

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, January 28, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the February 4, 2008 Board Meeting - MINUTES ATTACHED)

COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Monday, January 28, 2008 at Enlightenment School, 30 Church Street, Waterbury, Connecticut, starting at 5:39 p.m.

PRESENT: President Hayes, Commissioners D'Angelo, Flaherty-Merritt, Harvey, Laccone, Pinto, Stango, Sweeney, and Theriault.

ABSENT: Commissioner White.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Snead, Assistant Superintendents Cullinan and Sequeira, Chief Operating Officer Paul Guidone, Director of Personnel Ron Frost, School Business Administrator Paul Mazzaccaro, Attorney Maurice Mosley, and School Inspector Herbert Greengas.

Reports were submitted to the various committees of the Board and discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee meetings adjourned into Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES ~ REGULAR MEETING

Monday, February 4, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

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

PRESENT: President Hayes, Commissioners D'Angelo, Flaherty-Merritt, Harvey, Laccone, Pinto, Stango, Sweeney, Theriault, and White.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Snead, Assistant Sequeira, Chief Operating Officer Paul Guidone, Director of Personnel Ron Frost, School Business Administrator Paul Mazzaccaro, Attorney Maurice Mosley (7:27 p.m.), and School Inspector Herbert Greengas.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President Hayes called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. with a moment of silence and a prayer and Superintendent Snead led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

CLERK: Commissioner D'Angelo.

D'ANGELO: Present.

CLERK: Commissioner Flaherty-Merritt.

FLAHERTY-MERRITT: Present.

CLERK: Commissioner Harvey.

HARVEY: Here

CLERK: Commissioner Laccone.

LACCONE: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Pinto.

PINTO: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Stango.

STANGO: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Sweeney.

SWEENEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Theriault.

THERIAULT: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner White.

WHITE: Here.

CLERK: President Hayes.

HAYES: Here.

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. Submittal of the Federal Single Audit Report, State Single Audit Report, and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for year ending June 30, 2007 dated December 26, 2007 from Blum, Shapiro & Company, P.C.
2. Copy of Capital Funds and Special Revenue status reports for quarter ending December 31, 2007 from John Jedrzejczyk, Director of Finance.
3. Copy of communications dated January 30, 2008 from Civil Service certifying Lindsey Fortin, Zinnia Hensley, and Rocco Pesce for the position of Paraprofessional; Evelyn Rodriguez for the position of Administrative Support Specialist I; and Kristen Finkenzeller for the position of ABA Behavioral Therapist.

HAYES: Motion made and seconded. All in favor, opposed. We do have a signup sheet here for the public. Is there anyone here to address the Board?

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: I attended the Governor's Prevention Partnership Corporate Honor Roll Breakfast last week along with two students from Wilby High School and several of our staff that are involved in mentoring programs. I had the pleasure of sitting with John Tobin, who is the President of Waterbury Hospital, who spoke about the hospital's partnership with the Waterbury public Schools. Several businesses were honored, including Waterbury Hospital, Webster Bank, and Hubbard Hall, who partners with Driggs School.

Rotella School

I visited Rotella Magnet School on Tuesday January 29th. The principal Gina Calabrese's energy and compassion is contagious. You feel it when you walk in the building. The music that greets you at the entrance is soothing and relaxing.

The computer lab at Rotella is a gem. There are 23 computers and all students have a chance each week to utilize the lab. A Blue Ribbon software program, featuring math and reading instruction, is utilized in the lab. The questions are in the CMT format.

Following are the building issues:

There is an issue with the heating, and ceiling tiles need to be replaced. Water has damaged the floor in the library, and the roof needs repair. This is the result of on-going construction issues.

Crosby High School

I visited Crosby High School on Tuesday January 29th. The principal, Barbara Carrington, explained in detail all the major issues she's working with. She's a very hands on principal.

The construction and renovations in the media center are on schedule. The staff is excited about the prospective new look to the media center.

There's a math tutor presently on board. The tutor has five classes. Data is being crunched to optimize the utilization of the tutor. The data shows which students have the best chance of elevating their math level with tutorial help. The data teams meet regularly to share data and develop strategies.

The New England Association of Secondary Schools recommendations are being addressed by Principal Carrington and staff.

Following are the building issues:

In the auditorium, seats need to be replaced, lighting needs to be addressed, and curtains need to be repaired. The Principal informed me there is a plan in place for the repairs.

The principal meets with the custodial staff monthly and discusses many issues including the ongoing heating and cooling problem.

I'm pleased to report that Crosby now has an indoor track team and a swim team. The pool area needs painting.

Tomorrow is Super Tuesday. School is in session and the following schools will serve as polling places: Chase, Maloney, Crosby, Regan, Gilmartin, Tinker, Kennedy, Washington, and Kingsbury. Arrangements have been made at several of the schools to minimize the effect of the voting, but I am sure there will be some inconvenience.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES THE BOARD:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, it was voted unanimously to suspend the regular order of business to allow the public to address the Board at 6:40 p.m.

HAYES: Motion made and seconded. All in favor, opposed.

