

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES ~ REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

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

PRESENT: President Stango, Commissioners Awwad, Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, Rodriguez, J. Van Stone, and T. Van Stone.

ABSENT: Commissioners Hayes and McEntee.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Kathleen Ouellette, Chief Academic Officer Anne Marie Cullinan, Special Advisor to Superintendent Paul Sequeira, and Chief Operating Officer & Chief of Staff Paul Guidone.

1. SILENT PRAYER

President Stango called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. with a moment of silence.

OUELLETTE: As we take a moment to remember those who have passed, please remember Mrs. Catherine DeVito, who passed away April 29, 2014. Mrs. DeVito worked as a nurse for the Middlebury Orthopedic Group for many years. After the medical practice moved to Waterbury, she was approached by the Waterbury Board of Education to develop and implement an Allied Health program, where she continued to sub after her retirement. In lieu of flowers, her family is requesting memorial contributions in her name be made to: The City of Waterbury, Board of Education Allied Health Program, c/o the School Business Office, 236 Grand St., Waterbury. Contributions will benefit graduates of this program who would like to further their education in the nursing field. I would like to thank her family for their generosity. Please keep Mrs. DeVito and her family in our thoughts and prayers this evening.

STANGO: Also in our prayer tonight let us remember the student who lost her life last week in Milford High School. This loss is a tragedy beyond belief. Things such as this should not happen let alone happen in a school. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family. This district stands strong in support along our brothers and sisters on the Milford Board as they attempt to endure this horrific event. A silent prayer please.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

3. ROLL CALL

CLERK: Commissioner Awwad

AWWAD: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Brown.

BROWN: Here.

CLERK: Vice President Harvey.

HARVEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Hayes (absent). Commissioner Hernandez.

HERNANDEZ: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner McEntee (absent). Commissioner Rodriguez.

RODRIGUEZ: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner J. Van Stone.

J. VAN STONE: Present.

CLERK: Commissioner T. Van Stone.

T. VAN STONE: Present.

CLERK: President Stango.

STANGO: Here. For the record, Commissioner Hayes and Commissioner McEntee called expressing their regrets that they would be unable to attend this evening.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. Copy of communication dated April 11, 2014 from New England Association of Schools & Colleges to Wilby High School regarding their two-year progress report.
2. Copy of communication dated April 11, 2014 from New England Association of Schools & Colleges to Waterbury Arts Magnet School regarding their special progress report.
3. Email communication dated April 14, 2014 from Jimmie Griffin regarding employment practices in Waterbury School District.
4. Email communication dated April 16, 2014 from Leda O'Connor regarding her children.

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

5. PUBLIC ADDRESSES THE BOARD

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

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

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

Meka Flowers, 156 National Avenue, had the following comments: Good evening. On March 19 my child was left on a school bus, my four-year old child. The people responsible are still working, they're still in school, and what I can't understand is how do I tell my child that these people that are supposed to look out for you didn't look out for you, they left you behind? How do I tell her that it's okay because it's not okay. But how, as a mother, do I explain to my child that this shouldn't have happened. Her being four years old, she doesn't want to go to field trips anymore, she doesn't want to be alone at all even during the day. We bought her a brand new bed because she's four and she's getting older and she goes to school, she's a big girl, she doesn't want to sleep in her brand new bed anymore because she doesn't want to be alone. So as a parent I fell like the Education Department failed and sending these people back to work, especially the bus driver who told me to my face that it was not his responsibility to check the bus, it was the aide's job, a so called man that couldn't even own up to his mistake. So how do I explain to my child that it's okay, you can get on the bus? Next year she'll be in kindergarten. I'm not even sure I want to send her on the bus cause I'm not sure if she'll come back home this time. And this is not the first incident where a four year old child was left on a bus. So my thing is I have another child, do I not put her on the bus because I don't know if she'll come home? And it seems to me that the City of Waterbury wants to brush it under the rug and make it seem like it's not a big deal because I found her, because she came back home. But it is a big deal because we're still dealing with it at home. We're still trying to make her feel comfortable with going on a school bus at four years old. She has the rest of her life to be on a school bus.

