waterbury area and running youth athletics in and around the Greater Waterbury area. We need an educational system that is reliable, fair, and proficient in ensuring growth for all students, including minority students. With your appointment of Felix Rodriguez to the Board of Education, a step forward has been taken for all students in Waterbury. Board of Education members are, obviously, a vital part in finding the solutions to the problems in our schools. It's important to appoint members not just to hold onto spots but they must be willing to fight on behalf of all students when gathering support for needed growth. More support will now be there with the appointment of Felix Rodriguez who will bring a lot of energy and passion to his newly appointed position. We welcome Mr. Rodriguez, not just for and from the Hispanic community, but from people of all parts of Waterbury. Our thanks Mr. Mayor for recognizing the diverse needs of Waterbury and the Hispanic community and minority students in general for the appointment of Mr. Felix Rodriguez.

**B. J. Rodriguez, 52 Ridge Street, had the following comments:** As a member of the Hispanic Community and a member of the Democratic Town Committee in the 75<sup>th</sup> District, I would also like to say a few words on the appointment of Mr. Felix Rodriguez, who I have had the pleasure of knowing for many years, to the Board of Education. Waterbury is a diverse community and it is imperative that the needs of all ethnic groups are not only acknowledged but listened to and acted upon when feasible. Because of the diversity within the Waterbury community, it is imperative that this same diversity be represented by the Board of Education. That is why we are thrilled with the appointment of Mr. Felix Rodriguez. With this appointment the immersing needs of the

Hispanic community will finally be heard. The appointment of Mr. Rodriguez represents a milestone for education within the Hispanic community. Due to the complexity of teaching and learning there can be no “one size fits all” system. Design and implementation must be done thoughtfully, and correctly, for student growth. With Mr. Rodriguez on board we believe that long overdue changes will finally become a reality. Thank you.

**Vinnie Piccochi, 66 Chipman Street, had the following comments:** I’m a resident of Town Plot and I come here to request that you reopen the Kennedy pool for the summer. Long ago, and I mean real long ago, I don’t want to insult Mr. Stango, but he may remember when Chase Park at the time had an outdoor pool just like Fulton Park has, Washington Park has and Hamilton Park has. But when they started to build Route 8 they destroyed that area and indicated to the people at the time that Kennedy High School will be the new cultural center, so to speak, of that area, that the pool would be open for the residents of that area, and the City, and even like hold basketball games that the Armory would no longer be able to hold due to the fact that the Vietnam War was becoming more popular, not popular, but. The pool, in fact, was opened to the public and it has been shut down for 15 years or better and nobody knows why. No explanation was given why it was shut down and I think you need to reopen it because this is the only area in Waterbury that’s Town Plot, Brooklyn, and Bunker Hill, that doesn’t have a public place within walking distance that they can go swimming to. And I believe that you need to put it in your budget to try to reopen the pool. And I know that, I read in the paper during the summer that if Lakewood Park Beach was going to have its problems with algae that the city was willing to open up Wilby School for swimming and still we can’t get Kennedy pool to be open for those people. I know that West Side could be an option but I believe they’re booked. They have learn how to swim programs, I don’t know if PAL still goes there, I know Chase Park House, they take their kids there, but after that it’s shut down, not open to the public. So I’m just asking you one more time please consider put it in the budget that we reopen Kennedy High School pool area so residents can go swimming. I appreciate it. Thank you very much.

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to return to the regular order of business at 6:48 p.m.**

STANGO: Motion made and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor, all opposed, motion passes unanimously.

## **6. SUPERINTENDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Dr. Ouellette read and distributed the following:*

Governor Malloy announced late yesterday that Waterbury is being awarded a 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) competitive grant for a 5 year afterschool program at Wallace Middle School. The grant was one of just 14 awarded State-wide. The amount of the first year award is \$185,044. Over the five year grant period, the total grant award for the Wallace program will be \$786,437.