Steven Schrag, 14 Quentin Street, had the following comments: There is a proposal that is right now before the Department of Environmental Protection and before the Connecticut Siting Council to build a class powered power plant at 725 Bank Street. Why this is relevant to the Board of Education is there is quite a number of schools that are fairly close to this plant and there remains a long list of unanswered questions about whether this plant is a – safe; and b – whether it's appropriate to be in an urban area and in this case in an urban area nears schools. I'm not going to go through the entire fact sheet you can certainly read them yourself. Very briefly, our biggest concern is is this is a plant that's going to be used for what they call peaking purposes, in the middle of the summer when we all have our air conditioners and refrigerators on that's when the most amount of electricity is needed. This plant will go on, theoretically at that particular time. The question is their permit they're asking for from the DEP is not for four to six weeks in the middle of the summer, it's for 365 days a year. And our concern is this plant will go from a peaking plant to being an intermediate plant. As a matter of fact during cross examination last Friday we asked FirstLight whose constructing this had any of the plants that they've been associated with switched from being a peaking plant to an intermediate plant? As a matter of fact they said in California during the blackouts that's exactly what happened. Our biggest concern is that this plant is gonna be going from a part time plant to a full time plant. And it gives off of tons of tons of pollutants. The people from FirstLight, the people who are proposing this plant, say that this is safe but our question is what will be the additional impact on the health of people in Waterbury when we already are at our limits on many of these particulars? And as you can see, you may not be able to see it so easy from the other map, but this is where the power plant is going to go and these are all the schools that are fairly close to this plant. Our question is what's going to be the impact on the health of our children that are going to these schools. Now clearly they claim this plant will only be used during the summer, that would in fact limit the number of impact on kids obviously they're not in school in summer but if it ends up being more than just a summer plant then there will be an impact. So we asked them if in fact they had talked to the Board of Education in Waterbury about this and their answer was no. And so we thought it appropriate given the fact that because the way the 2005 law was drafted by the State Legislature they allowed what is called a declaratory ruling which means they get to skip all the local boards – the local zoning board doesn't have input in this, the local wetlands commission doesn't have input in this, the local planning commission doesn't have any control over this. They have in fact talked to some of the City officials but the appointed boards that have control do not have to go through the approval process. We think this is going too fast, we think there are still too many unanswered questions and we wanted to apprise you of this.

HAYES: Thank you.

Upon a motion by Commissioner White and duly seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, it was voted unanimously to return to the regular order of business at 6:44 p.m.

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded – all in favor, opposed. I don't have any particular comments for this evening so we'll move onto our reports.

REPORTS

1. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- 1.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner White and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to approve to file a grant application for the purpose of carrying out an “Asbestos Abatement Plan” project.**

HAYES: Motion is made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none - all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

- 1.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner White and duly seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, it was voted unanimously to approve of the formation of a Building Committee for the purpose of carrying out an “Asbestos Abatement Plan” project. Such Committee to be made up of Paul D. D’Angelo, Charles L. Stango, Ann M. Sweeney, and Mary S. White.**

HAYES: Motion is made and seconded. All in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

- 1.3 Upon a motion by Commissioner White and duly seconded by Commissioner Pinto, it was voted unanimously to approve of the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the purpose of carrying out an “Asbestos Abatement Plan” project.**

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none - all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

2. COMMITTEE ON GRANTS

- 2.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Pinto, it was voted unanimously to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Club Z! In-Home Tutoring Services, to provide Supplemental Educational Tutoring Services Under No Child Left Behind for the City of Waterbury.**

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none - all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

- 2.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Pinto, it was voted unanimously to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Education Station, to provide Supplemental Educational Tutoring Services Under No Child Left Behind for the City of Waterbury.**

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none - all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

- 2.3 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Pinto, it was voted unanimously to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Comer & Swarts, Inc., d/b/a Sylvan Learning Center, to provide Supplemental Educational Tutoring Services Under No Child Left Behind for the City of Waterbury.**

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none - all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

- 2.4 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner White, it was voted unanimously to approve to apply for the U.S. Department of Education's "Readiness & Emergency Management for Schools" Grant.**

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none - all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

- 2.5 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner White, it was voted unanimously to approve to apply for the U.S. Department of Education's "Early Reading First" Grant.**

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none - all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

- 2.6 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Pinto, it was voted unanimously to approve to apply for the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism "Arts Presentation Grants Program" for Bucks Hill School.**

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none - all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously. Can we have a motion please to remove item 2.7.

- 2.7 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, it was voted unanimously to remove item 2.7 from the agenda.**

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none - all in favor, opposed.

3. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

- 3.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Pinto and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted by roll call vote with Commissioner**

Therault voting “no”, to approve submittal of the 2008-2009 Department of Education’s budget request to the Mayor totaling \$156,500,000.

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion?
Commissioner Therault.

THERIAULT: I rise to take opposition for the first time in four years to this budget. And the reason I do so is because I think we kind of have a knee-jerk reaction to this in-house school suspension program and the legislation requiring in-house suspension possibly at all of our schools. With the expenditure of, the potential of 27 odd teachers at approximately \$50,000 a piece. That being said there are other genuine costs in this budget such as electrify and gas that are just skyrocketing that really seem to be out of our control. The cost of giving teachers and administrators raises are also not out of our control but actually very minimal in terms of cost. But some of the other items here, and I’m not gonna bore you because it would probably take about 20 minutes to go through all of the things that I have tagged here, but there are some things in here I think we need to part out of this budget and I think the Board of Aldermen when they get this budget need to look at this budget very, very carefully, so that they too can par it out too. We have asked for things in terms of almost things that are on a wish list in this budget that I think should be pared down further even before it’s given to the Board of Aldermen. But, I really hate to go against this budget but I didn’t have, having attended the budget meeting but not having the opportunity to participate leaves me this forum and this moment to express my opposition. So I’ll be voting no against this budget because I think it needs to be leaned down, I don’t think there’s a tremendous amount of fat in it but I think there are items in this budget that need to be pared down and I think it’s a little extreme. We don’t have to get five percent, five percent, five percent every year especially when people are home turning down their thermostats and trying to go out in their car once or twice a week instead of five times a week to do their errands and things. So I think as the home owners, as their electricity and their costs rise so to we need to par our costs down. Thank you.

HAYES: Any further discussion? Dr. Snead would like to comment.

SUPERINTENDENT: Just so you know tomorrow morning at 8:00 I’m going to a meeting along with all the superintendents in CAUS, CAUS is short for Connecticut Association of Urban Schools. All of us are going to be meeting with a number of state legislators at a breakfast at the LOB Building. This was arranged for us by the help of one of our own Larry Butler so that we can all share our thoughts on this in-school suspension legislation and the lack of funding to for a mandated program and hopefully it will be the beginning of some kind of resolution to this issue but at the present we need to ask for what we think we would like to have in order to have a full fledged in-school suspension program facilitated or operated by certified staff.