Daniel Edwards, 578 Congress Avenue, had the following comments: Good evening. I would like to thank you for allowing me to speak tonight. The City of Waterbury once again gets a black eye when it comes to consistency. Kalyah Kee, a four year old, is not just a member of my church, she's also my niece. On March 19 she was left along on a bus by a teacher, and aide, and a bus driver. They were all suspended for this action which leads me to believe that the safety of our children is only worth two weeks. Let me repeat that, the safety of our children of our children is only worth two weeks. But two years ago according to the Waterbury Republican on 3/30/12, a bus driver was fired for having a non-vulgar, non-racial verbal altercation with a fourth grader. My question to the Board is this – with neither being a good thing, which one of these situations was more dangerous? More appalling to me is the comments made by the school official Mr. Guidone, forgive me if I said his name wrong, to a news reporter “the child was put in jeopardy and meted out appropriate discipline” Guidone said, “based on the totality of the incident records of these individuals, it was malicious. A very bad mistake on a number of individuals and hopefully we can move forward.” He attempted to downplay the significance of the lack of accountability by suggesting that it happens, that we should expect it and more importantly, in my opinion, get over it. I want you to picture a four year old waking up on the school bus alone, climbing out of the back of a bus to a busy Colonial Plaza alone and confused. What if it was your four year old? What if it was your niece or your nephew how would you feel? If you go online you see over and over people fired for leaving children on a bus. In the CDL book, and I have my CDL, it states in black and white that bus drivers are to check the bus before they leave. Teachers are teaching their students to count but they themselves are not counting their students when exiting the bus, this shouldn't happen. I love this city but it is very frustrating to both work and live here because of

the consistence inconsistencies. I do not know what you could do about the incident because they have already been disciplined. At a minimum, I believe that a situation like this needs to be taken more seriously. Again, if bus drivers are terminated for verbal altercations then someone needs to take a second look at this. Not on my paper, but going off what Mr. Stango said, this incident that happened about a week or so ago about the young lady, it broke my heart, it broke my heart to even hear about it, to watch it on the news, but when he was speaking it made me think, something just as tragic could have happened that day if not for God and it was just two weeks. Thank you.

Anita Anthony, 578 Congress Avenue, had the following comments: I started not to speak, the young lady that they're talking about, I call her young lady because that's what she reminds me of, this is my granddaughter and I don't understand how anyone could say that the discipline that was handed out was sufficient. That was not sufficient. I, too, work for a bus company and the drivers there, our head dispatch, and our manager said the driver should have been fired on the spot. The teacher and the assistant or the teacher's aide, the discipline was not strong enough, I know that there's a union involved, but the discipline was not strong enough. This was a four year old child that we're talking about. And as my brother-in-law said and my granddaughter's mother said, not sufficient, being swept under the rug. I don't understand how anyone could get up in the morning and look at themselves in the mirror and act as though it was enough. This little girl is afraid now; if she goes on a field trip she wants her mother there. I don't know how comfortable she is with the bus. I would not, I can't tell her what to do, I would not put my child on another school bus in Waterbury until things were changed. I would not allow my child to attend that classroom anymore. But I can't tell her what to do, it's my granddaughter, it's not my daughter. I have dealt with the Waterbury School System for over 30 years. My oldest child is 36, so I have dealt with the Waterbury School System for over 30 years, not sufficient enough the discipline that was handed down. Step it up, not good enough. You have the means to do what is necessary to be done and you decide not to. You have the backing to do what is necessary to be done and you choose not to. A four year old – look at yourselves in the mirror and think four years old. Thank you.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Jason Van Stone and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to return to the regular order of business at 6:51 p.m.