The “Afterschool Adventures” program to be conducted at Wallace Middle School will serve 100 students in grades 6, 7 and 8. Certified teachers and Program Assistants will work collaboratively with staff from community partners including the YMCA of Greater Waterbury, the recreation partner for Wallace. The YMCA will provide trained and certified recreation specialists to facilitate the physical activity portion of the afterschool program. The program will operate four days per week (M-Th), 2 ½ hours per day, beginning shortly after student registration takes place in the coming weeks.

Through the inclusion of a rich array of program partners and innovative partner activities, student participants will learn on an interdisciplinary level. The program design affords students the opportunity for more “fun” in afterschool as learning opportunities are framed in hands-on or diverse contexts that set them apart from the regular school day. Students will participate in activities such as a science initiative through High Touch/High Tech; a Journalism workshop with the Palace Theatre; African dance and culture with Unity Dance; Exercise and health with Zumba; theater, acting, music and literacy projects with the Shakesperience program; and Career Development, college and workforce readiness, and skill training with Junior Achievement. Other local enrichment, positive youth development, and prevention programs will also be available to students at the Wallace afterschool program. Strong parent connections will be made through both student centered and parent centered activities.

While the Wallace afterschool program will provide afterschool programming for an additional 100 Waterbury students, already Waterbury Public Schools operate a number of other 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) grant-funded afterschool programs at both school and community sites, serving approximately 600 students. The other 21st CCLC sites are:

- 1) Washington School (80 Students) and Wilson School (60 Students)
- 2) Sprague School/Waterville Parks & Recreation Center (60 students) and Tinker/Duggan students at the Chase Park House (80 students)
- 3) Wilby/Crosby/Kennedy students at Wilby (Teen Idol Program) (80 students)
- 4) Wallace Middle/West Side Middle/North End Middle students at the Downtown Academy which takes place each afternoon at the YMCA-25 students, Mattatuck Museum (Science)-25 students, Waterbury Youth Services (Entrepreneurship)-25 students, and West Side Middle School (Videography Academy)-25 students
- 5) Carrington School (60 students) / Walsh School (60 students) / WOW Community Centre (Satellite for Walsh grades 1 & 2, 20 students)

Waterbury also has two afterschool programs operating at this time which are funded by State of Connecticut competitive grants: an elementary school program at Bunker Hill for 80 students, and a STEM program at North End Middle School for 80 students.

This year then, including the new program at Wallace, Waterbury will be serving a total of approximately 860 students through competitive grants from the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program and the State funded afterschool program.

We will hold a “Topping Out” Ceremony for the new Waterbury Career Academy High School on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. This will be the symbolic placing of the last

piece of steel in the building's structure. The event was rescheduled from tomorrow due to the prediction of heavy rain.

Several schools participated in the Brass Mill Center's Celebrate Schools event this past weekend, including Carrington, Maloney, Rotella and Wilson. Local schools had the opportunity to display student work and showcase student performances. Thank you to all who presented.

West Side Middle School held its annual Community Day Event last Saturday. Included was a ribbon cutting for the Nature Trail.

Over one hundred parents attended the Title I Annual Meeting last week. Those in attendance gained an understanding on how the federal Title I grant benefits students in the school district, including programs that benefit individual students as well as those that focus on larger groups.

There will be a reception in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month on Thursday morning, October 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Chase Building Foyer. Several examples of student work on the subject will be displayed and celebrated.

## **7. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

STANGO: On Saturday morning I had the pleasure of attending the West Side Middle School's Fourth Annual Community Day Event. Community Day is associated with the CommPACT School model and is a way of fostering school, parent, and community partnerships. As part of the event, a ribbon-cutting ceremony for West Side's new Nature Walk was held. The Nature Walk is at the rear of the school and goes into the Tamarack Swamp area between West Side and Kennedy High School. The walk consists of a wood-planked walkway leading to a large flat deck area for teachers to bring a class for instruction. The Nature Walk was actually conceived about 20 years ago by some of the West Side faculty at that time. However, it had to be completely refurbished by West Side teacher Fatos Meka and his team of volunteer staff and students. The morning was eventful also because of the return of some of those long retired teachers who built the original walkway back in the early '90s. The day was great, the students were great, and there was a large turnout of parents and staff. About 300 people attended along with the Mayor.