THERIAULT: Just a footnote, we are not entirely sure that we are going to need in fact a certified teacher. That has not been determined yet. It may be that we may be able to get away with an aide and students assigned assignments but keeping in mind that aides cannot teach unless the teacher is present. They can monitor and that’s all they can do. Also, one other thing as I said at the last meeting, there are no rooms for these kinds of programs either at the middle schools, high schools, or elementary schools. The inn is full.

HAYES: Just for clarification for someone that might be listening, there was a comment that somehow Commissioner Theriault you didn't feel like you were able to make any opinions on this I couldn't quite understand since we had a Finance Committee meeting that you were in attendance and then we had a discussion on this at the workshop. Is there anyone else who feels they were disallowed the opportunity to ask questions or seek out any answers regarding this budget? All right, thank you.

WHITE: That was going to be my question also but we are allowed to speak if we attend the meeting, we cannot vote on what's going to be presented to our committee, to the Committee of the Whole but you can speak out even though you are not a member of the Committee. Please remember that for further instances.

THERIAULT: I wasn't sure of the procedure.

WHITE: Well, you should ask.

HAYES: Any further discussion? Hearing none – all in favor...

THERIAULT: Roll call vote please.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: Commissioners D'Angelo, Flaherty-Merritt, Harvey, Hayes, Laccone, Pinto, Stango, Sweeney, and White - 9

Nays: Commissioner Theriault – 1

HAYES: Motion passes nine in favor, one against.

3.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Pinto and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Power IT, LLC to provide Web Hosting and Design for the City of Waterbury Education Department.

HAYES: Motion is made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

3.3 Upon a motion by Commissioner Pinto and duly seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, it was voted, with Commissioner Harvey "abstaining", to approve a Contract with AT&T Services, Inc. to provide Wide Area Network Services for Waterbury Public Schools.

HAYES: Motion is made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

HARVEY: Abstaining.

HAYES: Abstention for Commissioner Harvey.

3.4 Upon a motion by Commissioner Pinto and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to approve an Addendum

to Purchase Order with Cisco Networking Equipment for purchase and installation of equipment at various schools.

HAYES: Motion is made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

3.5 Upon a motion by Commissioner Pinto and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Rob Davis to provide clinical coordinator services.

HAYES: Motion is made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

3.6 Upon a motion by Commissioner Pinto and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to approve a Professional Services Agreement with All About You Collaborative Health Care Services, LLC to provide nursing services for children with special needs.

HAYES: Motion is made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

3.7 Upon a motion by Commissioner Pinto and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to approve a Professional Services Agreement with New England Home Care, Inc. for services for children with special needs.

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

4. COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL PERSONNEL

4.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner White, it was voted unanimously to approve the additional position of Instructional Tutor for the Waterbury Arts Magnet School.

HAYES: Motion is made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner White, it was voted unanimously to approve the revised job specifications for the position of Supervisor of Reading, English, and Language Arts 7 through 12 (formerly titled “Reading/Language Arts Supervisor 7 – 12”).

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

4.3 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner White, it was voted unanimously to approve of a new extra-compensatory position for High School Indoor Track Head Coach (3).

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

4.4 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Pinto, it was voted unanimously to approve of a new extra-compensatory position of Intra-City Middle School Co-ed Cross Country Coach (replacing Middle School Girls' Soccer).

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

4.5 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Pinto, it was voted unanimously to approve the new extra-compensatory position of Intra-City Middle School Flag Football Coach (replacing Middle School Girls' Soccer).

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Just for clarification, I believe this is supposed to be a boys' flag football team? I know we mentioned co-ed when we talked about the cross country team but there's no... Dr. Snead just informed me that we can't deny girls the opportunity. That's enough said. Any further discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously. I just don't want to see girls doing flag football but I guess it's not politically correct to say that.

4.6 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Stango, it was voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Victoria Chaudhuri as Supervisor of Science/Technology Education.

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, motion passes.

5. COMMITTEE ON BUILDING

7.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner White and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to approve the following resolution to wit:

DESCRIPTION: Motion to approve the following Resolutions Regarding the Acquisition of Specific Properties for the Robinson – North Main Site, to wit:

Whereas, at a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held May 10, 2004, the Board of Aldermen as part of the implementation of the Pre-K-12 Comprehensive School Facilities Plan (the "Plan"), by unanimous consent calendar roll call vote, authorized and approved: (i) the formation of a Building Committee, (ii) the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications, and (iii) the filing of grant applications, all for

the purpose of carrying out the New Elementary School #1 Project and the New Elementary School #2 Project; and

Whereas, at a meeting held June 25, 2004, the Board of Aldermen authorized and approved: (i) the formation of a Building Committee, (ii) the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications, and (iii) the filing of a grant application, for the purpose of carrying out the New Elementary School #3 Project (all three elementary school projects are collectively referred to as the "School Projects"); and

Whereas, at a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held June 25, 2004, the Board of Aldermen voted to appropriate up to \$101,500,000.00 and authorize the City of Waterbury (the "City") to issue general obligation tax revenue intercept bonds to finance certain of the costs of the School Projects, which appropriation and authorization was subsequently increased to \$108,050,000.00 by the Board of Alderman at its meeting on March 7, 2007, and subsequently further increased to \$120,382,255.00 by the Board of Alderman at its meeting on January 22, 2008; and

Whereas, at a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on February 6, 2006, the Board of Aldermen voted, by unanimous consent calendar roll call vote, to approve a contract between the City and Waterbury Development Corporation ("WDC"), in an amount not to exceed \$675,000.00, in which WDC agreed to provide various services including site selection, land acquisition and relocation activities relating to the School Projects;

Whereas, WDC, on behalf of the City, conducted a comprehensive school site evaluation program in order to arrive at a fair, informative and complete analysis of possible school sites for the School Projects; and

Whereas, WDC completed its evaluation, which included four public workshops, and submitted a report to the Board of Education (the "Board"); and