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

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Ouellette read and distributed the following announcements:

I would like to remind you of three items I mentioned last week:

1. The Waterbury Parent Academy is presenting a Shakesperience Production of The Sword in the Stone on Saturday, May 3rd, at Wilby High School, 3:30 p.m.
2. The City and Board of Education's Family and Housing Expo will be held Saturday, May 10th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
3. Also on Saturday, May 10th, Team Waterbury will be participating in the Walk for Autism Speaks. Our schools raised over \$3,000 in support of Team Waterbury. The walk will take place in Library Park, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

We had an update from Donna Mancuso, the coach for the LifeSmarts team from Crosby the other day. After the first day of competition, the team was ranked in the number one seed bracket and competed against the top five schools in the country. Our team, representing Connecticut, was ranked fourth overall. At that time, the students had completed six rounds and were ranked fifth. They were also about 10 points away from the first place team. Mrs. Mancuso reports that the team finished 9th in the nation, finishing one point shy of qualifying for the quarterfinals. I am also pleased to report, though, that one of our students, Belman Soto, was recognized at the final banquet by finishing 4th in the nation on an individual test of 100 questions on Health and Safety. We are extremely proud of our team.

Our Kennedy High School robotics team had a wonderful experience in St. Louis at the FIRST robotics challenge. Even though they did not place, the students had an opportunity to meet and network with other students from around the United States as well as other countries. Over 12,000 students, ages 6 to 18, competed in the Championship events.

The Pre-K students from Mrs. Kalnins class at Maloney Magnet School visited Waterbury Public Schools Central Office for a field trip yesterday, April 30, 2014. The students were greeted by Dr. Tucker who welcomed them and read Eric Carle's "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" story to them in the Superintendents Conference Room. Upon completion of the book, the students made a caterpillar which they presented Dr. Tucker. After a brief conversation about school and learning and the skills needed for a job, they then visited the Superintendent's office, Special Education Department and the Fire Department where they met Chief Martin & Assistant Chief Couture. The students were presented with coloring books and other items provided by Mrs. Mary Ann Marold's office.

I attended the Crosby High School STEM Fair yesterday. I was pleased to view the exciting presentations created by our Crosby High School students, as well as to visit with some of the many STEM career professionals who took time from their work day to meet with our students. There were also representatives from a number of colleges and universities who offer strong STEM programs. Students had the opportunity to learn about the college programs as well as what it takes to have a successful career in one of the STEM, science, technology, engineering, and math, fields.

Last night Anne Marie Cullinan and I attended a Bridge to Success presentation on "The Voice of Waterbury's Youth." Our youth spoke about their impressions on their needs to succeed. The event also included a presentation on the highlights and opportunities discovered during the 2013 BTS youth survey. The survey results were discussed in terms of the Search Institute's 40 developmental assets.

May 5th through the 9th is Teacher Appreciation Week. We want to thank all of our teachers and administrators for all of their hard work and dedication, especially in difficult times of school reform.

Give Local Greater Waterbury & Litchfield Hills is May 6th and 7th. This 24 hour online giving event is organized by the Connecticut Community Foundation as a part of the nationwide giving event, Give Local America. Each year the students of the ACE

Mentor Program put together a presentation based on their chosen project during the term of their 8 month session with ACE, which stands for Architecture, Engineering and Construction. This year the students chose to work on a Library Relevance Challenge by developing a new design for the Silas Bronson Library. While taking a research tour through the library a few weeks ago, the students met Emmet McSweeney, the Library Director, who not only talked to the students about the history of the library but mentioned some of the facility updates that will be happening in the future. The presentation of their concept is taking place at City Hall on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

The Performance Evaluation Advisory Council (PEAC), on which Bob Rader and Patrice McCarthy represent CAFE has recommended to the State Board of Education modifications to the Educator Evaluation and Support guidelines to clarify that student performance would be measured by progress over time and to clarify the dispute resolution process. The recommendations also include further examination of best practices and implementation of the indicators of academic growth and development by PEAC during 2014-15. The State Board will consider these recommended changes at their meeting on May 7th.

STANGO: Any questions for Dr. Ouellette on her announcements?

BROWN: I was just curious if there was a summary of the Bridge to Success presentation we could get a look at or something to get an idea of what the students are saying.