Also, two fruitful meetings regarding the Career Academy were held this week. On Monday, the Board's Ad-hoc Advisory Committee met to discuss eligibility criteria, standards, and opening numbers of the new school. These issues will be brought to the full Board next week at our Workshop for discussion. Then on Wednesday Dr. Sequeira organized a meeting of Career Academy stakeholders and Board members. Local manufacturers were present and had much input on the manufacturing strand of the curriculum. One of the cries from the area manufacturers was please teach and stress job readiness to our kids. I was personally very happy to hear their concerns and we will also discuss their input further next week. Dr. Sequeira will arrange future meetings of this type involving the computer, the human services, and the health services strands of the new high school. We will keep Waterbury Career in focus as we look forward to its opening next September.

Finally, we look toward negotiations with the WTA for their new contract. I'm asking any Board member interested in serving on the Negotiation Team to submit their name to the Clerk of the Board by the end of next week. And this concludes my comments.

Item #8 is the Consent Calendar. Does anyone wish to remove an item from the Consent Calendar?

*President Stango proceeded to read the Consent Calendar list, Items*

## **8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Brown, it was voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar, items 8.1 through 8.14 as listed:**

- 8.1 With the approval of the Committee on Finance, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of an Agreement with Easter Seals New Hampshire, Inc. to provide educational services to identified students per the students IEP.
- 8.2 With the approval of the Committee on Finance, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the submission of the Federal Consolidated Grant application.
- 8.3 With the approval of the Committee on Finance, the Superintendent of Schools recommends permission be granted to Lori Laudisi, Elementary Health Specialist, to apply for the Margaret M. Generali Grant.
- 8.4 With the approval of the Committee on Finance, the Superintendent of Schools recommends permission be granted to Darlene Cofrancesco, Tinker School, to apply for the Margaret M. Generali Grant.
- 8.5 With the approval of the Committee on Finance, the Superintendent of Schools recommends permission be granted to apply for the Nellie Mae Education Foundation District Level Systems Change Initiative Urban District Grant.
- 8.6 With the approval of the Committee on Curriculum, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the revised Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum.
- 8.7 With the approval of the Committee on Curriculum, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the revised Theater Arts Curriculum.
- 8.8 With the approval of the Committee on Curriculum, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the revised Pre-k to Grade 2 Elementary Physical Education Curriculum.
- 8.9 With the approval of the Committee on Curriculum, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the revised Grade 3 to Grade 5 Elementary Physical Education Curriculum.

- 8.10 With the approval of the Committee on Curriculum, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of new ½ year high school course entitled “Microsoft Office – Word”.
- 8.11 With the approval of the Committee on Curriculum, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of new ½ year high school course entitled “Microsoft Office – Multimedia”.
- 8.12 With the approval of the Committee on Building, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the ED042/Phase 5 for the Waterbury Career Academy High School Project (State Project #151-0276N).
- 8.13 With the approval of the Committee on School Facilities & Grounds, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments, as listed.
- 8.14 With the approval of the Committee on School Facilities & Grounds, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests, as listed.

STANGO: Motion has been made and seconded. All in favor, opposed, motion carries.

## **9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT**

*There were no items removed from the Consent Calendar.*

## **10. SUPERINTENDENT’S NOTIFICATION TO THE BOARD**

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Brown, it was voted unanimously to receive and place on file items Superintendent’s Notification to the Board, Items 10.1 through 10.5, as listed:**

- 10.1 Athletic appointments effective immediately:  
Blaskey, Mike – Acting Football Coach, WHS.  
Capuano, Geno – Acting Interim Head Football Coach, WHS.  
Ursino, Anthony – Head Soccer Coach, WHS.
- 10.2 Athletic resignations effective immediately:  
Hilliard, Trent – JV Boys Basketball, WHS.
- 10.3 Grant funded appointments:  
Pacheco, Edwin – Pre-k Bus Driver, ECEP, 35 hours p/week, 10 months p/year, salary and benefits governed by the SEIU Agreement.
- 10.4 Academic Achievements:

Name		From	To	
Altieri	Christine	BA+15, 4	MA , 4	St. Joseph College
Bacote	Tiffany	BA+15, 4	MA , 4	St. Joseph College



Bailey	Jovanna	MA+15, 6	6th, 6	Walden U
Banner	Raffaele	BA+15, 4	MA, 4	Graduate Institute
Betkoski	Nancy	6th, 12	6th+15, 12	Fairfield U
Bonaldi	Gary	BA+15, 4	MA, 4	Post U
Bonnett	Derek	6th, 8	6th+15, 8	UB
Boutote	Melissa	BA+15, 4	MA, 4	St. Joseph College
Brady	Joseph	6th+15, 4	Ph.D., 4	UCONN
Bylyku	Enkelejda	MA, 5	MA+15, 5	CCSU
Cangelosi	Danielle	BA+15, 5	MA, 5	Post U
Case	Mary	BA, 5	MA, 5	St. Joseph College
Chamberlain	Edward	BA, 4	BA+15, 4	SCSU
Coords	Elizabeth	MA+15, 4	6th, 4	CCSU
Corcoran	Matthew	MA+15, 4	6th, 4	UB
Coussens	Maria	BA+15, 4	MA, 4	New England U
Desjardins	Melissa	6th, 4	6th+15, 4	CCSU
Fidanza	Carla	MA+15, 5	6th, 5	UB
Florio	Rabecca	BA, 2	BA+15, 2	Walden U
Forgione	Stephen	BA, 5	BA+15, 5	SCSU
Franceskino	Jennifer	MA+15	6th, 4	UB
French	Gina	BA+15, 3	MA, 3	St. Joseph College
Frenis	Janet	6th, 9	6th+15, 9	UB
Galullo	Kelly	MA, 5	MA+15, 5	UB
Galvin	Heather	BA+15, 5	MA, 5	St. Joseph College
Gaudiosi Angurio	Karen	MA+15, 11	6th, 11	New England U
Giroux	Michele	BA+15, 5	MA, 5	CCSU
Goodman	Melissa	MA, 4	MA+15, 4	Walden U
Grasso	Courtney	BA+15, 4	MA+15, 4	New England U
Guisti	Kate	MA, 5	MA+15, 5	CCSU
Harrison	Rebecca	BA+15, 4	MA, 4	SCSU
Hayes	Jahana	BA+15, 5	MA, 5	St. Joseph College
Jenkins	Keely	MA+15, 5	6th, 5	UB
Jones	Erin	BA+15, 4	MA, 4	St. Joseph College
Jurewicz	David	MA, 5	MA+15, 5	UB
Knecht	Joel	BA, 4	BA+15, 4	Kent State
LaChance	Mark	MA, 4	MA+15, 4	Walden U
LaRose	Kritzia	BA+15, 4	MA, 4	St. Joseph College
Linehan	Megan	BA+15, 4	MA, 4	Post U
Longo	Beth	6th, 5	6th+15, 5	UB
Lucian	Michelle	6th, 5	6th+15, 5	UB
Masciangioli-Shea	Angela	MA, 4	MA+15, 4	UB
Maxson	Holly	MA, 9	MA+15, 9	UB
McCasland	Peter	MA+15, 5	6th, 5	Sacred Heart
McGrath	Carol	6th, 6	6th+15, 6	New England U
McLane	Michael	BA+15, 4	MA, 4	SCSU
Meté	Shpetim	MA+15, 5	6th, 5	SCSU
Nadeau	Meghan	BA+15, 4	MA, 4	CCSU