Whereas, the Board, at a meeting held on September 18, 2006, after due consideration of the WDC report, the recommendations of the School Building Committee and its own independent analysis which considered alternative sites, approved the "Duggan School Site" for the New Elementary School #1 Project, the "Robinson-North Main Street Site" for the New Elementary School #2 Project, and the "Gilmartin School Site" for the New Elementary School #3 Project; and

Whereas, Enviromed Services, Inc. has completed Phase I Environmental Site Assessments of the Robinson – North Main Street Site, and completed Phase II Environmental Site Assessments of Griggs Street Lot 4 and Griggs Street Lot 5, (the "Assessments"), which Assessments were delivered to the Board.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That:

1. The Board hereby recommends to the Board of Aldermen that the City acquire the following properties for the New Elementary School #2 Robinson - North Main Site:

25 Griggs Street (Map 218, Block 191, Lot 116)	21 Griggs Street (Map 218, Block 191, Lot 115)
15 Griggs Street (Map 218, Block 191, Lot 114)	1000 North Main Street
(Map 218, Block 191, Lot 113)	1030 North Main Street
1002 North Main Street (Map 218, Block 191, Lot 112)	1064 North Main Street
(Map 218, Block 191, Lot 111)	
1046 North Main Street (Map 218, Block 191, Lot 110)	
(Map 218, Block 191, Lot 109)	

1090 North Main Street (Map 219, Block 191, Lot 1)
(Map 201, Block 191, Lot 28)
1150 North Main Street (Map 201, Block 193, Lot 29)
(Map 200, Block 191, Lot 65)
Griggs Street (Map 219, Block 193, Lot 5)
Block 193, Lot 4)
Robinson Street (Map 219, Block 193, Lot 3)

1116 North Main Street
1080 North Main Street
Griggs Street (Map 219,

2. The Board has made its recommendation after consideration of the WDC selection report, the recommendations of the School Building Committee and its determination that the properties to be acquired are necessary and appropriate for the advancement of the School Projects;
3. The Board recommends that the City, with the assistance of WDC, is authorized and directed to establish the amount believed to be just compensation for each property, based on the appraisals obtained;
4. The Board recommends that the City, with the assistance of WDC, is authorized and directed to conduct good faith negotiations with owners for the purchase of the above properties; and
5. In the event such negotiations with respect to the acquisition of any property fail to produce an agreement, the Board recommends that the City, with the assistance of WDC, shall acquire such property through the exercise of eminent domain pursuant to Section 10-241a and Section 48-5 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

HAYES: Any discussion. Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

6. LEGISLATIVE AD-HOC COMMITTEE

6.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner D'Angelo, with Commissioner Harvey voting "no", it was voted to approve the position statement, for submittal to Waterbury's State Delegation, for repeal or revision of Public Act #07-66, "An Act Concerning In-school Suspension", as attached

HAYES: Motion is made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Commissioner Harvey.

HARVEY: Before I vote on this, and it's really kind of directed towards Commissioner Sweeney because I know she worked very hard on this, but, and to the rest of the Commissioners, this is our statement, our position, to our legislators and I am in agreement with items one through three but I have issues with the wording of items four through six. So in light of that I will be voting against this for that particular reason. Although it is in-house suspension and we know already that it's gonna cost the City of Waterbury money I am looking out for the children and I just don't feel that even though these children are suspended they are still children. And I don't feel we should give up on them. So that's the interpretation I'm gather from items four, five and six. So I will be voting against this.

HAYES: Any further discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed.

HARVEY: Opposed.

HAYES: Motion passes nine in favor, one against.

6.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner D'Angelo, it was voted unanimously to approve the position statement, for submittal to Waterbury's State Delegation, for revision of Public Act #07-02/June's Special Session, ECS Formula Change for Interdistrict Magnet School Students, as attached.

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

7. COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

7.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Stango and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, with Commissioners D'Angelo and Theriault voting "no", it was voted that WTA grievance 07-08-08 is denied.

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, I believe we have eight in favor, two against – Commissioner D'Angelo and Theriault.

7.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Stango and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, with Commissioners D'Angelo and Stango voting "no", it was voted that WTA grievance 07-08-09 is denied.

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, eight in favor, two opposed – Commissioner Stango and D'Angelo.

7.3 Upon a motion by Commissioner Stango and duly seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, with Commissioners D'Angelo and Sweeney voting "no" and Commissioner Stango "abstaining", it was voted that WTA grievance 07-08-12 is sustained.

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, Commissioner Sweeney and D'Angelo voting no and Commissioner Stango abstaining.

7.4 Upon a motion by Commissioner Stango and duly seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, it was voted unanimously that WTA grievance 07-08-13 be referred back to the Personnel Director for further review.

HAYES: Motion is made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

8. COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- 8.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Laccone and duly seconded by Commissioner Pinto, with Commissioner Laccone “abstaining”, it was voted to approve the use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments, as listed.**

HAYES: Motion is made and seconded. Is there any discussion?

LACCONE: I will have to abstain due to the fact that my wife is the head of the PTA which is asking for a waiver of fees.

HAYES: All in favor.

HARVEY: I just wanted to make sure, I didn't get a chance to read Paul's letter, we have taken into consideration.

HAYES: We're still on item 8.1; I think you're referring to 8.3. All in favor, opposed, motion passes nine in favor and one abstention.

- 8.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Laccone and duly seconded by Commissioner Pinto, it was voted unanimously to approve the use of school facilities by outside organizations with fees as outlined in their attached Use of Building Permit and subject to the receipt of all necessary deposits, insurance information, and/or lifeguard/CPR certifications, as listed.**

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

- 8.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Laccone and duly seconded by Commissioner Pinto, it was voted with Commissioners D'Angelo and Theriault voting “no” and Commissioner Harvey “abstaining”, that the request of Grace Baptist and Zion Baptist Churches for the Connecticut State Baptist Convention for a waiver of custodial fees for their use of Crosby High School in the approximate amount of \$756 be denied.**

D'ANGELO: Motion has been made and seconded to deny. Any discussion?

