



<p><b>Committee's participation in the community process in "closing schools"</b></p>	<p>litigation and discovery, millions of dollars and worker-hours, and the trial in NYC lasted nearly a year. Those factors will need to be evaluated, even as we continue to seek a legislative solution.</p> <p>Looby stated that he was attending an informal meeting of school attorneys from upstate in Long Island in August to discuss the pros and cons of collaborative and separate action, if necessary, and will brief the Board upon my return.</p> <p>Members of the Board discussed the merits of joining the lawsuit with other Districts. All agreed that this action would result in excessive staff time, a long drawn out process and costly.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a communications plan to keep the local delegation informed regularly which includes periodic meetings with entire delegation convened by this Committee</li> <li>• Looby will attend the meeting called by various school attorneys in a way to keep informed and will provide an update to the Committee at the next meeting</li> <li>• Committee will explore other options, and that may include the possibility of litigation.</li> </ul> <p>Superintendent Rivera reviewed the "lessons learned" from the process used during the 2004-05 budget development. He stated that with the future decline in enrollment of over 3,000 students the plan should call for better ways to support students, families and neighborhoods. He vowed for a more inclusive process and expressed the need for community readiness when making decisions. He stated that this must be a multi-year plan covering the next 5 years.</p> <p>He indicated that staff (Jana Carlisle, Henry Marini, co-chairs of the Task Force) were in the process of finalizing the plan</p>	<p>Ongoing agenda</p> <p>Michael Looby periodic updates</p>
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	<p>to move forward by reviewing criteria, establishing a task force to call for the modernization of facilities as well as taken certain facilities offline.</p> <p>Board members suggested that the Superintendent look at a school building as separate from the program. Schools that are performing and programs that are working should continue and could possibly be re-located in the future to a more modern facility.</p> <p>Board members strongly stated that the process must be “air tight” and when recommendations are made and approved there should be no wavering under pressure from the community.</p> <p>They agreed that the communications process should begin immediately with regular updates to the community. Decision-makers should be brought on board from the start.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outline the process, timeline and communication plan and forward to the Committee for review by Friday, August 13.</li> </ul>	<p>Superintendent and staff Jana Carlisle, Henry Marini, co-chairs of Task Force</p>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Motion to Adjourn by Commissioner Evans, Seconded by Commissioner Brown</p>	<p>Adopted 3-0 at 8:50 a.m.</p>