

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

(For the January 16, 2007 Board Meeting - MINUTES ATTACHED)

COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Committee meetings were held on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at Bunker Hill School, 170 Bunker Hill Avenue, Waterbury, Connecticut, starting at 5:50 p.m.

PRESENT: President Hayes, Commissioners Geremia, Harvey, Petteway, Stango, Sweeney, Theriault, Uriano, and White (6:25 p.m.).

ABSENT: Commissioner Flaherty-Merritt.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Snead (5:53 p.m.), Assistant Superintendent Cullinan, Assistant Superintendent Sequeira, Chief Operating Officer Paul Guidone, Director of Personnel Ron Frost, School Business Administrator Paul Mazzaccaro, Attorney Maurice Mosley (left at 6:06 p.m.), and School Inspector Herbert Greengas.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee meetings adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education

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MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, 235 Grand Street, Waterbury, Connecticut

PRESENT: President Hayes, Commissioners Flaherty-Merritt, Geremia, Harvey, Petteway, Stango, Sweeney, Theriault, Uriano, and White.

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President Hayes called the meeting to order at 6:42 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 Flaherty-Merritt.

FLAHERTY-MERRITT: Present.

CLERK: Commissioner Geremia.

GEREMIA: Present.

CLERK: Commissioner Harvey.

HARVEY: Here

CLERK: Commissioner Petteway.

PETTEWAY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Stango.

STANGO: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Sweeney.

SWEENEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Theriault.

THERIAULT: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Uriano.

URIANO: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner White.

WHITE: Here.

CLERK: President Hayes.

HAYES: Here.

COMMUNICATIONS:

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

1. Copy of communication dated December 7, 2006 from the Connecticut Association of Schools congratulating Donna Cullen as the 2007 Elementary School Assistant Principal of the Year.
2. Copy of communication dated December 18, 2006 from Civil Service certifying Stephanie Levesque for the position of Administrative Support Specialist I.
3. Copy of communication dated December 20, 2006 from Civil Service certifying Karen Renna for the position of Elementary School Supervising Vice Principal.
4. Communication dated December 26, 2006 from Scully & Wolf transmitting the report pertaining to the End of School Year Report Form ED001 and ED001 PC ISSIS Data Adjustment Forms for the year ended 6/30/06.
5. Communication dated December 27, 2006 from Sotiraq Ngjela regarding upcoming projects.
6. Communication dated December 27, 2006 from Stephen Guilbert regarding non-union contractors on upcoming building projects.
7. Communication dated December 29, 2006 from Michael Spieler regarding non-union contractors on upcoming renovations.
8. Copy of communication dated December 29, 2006 from Civil Service to Pasquale Albino approving his request for a voluntary demotion.
9. Copy of communications dated January 2, 2007 from Civil Service certifying Nina Barbera for the position of Paraprofessional; Jacqueline Evans for the position of

Paraprofessional; Billy Torres for the position of Maintainer I; and Israel Benique for the position of Maintainer I.

10. Communication received January 3, 2007 from Carl Miscavage.
11. Copy of communication dated January 3, 2007 from Civil Service certifying Ilya Kuperschmidt for the position of Maintainer I.
12. Copy of communication dated January 4, 2007 from Civil Service certifying Cathleen Havican for the position of Paraprofessional.
13. Demand for Arbitrations dated January 9, 2007 from the American Arbitration Association regarding WTA 06-07-24, 06-07-27, and 06-07-28.
14. Copy of communication dated January 10, 2007 from Mr. Pannone commending Patricia Kenneson, Barnard School's Maintainer II.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Petteway and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 30, 2006, November 13, 2006, and November 27, 2006.