HARVEY: All due respect to the churches and I have to say this to keep peace in the household pretty much. Grace Baptist and Zion Baptist Church, this is not anything personal against them it's just that we are trying to be consistent with past decisions regarding churches and conventions one of which was held I believe a few years ago where we did charge that particular local community church custodial fees, janitorial fees. So I just want Grace Baptist and Zion Baptist to know that this is not anything personal against these particular churches.

HAYES: Anyone else?

THERIAULT: I would like to put a little twist on this too because I think this Board has already established a precedent here and if you're going to deny these fine people the opportunity to use the school at no charge then we ought to go back and get the fees back from all the other people that we did get the money from or give them a refund. But I think we do a lot here for the parochial schools in this town with regard to CYO and every other thing that comes down the pike. And from my mind I think any religious group and church what they're gonna do and the amount of money that we're gonna spend can create nothing but goodwill. And they're out to do a job and sure we can split hairs and we can deny them and we can say that we're going to change our policy midstream but I think was precedence set for this so I'll be voting to approve, thank you.

LACCONE: Mr. President, within this packet and I don't know whether it was provided to the rest of the Commissioners there has been some due diligence in regards to commensurate churches and their activities in the past few years all of which have paid fees for custodial and/or usage of our buildings. This is not a change in direction of our policy. It is simply following our policy. Thank you.

HAYES: Anyone else. Again, a vote in favor is to deny the waiver. All those in favor, opposed – eight in favor, two against – Commissioner D'Angelo and Theriault and Commissioner Harvey abstaining.

8.3 Upon a motion by Commissioner Laccone and duly seconded by Commissioner Pinto, it was voted unanimously to approve that permission be granted to K. Silva, Maloney Magnet School, and 12 chaperones to take 89 students to Lyndhurst, NJ on April 29, 2008 to attend the Medieval Times Festival.

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

8.4 Upon a motion by Commissioner Laccone and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey it was voted unanimously to approve that permission be granted to N. Martone, KHS, and four chaperones to take 50 students to Lenox, MA on April 18, 2008 to visit Shakespeare & Co.

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

8.5 Upon a motion by Commissioner Laccone and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to approve that permission be granted to A. Watkins, WHS, and one chaperone to take eight students to Paris, France from April 12 through April 19, 2008 to study various career opportunities in the fashion industry.

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, motion passed unanimously.

Upon a motion by Commissioner D'Angelo and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to receive and place on file items 9.1 through 9.9, as listed:

- 9.1 **Athletic appointments effective immediately:**
 Boland, Donald – Assistant Football Coach, KHS.
 Collins, Christopher – Freshman Girls Basketball Coach, WHS.
 Giusti, Richard – Freshman Boys Basketball Coach, WHS.
 Hilliard, Trent – Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, WHS.
 Moriarty, Shea – Head Boys Swim Coach, KHS.
 Parker, Rodney – Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, WHS.
- 9.2 **Grant funded appointments:**
 Monnerat, MaryJean – Reading First Grant Literacy Teammate, Bucks Hill, \$30 per hour, 15 hours per week, for 24 weeks, non-union position.
 Parker, Rodney – Parent Liaison, Walsh School, 20 hours per week, 180 days per year, \$13,000 annually with benefits governed by SEIU, non-union position.
- 9.3 **Grant funded resignations:**
 Fernandez, Denise – Educational Grants Office, effective 1/18/08.
 Ortiz, Raquel – Wilson School Parent Liaison, terminated effective 01/16/08.
- 9.4 **Extended School Hours appointments, maximum of 6 hours per week, salary according to individual's contract, funded by the ESH Grant:**
 Olga Martinez – Carrington - Bilingual Teacher
 Filgia Perdomo – Carrington – Sub
 Lori Riggi – Carrington – Sub
 Kelly Brooks – Hopeville Sub
- 9.5 **TPTA appointments, maximum of 6 or 7 ½ (bus duty) hours per week, salary according to individual's contract, funded by the Early Reading Success Grant:**
 Wilson School: Doreen Lawson, Molly Mendez
- 9.6 **Teacher transfers:**

Teacher	From	To	Effective
Altwies, Kristin	S. Worker-StSt/Brook/Cross-temp.	S. Worker-StSt/Brook/Cross-perm.	8/27/07
April, Debbie	NEMS Special Ed	Enlightenment Excel 1E 45-Day	8/25/08
Bacote, Tiffany	WMS 8 Spec Ed	WMS RR Spec Ed	8/25/08
Bauer, Lindsey	WAMS Dance – temp.	WAMS Dance – perm.	8/27/07
Benjamin, Deborah	NEMS 6 Reading	WAMS Business	8/25/08
Birney, Donna	KHS FCS – temp.	KHS FCS – perm.	8/27/07
Bishop, Eldianne	Gil/Brook Spec Ed – temp	Gil/Brook Spec Ed – perm.	8/27/07
Bradshaw, Carl	CHS JROTC – temp.	CHS JROTC – perm.	8/27/07
Brown, Heather	NEMS Rdg. 6 – temp	NEMS Rdg. 6 – temp	8/27/07
Burke, Kelly	Wilson 4 – temp.	Wilson 4 – perm.	8/27/07
Butler, James	CHS Social Studies	WAMS Social Studies	8/25/08
Caban, Kritzia	WSMS Art – temp.	WSMS Art – perm.	8/27/07