SUPERINTENDENT: Absolutely, we'd be happy to send that out to you.

7. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

STANGO: First, regarding the mechanics of the Board, I would like to announce that Commissioner Hernandez has agreed to assume the role of liaison to the Interdepartmental Health Committee. She will be replacing Commissioner Brown who has served in that position for the last two years and I thank Commissioner Brown for your service on that committee and I welcome Commissioner Hernandez to that new assignment.

On another matter, I would like to begin discussions in Workshop regarding the anticipated of a Charter Revision Commission in Waterbury. I would like to frame the discussion on the possibility of crafting a resolution asking the Charter Revision Commission to consider removing the Superintendent of Schools from Civil Service. A previous Board of Education four years ago had this conversation and a resolution was voted on in the affirmative at that time. However, the resolution was not sent forward from the Charter Revision Committee. Therefore, I will please this issue on a future Workshop agenda for our discussion and consideration. And that concludes my comments this evening.

Does anyone wish to remove an item from the Consent Calendar?

President Stango proceeded to read the Consent Calendar, Items 8.1 through 8.1.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Brown, it was voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar, items 8.1 through 8.7, as listed:

- 8.1 With the approval of the Committee on Building, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the ED042/Phase 5 for the Jonathan E. Reed Elementary School Project – State Project 151-0253 N/PS, as attached.
- 8.2 With the approval of the Committee on Finance, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of a College Readiness System Solutions Agreement with the College Board to provide College Board exams, products, and services related to the College Readiness System.
- 8.3 With the approval of the Committee on Finance, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval to apply for the Connecticut State Department of Education School Improvement Grant for Bucks Hill School.
- 8.4 With the approval of the Committee on Curriculum, the Superintendent of Schools recommends permission be granted to Linda Demirali, WMS, and seven chaperones to take 35 students to New York, NY on May 21, 2014.
- 8.5 With the approval of the Committee on Curriculum, the Superintendent of Schools recommends permission be granted to LTC Jeffrey T. Adams, CHS, and four chaperones to take 43 students to Agawam, MA on June 6, 2014 to visit Six Flags.
- 8.6 With the approval of the Committee on School Facilities and Grounds, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the use of school facilities, at no charge, by the following school organizations and/or City departments:

GROUP	FACILITIES AND DATES/TIMES
FRC Ernest Racine, Jr.	Reed café: Tuesday, April 22nd & 29th 6:00-8:00 pm (Informational sessions with Bristol Hospital)
Health Dept. Bill Quinn	WAMS café & 4 classrooms: Sat. April 26 th , 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (workshops)
Blue Collar Union Paul Pastore	Kennedy aud.: Sunday, April 27 th , 9:00 am - 11:00 am (union mtg.)
C. Damone	Wilson gym: Thursday, May 8 th , 5:00-7:00 pm (Luau dance for students/families)
Aresta Johnson	WAMS atrium: Monday, May 5 th , 5:30 - 8:00 pm (Foster care informational seminar)
K. Yamashita-Iverson	Maloney café: Thursday, May 1 st , 5:00 - 8:00 pm (Students in Japanese class – sushi night)
T. St. Pierre	Duggan gym: Thursday, June 12 th , 4:30 - 7:30 pm (Family involvement cook-out)
V. Vicenzi	Rotella café: Monday, May 5 th , 6:00 - 8:00 pm (Café workers union meeting)
Park Dept. Ed McCann	Wilby pool: May 24, 25, 26, 11 am – 5 pm (only if Lakewood not usable) Wilby pool: 7/3/14-8/10/14, Thurs. thru Sun. (only if Lakewood not usable)

Kennedy pool: 5/27, 28, 29, 30, 6/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 2:30-5:30 pm (lifeguard training)
Kennedy aud.: 6/24 & 6/25, 9 am – 3 pm (summer staff training)
WSMS pool: 6/30-8/8/14, Mon. thru Fri., 8 am - 3:30 pm (open swim)
*Kennedy pool: 6/30-8/8/14, Mon. thru Fri., noon to 3:00 pm, (open swim)
(*Kennedy pool if available)