HAYES: Motion made and seconded. Any discussion, comments? All in favor, opposed, motion passes unanimously. We do have a sign-up sheet with no one on it. Seeing no one here to address the Board I think we can continue on with our business.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Last week I attended a CAUS meeting in Hartford with Urban Superintendents. Also in attendance were Senator Thomas P. Gaffey, Senate Chair of the Education Committee and Representative Andrew Fleischman, House Chair of the Education Committee. We discussed the CAUS Legislative agenda for the 2007 session which included that ECS increases be focused on districts with concentrations of children in poverty. I attended the Blue Ribbon Commission meeting last week and participated in the Public Awareness sub-committee meeting. This was a lively session which included three students from the Granville Academy, Deputy Chief Patrick Ridenhour, Shop Rite owner Paul Toraquindici, and Nancy Vaughan.

I am continuing to visit several schools each week as part of the principal evaluation process. Last week, I visited West Side, Bunker Hill, Tinker, and Carrington, and I visited two schools today, Barnard and Brooklyn. Barnard School has experienced major improvements in its physical space, especially in the gym, the hallways, floors, and lockers. The school is also experiencing improvements in its academics and school environment. So far this year, the school has had zero suspensions. Barnard is a wonderful example of a well-run school, and I would like to invite Board Commissioners to visit and see what is taking place there, especially in such areas as group instruction and individualized instruction. The staff is really on the right track under the Principal,

Tom Pannone's leadership. At Brooklyn, Dr Zillo reported that the staff has received him well and is welcoming his instructional support along with the new math and literacy coaches. This school is on the right track as well. One issue that has been brought up, however, is the request for more professional development in math for elementary teachers. We will be addressing that concern in the coming PD days. At West Side, I observed a lot taking place in the area of data driven decision making. The majority of teachers are on board with appropriate lesson planning and use of daily objectives. I noted some areas of concern and pointed this out to the Principal who is on top of it. The other schools are also on the right track, and I was pleased with what I observed.

This week is mid-terms for the high schools. Our second marking period ends Friday.

Crosby High School ACE students Bianca Ramos and Samantha Velez were invited to a conference at the Harvard School of Law on January 15th. At this media conference, participants discussed issues related to minority women, educational opportunities, and careers. Their Social Studies teacher, Mr. Joseph McCarthy, attended the conference as a representative from Crosby. Bianca and Samantha are juniors in the ACE program.

Congratulations to Nick Augelli! In case you didn't notice the article in Saturday's paper, he is one of eight finalists for National Coach of the Year honors. He will be traveling to Milwaukee in June for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association conference where he will be asked to run a sample clinic as part of the competition.

As you know, we are in the process of developing the 07-08 budget. This morning I reviewed our draft budget in detail with our Finance staff. A Finance Committee meeting to review the first draft of our request prior to full Board consideration is scheduled for this Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Of course, all Board members are invited to attend this important briefing.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Thank you Dr. Snead.

SUPERINTENDENT: I believe we're having our budget, Finance Committee meeting at 30B Church Street, 6:00 p.m. and prior to that we have a Transportation Committee. And I'll be presenting a transportation process in response to President Hayes' request I've developed a procedure and process for principals to follow regarding bus incidents. I've given you a copy of it tonight.

HAYES: Just under my comments, just briefly I know we've got a lot of things going on but I would like to move forward if we can under Rules & Regs and get that statement regarding extra-curricular activities and the grade point average. I know we did it with just athletics but I think we should do that as well for all extra-curricular activities. Let's see if we can get that on our agenda pretty soon. And another thing, we had some mention of, well we had rules and regs changes where we mentioned that we'd make and effort to try to get some help with our physicals, athletic physicals. I'm not sure what we've done on that but I know I have talked to Joe Palladino, I don't know if he's contacted anybody, he's a sports writer, and actually he's offered to give us some information that he's gathering as well. Basically, I don't know when he's going to run his story, my position was that we believe there are enough good samaritans if you will