Cahill, Richard	WMS Spec Ed – temp.	WMS Spec Ed – perm.	8/27/07
Casey, Nancy	WAMS Math Dept. Chair – acting	WAMS Math Dept. Chair – perm	9/7/07
Collins, Chris	Walsh 5 – temp.	Walsh 5 – perm.	8/27/07
Clark, Michael	KHS Science – temp.	KHS Science – perm.	8/27/07
Comeau, Elizabeth	Gilmartin K – temp.	Gilmartin K – perm.	8/27/07
Corcoran, John	WHS Quinn – temp.	WHS Quinn – perm.	8/27/07
Corcoran, Matthew	WAMS 8 LA	CHS English	8/25/08
Corso, Gina	Pre K ASD – temp.	Pre K ASD – perm.	8/27/07
Crane, Michael	Bunker Hill Psych – temp.	Bunker Hill Psych – perm.	8/27/07
Crane, Monique	WAMS 6 Math – temp.	WAMS 6 Math – perm.	8/27/07
Cruz, Griselle	Chase Bil Spec Ed – temp.	Chase Bil Spec Ed – perm.	8/27/07
Curley, John	State St HS Spec Ed	WHS Spec Ed	8/25/08
Curzi, Maya	Driggs/Kings Speech	Tinker Speech	8/25/07
Demiraj, Brunilda	WMS Bilingual – temp.	WMS Bilingual – perm.	8/27/07
DeSantis, Paula	NEMS FCS – temp.	NEMS FCS – perm.	8/27/07
Dudginski, Charlene	WSMS 7 Inclusion – temp.	WSMS 7 Inclusion – perm.	8/27/07
Foerster, Roland	Enlightenment HS English–temp.	Enlightenment HS English–perm.	8/27/07
Fortier, Danielle	Hopeville Spec Ed – temp.	Hopeville Spec Ed – perm.	8/27/07
Fortuna, Anne	Bucks Hill BDLC – temp.	Bucks Hill BDLC – perm.	8/27/07
Fusco, Iolanda	S. Worker - Hope/MMS – temp.	S. Worker - Hope/MMS – perm.	8/27/07
Gaydosh, Kathy	KHS Chemistry – temp.	KHS Chemistry – perm.	8/27/07
Gorman, Phyllis	Walsh Literacy	District Literacy Facilitator	1/2/08
Grasso, Courtney	Hopeville K – temp.	Hopeville K – perm.	8/27/07
Harris, Michael	NEMS 7 Social Studies	KHS Social Studies	8/25/08
Hernandez, Eva	WAMS Spanish	Kingsbury ESL	8/25/08
Hubbard, Amanda	Generali 4 – temp.	Generali 4 – perm.	8/27/07
Irizarry, Jennifer	WMS 6 Math – temp.	WMS 6 Math – perm.	8/27/07
Ismail, Rafik	Hopeville Music – temp.	Hopeville Music – perm.	8/27/07
Jimenez, Maria	Washington 1	Washington 5	1/22/08
Johnson, Laurie Lynn	BH Annex PreK Spec Ed – temp.	BH Annex PreK Spec Ed – perm.	8/27/07
Kaplanka, Jennifer	Hopeville K – temp.	Hopeville K – perm.	8/27/07
Kinne, Jennifer	S. Worker RMS/Sprague – temp.	S. Worker - RMS/Sprague–perm.	8/27/07
Koval, Kristi	CHS BDLC – temp.	CHS BDLC – perm.	8/27/07
Kozloski, June	NEMS Art	Bucks Hill Art	8/25/08
Kozlowski, Stacy	Walsh Spec Ed	Kingsbury Spec Ed	8/25/08
Labagh, Michael	Bunker Hill BDLC – temp.	Bunker Hill BDLC – perm.	8/27/07
LaChapelle, Sarah	Kingsbury Spec Ed – temp.	Kingsbury Spec Ed – perm.	8/27/07
Lafayette, Donald	KHS Chemistry – temp.	KHS Chemistry – perm.	8/27/07
Lawlor, Melissa	Washington 1 – temp	Washington 1 – perm	8/27/07
Luchina, Jodi	Hopeville 1	District Literacy Facilitator	1/2/08
Maloney, Susan	Walsh 3 – temp.	Walsh 3 – perm.	8/27/07
Marcil, Kara	S. Worker - Kings/Tinker	S. Worker - KHS	03/01/08
Mardin, Deanna	NEMS BDLC – temp.	NEMS BDLC – perm.	8/27/07
May, Bruce	WHS Spec Ed – temp.	WHS Spec Ed – perm.	8/27/07
McGrath, Mark	Enlightenment HS English	Walsh ESL	8/25/08
Mclvor, Peter	Wash/Gen Music – temp.	Wash/Gen Music – perm.	8/27/07
Morrow, Katherine	Sprague/Bunker Music – temp.	Sprague/Bunker Music – perm.	9/18/07

Newmark, Cathi	Bunker Hill Social Work	Bunker Hill/Carrington SW	8/25/08
O'Rourke, Maria	Carrington 5 - temp	Carrington 5 – perm.	8/27/07
Olson, Sally	Sprague 5 – temp.	Sprague 5 – perm.	8/27/07
Pelletier, Roseann	Generali 3	Walsh Literacy (must be posted)	1/2/08
Petruzzi, Amy	Regan 5 – temp.	Regan 5 – perm.	8/27/07
Pesce, Jennifer	WMS 7 Math – temp.	WMS 7 Math – perm.	8/27/07
Pronovost, Laurie	Bucks Hill Literacy	Brook/Cross TESOL	8/25/07
Requejo, Hilary	Walsh 4 – temp.	Walsh 4 – perm.	10/29/07
Richo, Cara	Wilson K – temp.	Wilson K – perm.	8/27/07
Rinaldi, Cathie	WSMS 6 LA – temp.	WSMS 6 LA – perm.	8/27/07
Rivera, Natasha	WMS 8 LA – temp	WMS 8 LA – perm.	8/27/07
Rumbin, Jennifer	Driggs Psychologist – temp.	Driggs Psychologist – perm.	10/15/07
Russo, Christine	Sprague 5 – temp.	Sprague 5 – perm.	8/27/07
Santovasi, Monica	W. Cross 2	Rotella 2	8/25/08
Sanzari, Dina	Brooklyn 1 – temp	Brooklyn 1 – perm.	8/27/07
Sarlo, Jodi	NEMS Literacy – temp.	NEMS Literacy – perm.	8/27/07
Scheuer, Kristine	KHS Science – temp.	KHS Science – perm.	8/27/07
Scialla, Marlena	KHS Math – temp.	KHS Math – perm.	8/27/07
Scirica, Erin	StSt/Enligh Music – temp.	StSt/Enligh Music – perm.	8/27/07
Senk, Robert	KHS Physics – temp.	KHS Physics – perm.	8/27/07
Solimeno, Susan	Wilson Pre K Spec Ed	Bucks Hill Annex Pre K Spec Ed	8/25/08
Solimine, Nicole	W. Cross 3	Rotella 3	8/25/08
Sollazzo, Tara	Tinker RR Spec Ed – temp.	Tinker RR Spec Ed – perm.	8/27/07
Spizzoucco, Ann	WMS 6 LA – temp.	WMS 6 LA – perm.	8/27/07
Stacey Carlson,	NEMS Math 6 – temp.	NEMS Math 6 – perm.	8/27/07
Tansley, Stephen	NEMS Health – temp.	NEMS Health – perm.	8/27/07
Toucet, Nyree	CHS Guidance – temp.	CHS Guidance – perm.	8/27/07
Vega, Betzaida	Wilson ESL – temp.	Wilson ESL – perm.	8/27/07
White, Nancy	Maloney Spec Ed	Tinker Spec Ed	8/25/08
Wiegold, Traci	WAMS Guidance – temp.	WAMS Guidance – perm.	8/27/07
Williams, Rebecca	CHS Spanish – temp.	CHS Spanish – perm.	8/27/07
Wilson, Carrie	NEMS 6 LA	WAMS 8 LA	8/25/08
Winstanley, Kristin	CHS English	WAMS HS English	8/25/08

