

## **WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### *MINUTES ~ REGULAR MEETING*

Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

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

**PRESENT:** President Stango, Commissioners Brown, D'Amelio, Flaherty-Merritt, Harvey, Morales, Sweeney, and Van Stone.

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Harkins and Hayes.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Ouellette, Assistant Superintendents Cullinan and Sequeira, Chief Operating Officer Paul Guidone, Director of Personnel Ron Frost, School Business Administrator Paul Mazzaccaro, and Education Liaison Mary Ann Marold.

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

President Stango called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. with a moment of silence.

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

Former Commissioner Paul D'Angelo 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 Flaherty-Merritt.

FLAHERTY-MERRITT: Present.

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

HARVEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Hayes (absent). Commissioner Morales.

MORALES: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Sweeney.

SWEENEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Van Stone.

VAN STONE: Here.

CLERK: President Stango.

STANGO: Here.

#### **4. COMMUNICATIONS:**

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

1. Copy of communication dated January 19, 2012 from Civil Service certifying Ralph Wagner for the position of Maintainer I.
2. Copy of communications dated January 20, 2012 from Civil Service certifying Daniel Piccochi and Daniel Edwards for the position of Maintainer I.
3. Copy of communication dated January 20, 2012 from Civil Service certifying Christine McBride for the position of Administrative Support Specialist I.
4. Copy of communication dated January 23, 2012 from Civil Service certifying Katie Brayton for the position of Attendance Counselor.
5. Copy of communication dated January 23, 2012 from Civil Service certifying Carol Ann Roach for the position of Food Service Site Coordinator.
6. Communication dated January 25, 2012 received via email from Paul D'Angelo regarding teacher collaboration.
7. Copy of communication dated January 26, 2012 from Civil Service certifying Mirelinda Dema for the position of Library Page.

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

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

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Flaherty-Merritt, it was voted unanimously to suspend the regular order of business to allow the public to address the Board at 6:36 p.m.**

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

#### **Joanne Hutchings, 21 Chinmoy Lane, New Milford, had the following comments:**

I'm a French teacher here at WAMS and I'm planning a field trip with my French students to Quebec, Canada and I was just told to come to the Board to see if you would okay it. I submitted the paperwork. I don't know if you have any questions you want to ask me. It's in May over the Memorial Day weekend. We leave Friday, May 25 about seven in the morning and we come back Sunday, May 27, around ten at night. And this is through Jump Street Tours, it's a Canadian company. We've used them before and they're very, very good.

STANGO: I think we're clear on that. Thank you very much.

**Paul D'Angelo, 227 Mansfield Avenue, had the following comments:** President Stango and Honorable Board Members, I just wanted to come down for the first time this year and congratulate Mayor O'Leary on his election, congratulate President Stango and Dr. Ouellette. I wanted to tell you tonight, as I still have a lot of friends, actually probably more now than when I was on the Board, but still a lot of friends in the district and I have the opportunity on a daily basis to talk to a lot of teachers and some principals on occasion, and I think there really is a new sense of hope and optimism. I know, today as an example, I talked to two principals and Dr. Ouellette had recently been in their building and both principals, to a person, just went on and on, on how impressed they were with Dr. Ouellette, her willingness to listen and to communicate with them, and I think, I don't think, I know a lot of the teachers feel the same way. There's a lot of good things going on in our district, we have a lot of great principals, one of whom is here tonight in the audience, but a lot of great principals and a lot of great teachers and I just think it's really, really an encouraging and optimistic time for Waterbury with all the things that are going on with school reform around the Country but especially here in Waterbury, I think there's a real willingness by the teachers and the administrators to work with the new Superintendent, the new Mayor, and the new Board President, and the entire Board to really change the way we deliver education here in Waterbury. And I think, I just think it's really optimistic and I just want to pledge if there's anything I could do for you or for this Board, please don't hesitate to call. And I'm very excited and I think a lot of people are. So I just wanted to get that message to the Board. Thank you.