*R. O'Neill	Carrington café: Wed., May 14 th , 5:45-8:15 pm (Book Club Mtg. & Dance)
*K. Ondrush	WAMS atrium & media center: Tues., May 27 th , 6:00-8:00 pm (Veterans Dinner)

- 8.7 With the approval of the Committee on School Facilities and Grounds, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the use of school facilities by outside organizations and/or waiver requests, subject to fees and insurance as required:

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>FACILITIES AND DATES/TIMES</u>
<u>GROUPS NOT SUBJECT TO FEES OR WAIVER DUE TO TIME OF USE OR PREVIOUS WAIVER:</u>	
Hoops 4 Life	Sprague gym: Tues. & Thurs. May 20, 22, 27, 29 5:00-9:00 pm
Deneen Fryer	(spring basketball league practice)
*Wtby. Ballers	Walsh gym: 4/25-6/30/14, M, W, F, 6:00-9:00 pm
Andre Johnson	(basketball program)

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

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

There were no items removed from the Consent Calendar.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Commissioner Jason Van Stone and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to convene into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. for discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

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

Present were: President Stango, Commissioners Awwad, Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, Rodriguez, J. Van Stone, and T. Van Stone.

Also present were: Dr. Ouellette, Dr. Sequeira, Mrs. Cullinan, Mr. Guidone, and Assistant Corporation Counsel Paula Anthony.

Upon a motion by Commissioner J. Van Stone and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously return to the regular order of business at 7:28 p.m. with no votes taken.

STANGO: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor, opposed, we are back into the regular order of business. No votes were taken for the record.

11. COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL PERSONNEL

- 11.1 Upon a motion by Commissioner Harvey and duly seconded by Commissioner Jason Van Stone, it was voted, by roll call vote, to approve that the Waterbury Board of Education adopt the findings of fact of the impartial hearing panel in the matter of Brian Goggin and terminate the employment contract of Brian Goggin pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-151 in accordance with the attached recommendation dated April 17, 2014 and the reasons set forth therein, effective May 1, 2014.**

STANGO: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Seeing none – roll call vote please.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ITEM #11.1:

Yeas: Commissioners Awwad, Brown, Harvey, Hernandez, Rodriguez, J. Van Stone, T. Van Stone, and President Stango - 8

CLERK: Eight/zero – motion passes.

12. SUPERINTENDENT’S NOTIFICATION TO THE BOARD

Upon a motion by Commissioner Jason Van Stone and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to receive and place on file Superintendent’s Notification to the Board, Items 12.1 through 12.7, as listed:

- 12.1 The Superintendent of Schools notifies the Board of Education of the following Wilson Family Resource Center’s Books & Basketball Program appointments, Monday through Thursday, May 5 through June 12, 2014, salary according to individual’s contract, effective immediately:

Reho, Jessica – Coordinator	Reveron, Alba – Substitute
Fengler, Kelly – Teacher	Quesnel, Nina – Teacher
Orsatti, Donna - Paraprofessional	Marchetti, Michelle – Para

- 12.2 The Superintendent of Schools notifies the Board of Education of the following Parent Academy Program appointments funded by the SDE Parent Academy Program Grant:

Shocki, Raymond – Parent Academy Coordinator, \$35.00 per hour, maximum of 15 hours p/week, non-union and without benefits.
Boyle, Latesha – Parent Ambassador, \$400 stipend upon program completion.
Greene, Heather – Parent Ambassador, \$400 stipend upon program completion.
Lugo, Susan – Parent Ambassador, \$400 stipend upon program completion.
Maheu, Kathy – Parent Ambassador, \$400 stipend upon program completion.
Marrero, Sara – Parent Ambassador, \$400 stipend upon program completion.
Ocasio, Elizabeth – Parent Ambassador, \$400 stipend upon program completion.
Roso, Ana – Parent Ambassador, \$400 stipend upon program completion.