in Waterbury that we should be able to come up with some people willing to help us. And another thing that he brought up that I was planning to bring up at the budget committee meeting, I go to a lot of games, I've been going to games for years, one of the things that bothers me is the lack of trainers that we have in particular for the basketball. I know with football we have some EMTs there but the basketball I've seen some situations where honestly I'm more concerned about cheerleaders in some cases than I am about the basketball players. I've seen one Crosby cheerleader land on his head, I saw a Wilby cheerleader land on her back a couple of years ago, this was all in a span of a week, one of the girls playing for Kennedy get hurt and it takes 20 minutes to a half hour to get an EMT there or an ambulance there. So I'm not sure exactly what the cost is but again I'm hoping there might be some organizations out there that would be willing to send in, like we talked about interns at the hospitals to help us with our physicals, maybe we can GET something along those lines as well. I know it was brought, one particular group was brought, I don't want to mention their name now but I think there's enough physical therapy places in the City that probably have some kids or young adults, students, working where we could probably work out some kind of arrangement with them where those can come to our schools. Even if we do it regionally, I don't know Paul, but whatever you can do to help out with that idea as well. I don't know what the cost would be; obviously I think it's important that we do have trainers there. I've seen them everywhere else I go on the road, everybody else seems to have them and it's one of those little things where I feel, I don't want to say embarrassed, but it's basically you hear the comments from the out of towners that we don't care about our kids' health as much as they do or whatever. So I think it is something that we need to look into and I would like to have that done in this budget year. That's it for me, we can move onto our committee reports.

REPORTS

1. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Petteway and duly seconded by Commissioner Uriano, it was voted by roll call vote yet the motion FAILED, to approve for select Kennedy High School students to participate in the High School Risk Survey as conducted by Yale University of Medicine.

HAYES: Motion made and seconded. Any discussion?

HARVEY: Have we received the information we requested from the principal in regards to the coding? I believe we were supposed to receive some information on that.

SEQUEIRA: I did call Mr. Azzara, he hasn't received the information . . . e-mail to Mr. Guidone to that effect . . . he was still waiting . . .

STANGO: As I stated at the last workshop meeting when this proposal was first presented, I have some concerns with the scope of the proposed survey, the least of which is gambling and tobacco use. I feel that some of the questions are an invasion of the privacy of the family. Some of the questions are far-reaching and not only involve the feelings of the responder but also personal questions about their families' views and

involvement with gambling, alcohol, smoking, and drugs. The survey asks questions about crimes committed, arrests, and/or convictions not only of themselves but their family members as well. Even though this survey is anonymous I feel the questions feed into a culture of kids informing on family, a break in parental trust. In my opinion some of the questions in this survey are inappropriate for ninth and tenth graders and may, in a sense, rob them of their innocence. In their young minds the question itself could lend a sense of legitimacy to the actions described. Personally I would not want my 14 or 15 year old exposed to parts of this survey. Some of the questions regarding dieting, self-harm and maturation issues are extremely personal and should only be asked by a physician, counselor, or parent. Because assuming the questions are answered honestly the student may be in dire need of immediate help. I feel Waterbury students do not need to be profiled and become yet another statistic in the name of a third party, in this case Yale, generating yet more charts and graphs about our district. Accordingly, certain discussions and interventions must still be left to the responsibility of parents and family. Therefore at this time I will not be supporting the request.

WHITE: I was not able to speak on this particular matter because they spoke before I came into the meeting. I was prepared to speak against it for the same reasons that Commissioner Stango just put forward. So I would like to say that I'm in complete agreement with him and I will be voting no on this particular question.

HARVEY: I would just like to say although I have full confidence in the efforts that are being made to get the information or the question that I had, get that information, without that information I can not support this so I will be voting no. And I'm requesting a roll call vote on this.

FLAHERTY-MERRITT: I just wanted to say that although I wasn't able to attend the workshop due to rescheduling, reading through this survey I had tons of questions on how invasive it was and how it didn't seem to ask questions specific to the ultimate goal and based on that and my knowledge of reading through this I don't think it's an appropriate survey for that age group. I don't think it's as anonymous as they like to make it out to be.