**Rachel Guest, 259 Wood Street, had the following comments:** I live in the Scovill Row homes which is in the WOW neighborhood. And I just wanted to express just a concern that I've had with the discussions about the future of Walsh School, if there were a decision to close the school I'm concerned about what would happen with the neighborhood, that there would be a potential great increase in blight. I currently drive by the Welton Street School pretty much every day that is still owned by the City and has been a boarded up eyesore for a very long time and I would hate to see that happen to Walsh as well. Thank you.

**Christine Damato, 15 Crestview Lane, had the following comments:** I am planning to come back and address the Board in the future on a topic related to education within the Latino community. I happen to be a franchise owner of a company called Liberty Tax Service at 511 Wolcott Street and we have a non-profit foundation called Una Familia sin Fronteras and the goal is to educate the Latino community. So I'll come back at a future point in time and talk with you about what we're doing in 26 school districts across the Country and how we've been impacting the ESL program through our partnership in education. Thank you.

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Brown, it was voted unanimously to return to the regular order of business at 6:42 p.m.**

STANGO: All in favor, opposed, motion carries.

## **6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

SUPERINTENDENT: I want to thank Mr. D'Angelo for his very kind remarks this evening. I'm always very humbled with regards to my presence in Waterbury and certainly those remarks, again, have made me very humble as I continue to be the leader, the new leaders as I'm referred to, in Waterbury. So thank you Mr. D'Angelo for those remarks.

*Dr. Ouellette read and distributed the following report:*

Governor Malloy announced a plan this week to reduce bureaucratic red tape and State mandates that hamper school districts from concentrating on student achievement. In a press release, Governor Malloy said, "Our State's school districts should be focused on raising student achievement and preparing our students for success in college and in a career, not on navigating overly burdensome state policies. As a state, we will work to ensure that there is a commonsense, evidence-based approach to teacher certification and support that focuses on improving student learning. Where State mandates, regulations, circular letters, and other requirements create barriers to a district's work, the State needs to examine its practices – and find ways to get out of the way."

Governor Malloy described a two-phase plan of implementation. In the first phase, the State would address changes to the teacher certification process and requirements, including:

- simplifying the certification process;
- consolidating the number of available certificates prior to the "professional" level certificate, from three to one "initial" level certificate;
- maintaining the "professional" certificate on the basis of strong performance as supported by high quality professional development, not seat-time-based Continuing Education Units;
- establishing a new "master" educator certificate for our most accomplished teachers attained on the basis of exemplary performance; and
- increasing the districts' discretion to hire teachers from other states by removing barriers to reciprocity.

This first phase would also seek to eliminate as much as one third of the paperwork required of school districts this year under state law. Some of this reduction may be accomplished by consolidating reports that may be duplicated. An example of this duplication is the Strategic School Profiles. Most of the data that is collected for this annual document is also collected in other forms during the school year, but schools and school districts have to send in the data for the profiles again as separate documents.

This is an area I reported to our local legislators when I met with them in December. We discussed both the amount of paperwork required by some state laws and the burden of unfunded mandates. Our legislators seemed very sympathetic to this concern. I have asked staff to send me specific examples of unfunded mandates to present to the Legislative Committee of this Board when it meets on February 6th.

In the second phase, Governor Malloy will convene a seven-member Red Tape Review and Removal Taskforce that will seek input from all stakeholders over the next year and develop recommendations as to what additional paperwork or mandates may be eliminated. This taskforce is expected to report out its findings to the Governor and the Commissioner of Education by December 15th of this year, in time for action during the 2013 legislative session. The announcement was accompanied by a draft report of a survey taken by Superintendents earlier in the year. Some of the results of this survey were cited during the Education Reform Workshop held earlier this year at Central Connecticut State University.

As was recently allowed by the U.S. Department of Education, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is in the process of applying for a flexibility waiver, which will free Connecticut from adhering to specific federal requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act, 2011 (NCLB). This flexibility waiver is intended to build on and support improved educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity and improve the quality of instruction. In exchange, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) will need to develop a state rigorous and comprehensive plan.