9.7 **Resignations:**

Campbell, Karen – Washington School, effective 01/15/08.

9.8 **Retirements:**

Flaherty, George F. – WHS Social Studies, effective 01/24/08.

9.9 **Leave of absence requests:**

Dimech, Jennifer – Sprague School grade 2, requesting an unpaid childrearing leave of absence from 2/11/08 through end of school year.

Proulx, Sarah – Sprague School, requesting an unpaid childrearing leave of absence from 2/24/08 through end of school year.

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. All in favor, opposed. Under New Business I'd just like to bring up myself, I guess it would be New Business because we talked about at the last meeting of everybody bringing their calendars to work out a date

for a retreat. Do we want to deal with that now? Commissioner White, since she wasn't here, wasn't aware of that.

WHITE: Go with what it is and I'll just work around it.

HARVEY: Mr. President, I think the Science and Technology, our new candidate, just walked in. Would you come forward?

HAYES: Congratulations.

WHITE: Good luck.

HAYES: Do we want to pick a date? Is there any particular weekend we all want to stay away from? Paul will try to find a place as soon as possible.

D'ANGELO: Do we want Saturday or Sunday.

HARVEY: No Sundays for me.

HAYES: Maybe ten to one or two.

D'ANGELO: How about the 16th, 10 to 2, Saturday.

PINTO: Since its Saturday I would suggest we start earlier in the day.

HAYES: Some people rest on Saturday mornings.

HARVEY: Some people go to the gym.

HAYES: By a show of hands, 9:00?

FLAHERTY-MERRITT: It's a holiday weekend.

HAYES: Is the 23rd okay with everybody?

D'ANGELO: Can we agree on nine to one?

HAYES: As long as it takes but no later than two. We can always adjourn to another retreat if necessary.

D'ANGELO: How did we leave it with a CABE Facilitator?

HAYES: I don't know how we left it. My understanding is that we didn't think it was necessary but some thought it was.

WHITE: I do not believe we need it.

D'ANGELO: We're saying no down here.

HAYES: Okay, no facilitator.

HARVEY: So we are really going to run a meeting without any referees or anything?

WHITE: You don't need a referee.

HARVEY: No facilitator, nothing.

HAYES: Mary will get us in line if need be.

WHITE: Commissioner Harvey has a good point; if we don't follow it then we're out of there.

HAYES: Thank you. Any other New Business?

THERIAULT: I know we said we're going to do this as a retreat, now is this open to the public, closed to the public; can somebody come and watch what we're doing? Commissioner Laccone probably feels no but I just want a clarification of that point.

HAYES: I think our understanding and if somebody disagrees is that a retreat doesn't require us to open up to the public or schedule it as...

WHITE: There is a written ruling on it and it came to us.

GUIDONE: After your last conversation on the subject at the Workshop, Maurice did some research on the matter of a retreat with FOI, their simple response was they don't care what you call it, it's a regular meeting. So if you want to go into executive session you can do so but you'd have to do so through the normal posting of the meeting and either conduct it open if you would like or if you would like to close it you would have to go through the normal motion process.

MOSLEY: Basically as Paul was saying you have to post it, a special meeting, and then when you convene that meeting then you vote to go into executive session.

PINTO: It sounds like it's very simple, we schedule the meeting, we post it, when we get to the meeting we move to go into executive session close the doors and we have our retreat.

MOSLEY: That's exactly right.

PINTO: At the end we go back into session and adjourn.

HAYES: It sounds simple but we need to have the motion drawn up properly. Since we can't vote in advance, if we don't have everybody...

THERIAULT: I think therein begs the question which we were coming to before and that's we tried to avoid the executive session by saying we could go into retreat and avoid executive session. I feel if we're going to do our laundry we do it out in public, myself. I don't care if we have the video cameras or the press there, and I'm gonna tell you one thing, I don't know what the Republican-American is going to do but if there's any member of the public there there will be a video camera there. If you go into

executive session make sure that, we, not you, we go into executive session for the right reason. I don't want someone to challenge us later on and we're already, my famous word, very trepidatious in going into executive session that's why we went to retreat. So now we've been told retreat is not a way so now you have to go back to the original point - is it proper to air this in executive session or should it be done in the public? My opinion, my humble opinion, is I have no problem with anyone hearing anything we have to say about anyone and putting it on the airways, in the newspaper or any place else. Just my opinion.

LACCONE: I believe we have an FOI attorney in employment with the City of Waterbury, Corporation Counsel's off. I cannot see why we cannot ask her for a simple interpretation of the law before next week so we can have, a legitimate concern one way or the other.