THERIAULT: I would concur with Commissioner Stango's evaluation with regard to this and the sentiments of other Commissioners. I also would like the Board to take into account the fact that they were going to do this study to ascertain \$1,500 for some additional leadership training. So I would encourage the Board at a later time to possibly entertain looking for the money so that they can still do this leadership training which I think is so very valuable. So I think that the motivation and the reason for initiating this was a good one but it seems to be going a little bit over the edge in terms of some of the questions. Thank you very much.

SWEENEY: At the Workshop I had originally given my thoughts, I wasn't particularly disturbed by the survey itself if it was my decision to make for my ninth grade child. However, there is enough concertation on this Board to make me believe that the parents of the ninth graders at Kennedy would likely have similar concerns. If we have the option of opt-in for parents if they are aware of it and if they are aware of the contents of this survey to make the decision to opt-out. And I will again point to the fact that I would prefer opt-in for the simple fact that it filters out those parents who aren't paying any attention at all and when they're not paying any attention at all and the

option is opt-in, those students don't get the chance to participate and you don't take the chance that a student participates in something that they do not have sufficient backup at home to support. So in light of the feelings of other members of this Board and in light of the fact that that is likely represented in the community, I will not be supporting this either. Thank you.

HAYES: Any further discussion? Hearing no further discussion, can I have a roll call vote please.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: Commissioners Petteway, Uriano, and President Hayes – 3.

Nays: Commissioners Flaherty-Merritt, Geremia, Harvey, Stango, Sweeney, Theriault, and White – 7.

HAYES: Motion fails – seven against, three in favor.

1.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Petteway and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to approve for select middle school and high school students to participate in the Waterbury Police Department's Project Safe Neighborhood's Program visit to the New Haven Correctional Center.

HAYES: Motion made and seconded. Any discussion?

PETTEWAY: Although I am in favor of the children visiting the New Haven Correctional Center I think it would also be a good idea if we could take these same students to places where they can see where people have succeeded if they did not, you know, take the other road to do the things to cause them to go visit the school or to cause them to be I would say discouraged from succeeding in school but I think also we should take time to have these kids visit those places to show them that they too can also be successful, you know, use that as an intervention method also. And I think we should really follow up on that because we expel the children, they're sent home for 10 days, they fight, children will be children, but we also need to let them know the consequences of good behavior and what happens when they go ahead and try to succeed in their academics.

HAYES: Any other discussion?

THERIAULT: Yes, I agree with Commissioner Petteway's evaluation of this. I would also like to see it expanded into the court rooms as well. I think it's a good idea for them to visit places where people succeed such as vocational education or having a, just a vocational training day. I can remember years ago they use to do it in the grammar schools where they'd have a doctor, a nurse, or a secretary come in and every half an hour they'd go from room to room and kids can see how people actually were successful in their given vocation. And you can do it right within the school using the parents of the children right from that school which makes it even more important. So I concur with the flip of the coin so to speak showing the good and the bad but also I would like to reinforce the possibility of expanding this to the court rooms so that students can see the judicial process at work and they can see the consequences of

actions, they can see the consequences of good action which is a good job, good standard of living, good pay and overall a good disposition intellectually and physically. So I think these are very, very important things and they certainly fit right within the realm of what we're trying to do on this Blue Ribbon Commission in terms of telling the children to stay in school and get to graduation, and there are rewards as you cross the finish line. So those remarks are very well taken and I know Dr. Snead in particular is a real advocate of this and I've heard him speak many times and he's the head cheerleader when it comes to this area. There's nobody better at telling the students how important education is than Dr. Snead and he does a good job. Thank you.