To learn about the waiver, the state will have Information Sessions on February 8, 2012, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm; and on February 9, 2012, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at the State Education Resource Center (SERC), in the Middletown Library Community Room. If you plan to go, please register at: <http://eseasessions.eventbrite.com> by Tuesday, February 7, 2012, or go to the State website [www.sde.ct.gov](http://www.sde.ct.gov) for more information. Linda Riddick Barron is attending the state meetings and will keep us updated.

I attended the Bridge to Success Legislative Breakfast this morning and was overwhelmed to see the number of partners represented in the room, all working together to improve the lives of our Waterbury children. As many as two dozen agencies were represented, including our Waterbury Public Schools. Each of these agencies had displays that explained their partnership connection to our youth in Waterbury and how they contribute to the Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets for children. Mayor O'Leary and I both spoke briefly, as did representatives of the Bridge to Success Board, Senator Joseph Markley, Representative Larry Butler, Alderman George Noujaim and a legislative aide for Congressman Murphy, Lee Reynolds. We all remarked on the value of collaboration, especially when it involves improving the lives of families and children birth through twenty-one.

I had the pleasure of attending a Granville Academy event on Tuesday evening and meeting Dr. Sulayman Clark, author of the historical novel, The Rains. In this novel, Dr. Clark brought to life a period of time that is often spoken about but is rarely understood or described in all of its complexities, concentrating on the heroic actions of those who participated in the Underground Railroad.

The lottery has now opened for pre-kindergarten through 5th grade students to apply for Maloney or Rotella Interdistrict Magnet Schools for the 2012-2013 school year. All completed applications must be submitted to either Maloney Interdistrict Magnet School, 233 South Elm Street, Waterbury, CT 06706 or Rotella Interdistrict Magnet School, 380 Pierpont Road, Waterbury, CT 06705 on or before 3:00 p.m., Friday, February 24,

2012. The citywide lottery will be held on March 16, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. at Rotella. Lottery numbers will not be issued at that time. Applicants will be notified by mail as to their placement on the list. Admission to these two schools is through the lottery process only.

We will be holding Open House next Wednesday, February 8th, for elementary and high school students. The elementary Open House will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The high school Open House will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Middle schools will conduct Teacher Collaboration Time. On Wednesday, February 15th, middle schools will hold Open House from 5 to 7 p.m. All other schools will conduct Teacher Collaboration Time. All students will be dismissed early on both days. Respectfully submitted.

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

STANGO: Moving on, thank you Dr. Ouellette. Just briefly, I want to thank the Board again, the Board of Education Committee's Chairmen for their diligent work in calling committee meetings and getting down to the organizational matters of the nuts and bolts that run this Board. I also want to thank the members of this Board and Central Office personnel that attend these meetings. I know it's above and beyond but we know that it has to be done. It's worth it in the end. The intensity of this work will probably ebb out in a little bit but to get our organization going we need the time put in now. Also, I want the public to be aware, that the neighborhood forum on the Waterbury Career Academy will be held at Wilson School on February 15 at 6:30. Architects will have plans and renderings of the school, the construction manager will be there, also representatives from O & G will be present. There will be a question and answer period for the public to ask the architects and construction managers questions. And that concludes my report.

The next item on the Agenda is the Consent Calendar. Is there any Commissioner who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar? Vice President Harvey.

HARVEY: Item 8.2, if we could remove that from the Consent Calendar.

STANGO: Is there any other requests?

*President Stango proceed to read the list of Consent Calendar items*

## **8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Flaherty-Merritt, it was voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar, items 8.1 and 8.3 through 8.14, as listed:**

- 8.1 With the approval of the Committee of the Whole, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval for Maloney Magnet School to apply for and participate in the Japanese Language Education Assistants Program (J-LEAP) administered by the Japan Foundation and The Laurasian Institution.