Nardine	Susan	MA+15, 6	6th, 6	Walden U
Newmark	Cathleen	MA+15, 4	6th, 4	SCSU
Niemann	John	MA, 5	MA+15	CCSU
Palladino	Mark	BA+15, 5	MA, 5	Post U
Perugini	Gianni	BA+15, 6	MA, 6	CCSU
Phelan	George	BA, 5	BA+15, 5	CCSU
Piccirillo	JoAnne	6th, 5	6th+15, 5	SCSU
Pisani-Loomis	Gina	MA+15, 10	6th, 10	St. Joseph College
Pugliese	Greg	MA+15, 5	6th+15, 5	SCSU
Ramos	Ana	6th, 4	6th+15, 4	CCSU
Rebenske	Jessica	BA+15, 4	MA, 4	CCSU
Rinaldi	Cathie	MA+15, 4	6th, 4	SCSU
Rivera	Jessica	MA+15, 3	6th, 3	UB
Rodriguez	Rachel	BA, 4	BA+15, 4	St. Joseph College
Salemme	Cassandra	BA+15, 3	MA, 3	SCSU
Scalo	Karla	MA, 4	MA+15, 4	UB
Scarzella	Nicole	BA, 4	BA+15, 4	Walden U
Scirica	Erin	BA+15, 4	MA, 4	WCSU
Seltzer	Mark	MA+15, 4	6th, 4	Walden U
Shocki	Stephanie	BA, 4	BA+15, 4	CCSU
Sieffert	Melissa	6th, 4	6th+15, 4	SCSU
Slie	Shelby	BA, 3	BA+15, 3	WCSU
Stokes	Georgann	BA+15, 4	MA, 4	St. Joseph College
Sullivan	Karen	BA+15, 4	MA, 4	Westfield U
Sullo	Lisa	MA+15, 4	6th, 4	Phoenix U
Vagnini	Marianna	BA+15, 4	MA, 4	WCSU
Walsh	Kelly	MA+15, 3	6th, 3	Walden U
Whalen	Katy	BA+15, 4	MA, 4	St. Joseph College
Wilkesman	Carrie	BA+15, 1	MA, 1	Post U

10.5 New hires:

Name		Location	Position	Step	Effective
Ahlert	Noelle	Gilmartin	Spec Ed.	6TH/2	9/28/12
DeSantis	Bianca	Wallace	Science	MA/1	8/30/12
Downey(Sessa)	Sarah	WHS/Wilson	Social Worker	6TH/3	10/16/12
Hagerman	Corinne	Regan	ESL	MA+15/2	10/1/12
Holmes	Erin	WSMS	Spanish	MA/1	8/23/12

STANGO: Any discussion? All in favor, opposed, motion carries. Item #11 – Unfinished Business of the Preceding Meeting Only. Item #12 – Other Unfinished, New, and Miscellaneous Business. Vice President Harvey.

HARVEY: Two quick items, thank you. One is, I want to congratulate the parents for their turnout of the Title I Program last Wednesday. It was just really very encouraging to see the participation of the parents and I hope that the parents will continue to participate in functions at the school.

Second, I don't see Dr. Sequeira, but I've had an opportunity to attend as many functions as I could regarding getting out the vote and at each opportunity or each program, there was a mention of what we're doing at the schools to engage the students. So I only hope, and maybe we could get a brief explanation of what's going on in schools to explain the democratic process, take advantage of the climate that we're in and engage students in the democratic process. I find that when we engage the students, when they grow up, then we don't have the apathy that we tend to have with adults. So I think if we start kids at a younger age, talking about it in school and having mock elections, etc., to engage the students, then when they get older they'll be responsible enough to come out and vote. So, I hope, maybe we can have a brief explanation or description of what's going on in the schools in that regard. Thank you.

STANGO: Any other Unfinished or New? Commissioner Van Stone.

VAN STONE: Thank you Mr. President, through you. I just wanted to let the folks know I had the opportunity to attend Wilby High School's AP fundraiser last night and I just wanted to commend all the people who put that together at Wilby, as well as the very large number of staff and students and parents who turned out. It was very, I didn't see any of the final tallies, but judging by the amount of people that showed up, I'm sure it was very successful and a good time and I just wanted to commend the folks up at Wilby for putting on a very nice event.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Van Stone, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. into Executive Session for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee AND strategy/negotiations with respect to collective bargaining.**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk  
*Board of Education*