HAYES: Anyone else. Just to add something, it doesn't have to do with this vote necessarily but just for clarification, I don't know if it's contingent upon your support of this, but I believe there's a lot of those positive presentations being made a lot of the times. As you said, Dr. Snead does them, I know they're just regular visits that do point out positive things. I know even going back to Ryan Gomes at the beginning of the year, he presented himself as one of those kids that may have been at risk who was able to see the light and turn himself around. We obviously want to do more than just get kids involved in sports but I would just say that I feel comfortable that we do have enough of those positive images but we could always use more. And one of the one's I know Commissioners Uriano and Theriault were with me at the Olympian Club Dinner last week and Gary McClain spoke and he talked to me briefly, he said he wants to come in and meet with me or us and to look into possible future visits with some of his inspirational speeches. I think it was on Channel 16 or 21 at one point, but I think again we do have a lot of positive things going on as well. I don't want anyone to think that we're only doing the negative. But certainly if we have, that particular group, whoever they turn out to be, will go to that I think we can make a commitment that those same kids can be exposed to some of those other positive things, as you said, because those are good ideas. Any other discussion on the motion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, motion passes unanimously.

2. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

2.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Geremia and duly seconded by Commissioner Uriano, it was voted unanimously to approve a Lease Agreement with Fiber Technologies Networks, LLC for the installation, operation and maintenance of fiber optic cable laterals for Wilby High School, Bucks Hill School, and Regan School.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Commissioner White and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to go into executive session at 7:11 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, health or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

HAYES: Motion made and seconded – all in favor, opposed.

Present: All Commissioners, Dr. Snead, Dr. Sequeira, A. M. Cullinan, R. Frost, Atty. Mosley, and P. Guidone.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Petteway and duly seconded by Commissioner Uriano, it was voted unanimously to return from the regular order of business at 7:51 p.m. Let the record show no votes were taken.

HAYES: All in favor, opposed. Dr. Snead just asked if he could add onto his Superintendent's Report.

SUPERINTENDENT: I'd like to make sure everyone is aware that Principal Robyn Apicella had surgery recently and is recuperating and please send your notes or flowers or cards to her. She'll be out for a while.

STANGO: Who is now in charge of Wilby High School?

SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Vicario.

STANGO: And if she's going to be out for an extended time are you going to get someone to fill in as another assistant principal.

SUPERINTENDENT: Yes, we have two individuals filling in – Begnal and Lynn Palleria.

3. COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL PERSONNEL

3.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Uriano, it was voted, by roll call vote, to deny the unpaid leave of absence request of Cheryl Wirth.

HAYES: Motion made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor.

THERIAULT: Roll call vote please.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Commissioners Flaherty-Merritt, Geremia, Harvey, Hayes, Petteway, Sweeney, Uriano, and White - 8
Nay: Commissioner Stango - 1
Abstention: Commissioner Theriault - 1

WHITE: Can we make sure her name is the rehire list please.

HAYES: Motion passes eight in favor, one against and one abstention.

4. COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

- 4.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner White and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, with President Hayes “abstaining”, it was voted that the SEIU grievance of Anthony Salvatore be sustained at the Superintendent’s level and that the employee be terminated effective November 28, 2006.**

HAYES: Motion made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, and I abstain. Nine in favor, one abstention.

5. COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- 5.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Petteway and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to approve the use of school facilities by school organizations and/or City departments.**

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

- 5.2 Upon a motion by Commissioner Petteway and duly seconded by Commissioner Uriano, it was voted unanimously that permission be granted to S. Danner, WMS, and one chaperone to take 16 students to Baltimore, MD from January 18 through 20, 2007 to compete in a robotics tournament.**

HAYES: Motion made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing none – all in favor, opposed, motion passes unanimously. We’ll send along our best wishes with our permission.

- 5.3 Upon a motion by Commissioner Petteway and duly seconded by Commissioner Uriano, it was voted unanimously that permission be granted to J. Hermes, CHS, and five chaperones to take 49 students to Philadelphia, PA from April 27 through 28, 2007 to visit The Franklin Institute Science Museum.**

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

6. SUPERINTENDENT’S NOTIFICATION TO THE BOARD

Upon a motion by Commissioner Petteway and duly seconded by Commissioner Geremia , it was voted, with Commissioner Theriault “abstaining” on item 6.6, to receive and place on file items 6.1 through 6.8, as listed:

- 6.1 Athletic resignations:**
Santoro, Amanda – Cheerleading Coach, CHS, effective immediately.
- 6.2 Athletic appointments:**
Jones, Courtney – Cheerleading Coach, WHS, effective immediately.