- 8.3 With the approval of the Committee on Finance, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of a Professional Services Agreement, with the following, to provide Supplemental Educational Tutoring Services (SES) as required by the No Child Left Behind Act:
- A+ Learning Headquarters, LLC
  - Catapult Learning, LLC
  - Connecticut Teacher's Tutoring Association, LLC
  - One on One Learning
  - Professional Tutors of America, Inc.
  - Smarties Tutoring
  - Comer & Swartz (d/b/a Sylvan Learning Center)
- 8.4 With the approval of the Committee on Finance, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Literacy How, Inc., to provide evaluation of the literacy program and teacher training.
- 8.5 With the approval of the Committee on Grants, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval to apply for the U.S. Department of Education's "Upward Bound – Regular Program" Grant.
- 8.6 With the approval of the Committee on Curriculum, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the elimination of the Project Lead the Way Program to be replaced by a to-be-developed pre-engineering program.
- 8.7 With the approval of the Committee on Building, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement with Waterbury Development Corporation to provide project management services regarding site selection, land acquisition, relation activities, and other administrative services relating to the school construction program.
- 8.8 With the approval of the Committee on School Activities, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments, as listed.
- 8.9 With the approval of the Committee on School Activities, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests, as listed.
- 8.10 With the approval of the Committee on School Activities, the Superintendent of Schools recommends permission be granted to Debbie Benjamin, WAMS, and four chaperones to take 40 students to New York, NY on May 24, 2012 to visit Statute of Liberty, Macys Behind the Scenes Marketing Tour, and Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum.
- 8.11 With the approval of the Committee on School Activities, the Superintendent of Schools recommends permission be granted to Paul Forcucci, CHS, and seven chaperones to take 40 students to New York, NY on May 16, 2012 to attend a performance of "Wicked".
- 8.12 With the approval of the Committee on School Activities, the Superintendent of Schools recommends permission be granted to Joanne Hutchings, WAMS, and six chaperones to take 22 students to Quebec, Canada from May 25 through May 27, 2012 to visit various sites (see itinerary).

- 8.13 With the approval of the Committee on School Activities, the Superintendent of Schools recommends permission be granted to Jennifer McAloon/Elisa D'Agostino, WAMS, and three chaperones to take 50 students to Philadelphia, PA from May 9 through May 10, 2012.
- 8.14 With the approval of the Committee on School Activities, the Superintendent of Schools recommends permission be granted to Karen Silva, MMS, and 13 chaperones to take 90 students to Lyndhurst, NJ on May 31, 2012 to attend Medieval Times.

STANGO: Any discussion? All in favor, all opposed, Consent Calendar motion passes. Now we have the items removed from the Consent Calendar.

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

### **Item #8.2:**

HARVEY: Ladies and gentlemen, with the approval of the Committee of the Whole, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the district plan for the new Jonathan E. Reed Pre-k through 8 School, as attached. Respectfully submitted and **SO MOVED.**

SWEENEY: **Second.**

STANGO: Motion has been made and seconded. Do we have any discussion?

HARVEY: Paul Guidone, if you could come. I just had some questions and I just had some questions on what will the enrollment be when we open the Reed School?

GUIDONE: The enrollment of the building, as all of our pre-k through eights, are the same which is ultimately 550 students; that would include the middle school grades. When we open up the school that will be pre-k through six, closer to the 400 level of students, between 380 and 400.

HARVEY: So when we open the school, the handout that we received, is this, does this represent, this represents the schools that we're pulling from?

GUIDONE: Through sixth grade. You'll notice kindergarten is not populated there because we don't really know where the kindergarteners are coming from. So that's taking existing students in our system that live within the boundary and promoting them one year as to where they'll be next year.

HARVEY: So the total of 288 represents what we're pulling from, these particular schools.

GUIDONE: Not counting kindergarteners, but yes.

HARVEY: And this represents the students that we are currently busing now to these schools?



GUIDONE: Yes.

HARVEY: So we're looking at least 500 or so that we're gonna open this school with, roughly.

GUIDONE: Not when we open but, ultimately, yes as seventh and eighth grade is brought into the building.

HARVEY: And of those Walsh, we're, we sure about that number, 15?