HAYES: I agree. My understanding when we decided on a retreat and we didn't hear anything other than the fact we could do this without having to formally post it and make it FOIable and all those things, that's why we agreed to do a retreat and now we've just gotten another curve ball thrown at us so I think we have to get a definitive answer from somebody if we don't feel comfortable. I know that when we do ask for an opinion from Corporation Counsel it has to be by a vote of the Board to request that.

THERIAULT: If we get another opinion like the last one that we got we're gonna need interpreters to spend a week just to interpret the legalese as to what he said in three pages. So if you're going to get an opinion could he put it in English this time so we all could understand it?

HAYES: I believe the question should be formed along the lines of the Board would like to do a retreat for the purpose of a self-evaluation; do we need to go into executive session to conduct that business?

LACCONE: Is it allowable. **I'll move that as a motion**

HARVEY: **Second.**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Laccone and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to request an opinion from Corporation Counsel as to the legality of the Board of Education conducting a retreat for the purpose of a self-evaluation and is the Board allowed to go into executive session to conduct that business.

HAYES: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed. Is it safe to say we have a tentative date with that in anticipation of a decision by Corporation Counsel prior to that? Thank you. Anything else under New Business? Anything under Old Business?

THERIAULT: I would just like to say something with regard to that FirstLight Power situation. I don't know whether you want to hold it as New Business or Old Business.

HAYES: Well honestly I don't think it's any of our business but I would say that I did talk to Paul and talked to the Mayor's Office in anticipation of this and someone from FirstLight would be willing to come to us if the Board so desires.

THERIAULT: Just one point of clarification. I was told and I did call the Clerk of the Board, there are going to be several thousands and thousands and thousands of gallons of ammonia at that particular plant within the vicinity of three large, possibly four large schools, right down in the hub of the valley that's why the smoke stack has to be so high so the wind could take some of that smoke and whatever they're gonna put out there and I won't get into what other smoke stacks we have in town but the point is I'm particularly concerned not only about possible pollutants, just picture this on a hot summer day in the South End in that bowl with one power plant and possibly another down the street from C, L & P and then many thousands of gallons of ammonia within the vicinity of those schools. So that has not been addressed and do I think we need to get involved, you bet your life I do. In fact, the interveners this past week have asked why the Board of Education did not become involved because there are three or four schools within the area and they felt that we should be a part of the intervening process. So are we involved, no we're not, but we should be. My opinion.

WHITE: Just going by what Mr. Schrag said because these people bypassed all of the other boards is one of the reasons that we weren't given a red flag to the situation. So no one can blame us previous but now you're right, now we should get involved now that we're made aware of it.

HARVEY: I agree with both Commissioners, I think it is our obligation to intervene and to bring this company before us so that they can explain what they intend to do.

HAYES: Again, if there are enough people who want to do that we will make that arrangement. My own personal opinion is to reiterate in fact what Commissioner White said I think as a private citizen we can speak on whatever we want but if you notice even Mr. Schrag, his number eight on his list, that there's no local government control over the decision. So, like I said, if people want, if there's sufficient number of people who want to have a representative from them here we will do that. Make a show of hands. How many people would like a presentation by the FirstLight? Paul, could you make that.

THERIAULT: Just a point of order President Hayes, the point of order I would like to make is there are other interveners. The Neighborhood Council is an intervener so to say that we could not be an intervener; we could be an intervener by attending the hearings. I doubt very much whether they're going to set up a presentation just for us, they might do an informational session, but there have been at least I think three hearings with regard to this. FirstLight has done I think two and then there was another one I think that was done in New Britain by the group that is going to actually grant permission for this. So I just didn't want you to say we can't be involved when in fact as a Board we can and should. Thank you.

HAYES: There's a Connecticut Siting Council, all I'm point out is there's no local government control. What I perceive as getting involved means that we have some control over that. Obviously we have our opinions that we can put forth and that's up to the Board on how they want to deal with that. So Paul will see about getting them to

come because honestly I have no clue about all of these things. I'd like to believe, maybe it's because I'm a little older, when I was younger maybe I wouldn't of believed anything, but I would like to believe that after all these years that some of these things have been resolved and the Siting Council from the State of Connecticut and DEP and whoever else might be involved, they certainly are aware of the fact that there are schools near there. They're aware of the Duggan School project that's planned and they supposedly are considering that when they make, prior to making their decision. Anything else under Old Business?

WHITE: A couple of meetings ago I stated that Bill Magnotta would be attending the February 19 meeting and if anybody had any questions to please introduce them in writing ahead of time so that we can get them to him so he can come down with adequate information. Submit the questions and concerns and he will answer them. Any that he will not be able to answer he will return with the correct answers.

HAYES: Could you please just reiterate who Mr. Magnotta is.

WHITE: Mr. Magnotta is, he did head the Magnet School Committee. Now they have reorganized, I don't really know what his position is but he does represent the magnet...

GUIDONE: Educational Consultants for the Interdistrict Magnet School Division.

WHITE: And because we've had so many complaints, not complaints, we've had so many discussions, and they end up with some misinformation, this would be a way to get the correct information for all concerned. Has anyone submitted any concerns in writing yet?

HAYES: Not that I'm aware of.

WHITE: Okay, well I would ask that it be done this week so that we can then send them to him. I know some people think he should be able to answer things right off the top of his head or any of these officials but they can't because legislation changes so rapidly. So give them the courtesy of allowing them to get the proper information please and get the questions to me through Carrie, if you choose, as quickly as possible.

HAYES: Commissioner Stango.

STANGO: Did you say the meeting was the 19th?

WHITE: Yes, it's on a Tuesday because we're off that Monday.

STANGO: That's a regular Board meeting.

WHITE: It is a regular Board Meeting but he is not able to attend on Mondays due to another commitment he has on Mondays in Hartford. So we had asked that he come and be given, not so much a position on the agenda, but the first thing that meeting night.

HAYES: There will be no action taken or anything like that. Maybe after discussion with him there may be something subsequent to that, but just to get him in as soon as we could we thought it would be a way to go about it.

WHITE: That way if it generates more thought and more questions he'll have the time before he comes back the second time

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Laccone, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education

Resolutions signed by Mayor Michael J. Jarjura on February 5, 2008