McDonald, Brian – Freshman Boys' Basketball Coach, WHS, effective immediately.
Paulsen, Carri-Ann – Assistant Swim Coach, WMS, effective immediately.
Walker, Michelle – Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach, CHS, effective immediately.
Wallace, Robert – Assistant Football Coach, WHS, effective immediately.

6.3 **Extended School Hours Program appointments, salary according to contract, maximum of six hours per week unless otherwise noted, effective immediately:**

Bucks Hill:	Anna Solla	Secretary	\$19.34 per hour
	Christopher Chieppo	Substitute	\$30.00 per hour
Wilson:	Janice Rinaldi	Secretary	\$21.73 per hour (correction)

6.4 **Grant funded appointments:**

Iannarella, Mandy – Teacher's Assistant, ECEP, salary and benefits according to SEIU contract, effective immediately.

6.5 **Grant funded resignations:**

Stanco, Dawn M. – Grants Payroll Clerk, effective 12/29/06.
Vlashi, Zikri - Network Specialist, effective 09/29/06.

6.6 **Salary increases effective 01/01/07:**

Frost, Ron – Director of Personnel-Education, from \$75,000 to \$77,250 (3% budgeted increase).

6.7 **Resignations:**

Kane, Jason – WSMS Math, effective 12/31/06.
Marcantonio, Lori – WMS Literacy/Language Arts, effective 10/19/06.
Meyer Rosa, Anne – Walsh School Bilingual, effective 12/31/06.
Sheehan-Wolff, Karen – School Social Worker, effective 12/14/06./

6.8 **Leave of absence requests:**

Ford, Marnie – Driggs School, requesting an unpaid leave of absence from 12/12/06 through 01/02/07.
Sullivan, Kara - KHS English, requesting an unpaid childrearing leave of absence from 12/14/06 through 02/23/07.

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

THERIAULT: I'll be abstaining on item 6.6.

HAYES: Is there any unfinished business? Any new business? Anyone in favor of adjournment?

THERIAULT: One last item. Under this report under the Scully and Wolf, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, I'd just like to bring you to the third page, something that kind of jumped out at me and I just wanted to see if Paul Guidone could clarify this. The sentence that says "had we performed additional procedures other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you". What does that mean?

GUIDONE: There was a reference that John read in the Audit report indicating that, it's probably in the cover letter, I don't have it in front of me now, but it's general language

that says if they had done other things they may find other things. That's standard audit language, I've seen it in every single audit report generated by any auditor, and it does what it sounds like it does which is to say that there may be other things, they weren't able to find any, and if they had performed other tasks, perhaps they would. So it's kind of to cover themselves. I have seen that phrase in every single audit report I've ever seen.

THERIAULT: It doesn't mean that...

GUIDONE: No, it doesn't mean that they have suspicion of anything...

THERIAULT: It doesn't mean that they did an abbreviated audit.

GUIDONE: No, it does not. Like any audit there's a basic scope but you may ask to also look at this, also look at this. No, they did a regular audit for the City. It's just in case.

THERIAULT: With that being said I'd like to congratulate Dr. Snead, Mr. Guidone, on the excellent job that they did with regard to keeping track of the finances with regard to the City budget, the Federal budget, the State budget, all the grants and all the reports that came in. I think the reports have been outstanding and this is just one more example of the outstanding work that you've done. People say you're not good with numbers; I'll correct them from now on.

GUIDONE: Thank you John, I'll be giving a full review of the audit reports at the next workshop. We actually just received final drafts. They are in very good order, we had a briefing, the auditors directly briefed the Oversight Board last week. I was there and they were very praiseful of all the progress that's been made on both the City side and the Board of Ed side. We will provide an update at the next Workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Geremia, and duly seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

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

Resolutions signed by Mayor Michael J. Jarjura on January 17, 2007