GUIDONE: We were sure about that number the time Will did the run, yes, which was a week or so ago. As we know, there is movement within all areas of our City but yes, after the last run, it was done just prior to the Workshop and that is the estimated number. If the Board approves the district, we'll do a clean run over the next week or two to make sure we have the up-to-date parents and students so the letters that will go out prior to the end of this month will be as accurate as they possibly could be.

HARVEY: So the, Bucks Hill number it says 166, so those are students that are currently, that we're busing to...

GUIDONE: Correct.

HARVEY: Thank you.

STANGO: Are there any further questions? All in favor, opposed.

HARVEY: No.

STANGO: That's one opposed, seven in favor, motion carries.

## **10. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**10.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Van Stone and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to approve the 2012-13 Department of Education's budget request to the Mayor totaling \$161,725,000, as attached.**

STANGO: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Yes Commissioner Brown.

BROWN: Does this represent all funds or is this just the municipal part?

GUIDONE: The proposed budget is what is referred to as the Operating Budget and it is the request for City appropriation.

STANGO: Any other further discussion?

SWEENEY: I just want to clarify that one more time because it is the spending plan but I had asked that we get a breakdown and it was handed out to everyone tonight, it's in



Ross, Lori – Quilting (Enrichment), 2 hours p/week @ \$24.00 p/hour.

STANGO: Any discussion? All in favor, opposed. Motion carries. Item #12 on the Agenda – Unfinished Business from the Preceding Meeting Only. Item #13 – Other Unfinished, New, and Miscellaneous Business. Commissioner Van Stone.

VAN STONE: Thank you Mr. President. I was just wondering if we can get, I'm not too sure if it's from Dr. Sequeira or who we'd get it from. It seems like every week or so we get an ECS program appointment and it's new people to a different building. Can we just get a master list at one point to see how many of these positions there are? It's pretty easy to keep approving nine people here, 10 people there. If there's a master list with 750 people on it maybe we need to take a look at that.

SEQUEIRA: Will do.

STANGO: So Commissioner Van Stone you're requesting, one more time.

VAN STONE: If I could just get a master list of the ESY program appointments. A master list of how many people and where they are.

STANGO: Any others? Vice President Harvey.

HARVEY: Paul, you might be in the hot seat again, the cool seat rather than the hot seat. Paul, looking at the Walsh Elementary Facility Improvement Plan, have we made any revisions to this plan in regards to the dumpster in front of the school and not specifically the size of the dumpster, are we planning on moving that?

GUIDONE: We are.

HARVEY: Do we know when?

GUIDONE: That plan continues to evolve. There was a first draft, that's a second draft, and we continue to, as you can see, have places to indicate what's been done, what's occurring, and it's a living document so we're adding items to it. We replaced the old container if you have noticed going by the building. There's a new one that actually has a top and closes. It's a little difficult process being able to relocate it, it's one of my priorities, I want it out of the front of the building but because of the level of the building getting from the café where most of the material comes from, is a little more complicated than one might assume. However, we believe we've identified an appropriate location that can be both accessed by the public works packer as well as some ease for our own staff and I would expect that shortly.

HARVEY: Alright, that's it, I'm just gonna make some comments on this.

GUIDONE: That report will continue to be updated. I meet with our staff weekly on its progress and some things we'll add, some things we may subtract, but we intend to, on a regular basis, do an update on that report.

HARVEY: That is one of the reasons why I voted against the district plan. I still have some misgivings on the safety factor of the students at Walsh, particularly since kids

being kids, they walk into dumpsters not paying attention, they walk into different things. The original plan of the Walsh to Reed move was strictly because of the safety of the kids. If I look at the criteria that we set forth with our redistrict plan, student safety is number one, number one bullet. And as long as we have kids walking into dumpsters, walking into different things, I don't blame the students for walking into dumpsters; I blame us if we put those type of obstacles in their way we are at fault. So I'm still not, I'm trusting, I'm getting there as far as trusting that we're gonna take care of these things. I see that some things have been taken care of and I'm glad to hear that it's a work in progress. But the safety of the kids should be first and foremost. I am very pleased with the activities for the blight in the Walsh School area; our Mayor's just doing a fantastic job with that, I'm thoroughly pleased with that. But the safety of the kids in a blighted area when we've been lucky enough not to have received snow, so far, lucky. But when it snows and you have blighted conditions there's no one there to shovel the sidewalks so that means the kids have to walk in the street. That presents a dangerous position for the kids. So I am not convinced right now that the safety of the kids has been taken care of, I'm not, so that's why pretty much I voted against the redistrict plan just in case anyone wanted to know.

On a happier note, February is Black History Month; we had kick-off ceremonies on February 1 at the Mattatuck Museum. As the Superintendent has mentioned, Granville Academy had the Author Dr. Clark, Andy if you could focus in on this book for me, I invite those in the audience, as well as, we have books in the schools, and the Commissioners, I would advise if you have some free time to read this book, it was just phenomenal. The kids were engaged and it was just a very exciting time. I would also like to congratulate the WOW/NRZ Youth Council for their program last evening; they never cease to amaze me. And they did a phenomenal job, we had Dr. Joyner who is an excellent speaker and it was pretty much standing room only at that affair. So I appreciate that. And we have Alderman Greg Hadley here; I want to thank you again for the award last night, totally humbled by it but when it comes from the kids, that means a lot.

Lastly, I would hope that, Commissioners, we have passed out the calendar for Black History Month. There are activities planned throughout the whole month. On February 28, the Black History Jeopardy Contest will take place at the Mattatuck Museum. I hope that the Commissioners can put some time aside for that because our kids that attend our schools will be competing in that contest. I'm not sure how many teams we have right now but I know it's a lot more than what we had last year. Everyone's studying. If you have not witnessed this contest, it is a sight to see. So I would hope that you would put some time aside to partake in the Black History festivities that are planned for the month of February. Thank you very much.

STANGO: Thank you Commissioner Harvey? Any other miscellaneous business?  
Commissioner Brown.

BROWN: I just had an observation and maybe somebody can get back to me with the information. I noticed that a lot of the enrichment programs and field trips were coming out of the magnet schools – WAMS and Maloney. I don't know whether that's just tonight, but I did notice there's a pattern here and I'm wondering if there's a reason. Do they get extra money for these things or it's just wonderful teachers who take the

initiative? I was just curious as to what this pattern was. Somebody could get back to me.

STANGO: I think Dr. Sequeira is going to address that right now.

SEQUEIRA: Commissioner Brown, what happens is that schools normally have a fundraiser to go on the trips. Magnet schools are in a unique situation because they do have an operating grant and when they develop their budget they also make sure they allocate "x" amount of dollars for field trips and they pick and choose. We're fortunate to have one of our principals here, perhaps you can respond, too. One of the things she did mention to me was yes, they do have money separate and apart but they want to reach out to other schools and invite them in. But for the most part, our schools do have fundraisers and WAMS you'll see, it just so happened this month they put in for a lot of trips.

HARVEY: When will we receive a copy of the festivities that are planned in the schools for Black History Month?

SEQUEIRA: It's all done. We received all of our schools, their programs for the whole month of February. If you don't mind, we made one copy and we'll share it with you rather than make "x" amount. Is that okay? Otherwise, if there's any member of the Board that wants a copy we'll make copies; it's all done. And we really want you as you had mentioned earlier, Commissioner Harvey, to please take a look at the calendar, come visit our schools; they would love to see you all.

STANGO: Commissioner Brown, I was just thinking, we see the requests for field trips if they're overnight field trips. There are other field trips that we don't have to see that take place.

BROWN: Thank you.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. into Executive Session for discussion concerning the evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools.**

Present were: President Stango, Commissioners Brown, D'Amelio, Flaherty-Merritt, Harvey, Morales, Sweeney, and Van Stone. The Executive Session ended at 8:20 p.m. with no votes taken.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Carrie A. Swain, Clerk  
*Board of Education*