- 12.3 The Superintendent of Schools notifies the Board of Education of the following Rotella Magnet School’s Summer School Program appointments, salary according to individuals’ contract:

Lead Teachers: Dawn Biolo Kelly Pinho

Teachers:

Bilbrough, Allyson	Biolo, Erica	Cipriano, Nancyjean
Cruess, Carla	Daniels, Mark	Decerbo, Laureen
Dionne, Suzanne	Dooling, Joan	Ecke, Lisa
Gravel, Suzanne	Lee, Ellen	Lillian, Jennifer
Monroe, Mary	Normandin, Susan	Olson, Sally
Petteway Russaw, Crystal	Rizzo, Lisa	Summerfield, Veronica

Aides:

Lanouettem Victoria	Lloret, Melissa	Maldonado, Joanne
Mancini, Nancy	O'Connor, Leda	Vincenzi, Valarie
Walters, Kimberly	Williams, Sarah	

- 12.4 The Superintendent of Schools notifies the Board of Education of the following teacher new hires:

Name		Location	Assignment	Grade/Step	Effective
Richardson	Melissa	Crosby	English	MA/1	03/18/14
Hicock	Robyn	Kennedy	English	MA/1	03/18/14

- 12.5 The Superintendent of Schools notifies the Board of Education of the following Academic Achievements effective March 1, 2014:

NAME		FROM	TO	COLLEGE/UNIV.
Martin	Stephany	BA15/step 5	MA/step 5	U of St. Joseph

- 12.6 The Superintendent of Schools notifies the Board of Education of the following retirements:

Skerritt, Joseph – WSMS House Principal, effective 07/01/14.

- 12.7 The Superintendent of Schools notifies the Board of Education of the following Adult Education Enrichment Program appointments effective May 2, 2014:

Brenes, Daniel – Tackling Debt & Budgeting & Planning, 4 hours p/week @ \$24 p/hour.

STANGO: All in favor, opposed, motion carries. Next item on the Agenda Item #13 – Unfinished Business of the Preceding Meeting Only. Commissioner Hernandez.

HERNANDEZ: I have a question for Paul Guidone. Last meeting we were talking about the Alliance Grant and I had asked if the two grants that were together were separate and you said they were. My question is you said you take a little bit from one grant and another grant and combine it into the Alliance Grant; my question is this, what happens if you don't get all the money? I meant to ask this last week but President Stango didn't see my hand up. What happens if you don't get all the money and say that the last grant that was in there, what happens to those positions? Do they become knoll and void?

GUIDONE: As you asked and I responded to the Alliance Grant has a set of goals or key initiatives and it has a column for what you are requesting in the Alliance Grant itself then it has other columns to show if you have other resources dedicated to that same key component, same key goal. So it's just showing, for example, if "safety" happens to

be the category and the Alliance Grant is funding Behavioral Technicians, it might also show that Title I is funding the Hall Monitors all achieving that goal of safety. So to answer your question the other funding sources are distinct funding sources for their own purpose, they're just being shown as how the district is achieving a goal or key component by using a wide range of resources but each of the sources, if you will, are independent. So for some reason Title I was cut and we needed to cut the Behavioral Technicians then those positions would be cut. But the monies requested in the Alliance Grant for the Behavioral Technicians, if they're funded, will remain funded.

HERNANDEZ: Like an example you have "drop-out prevention", I'm saying it's another grant but you're saying it's all in one, so they're requesting close to \$150,000, so in other words say you lose \$150,000, is there anywhere in the Alliance Grant that covers that particular service, drop-out prevention?

GUIDONE: In that circumstance would be "no" unless for some reason later we would want to revise the Alliance Grant to incorporate them. So the answer would be "no", it would not automatically be funded under the Alliance Grant, it would just be shown as a funding source of another undertaking that would meet a goal so it would not automatically be funded under Alliance Grant. If something like that happened, and it has happened in the past, that we then made adjustments where there's opportunity in the Alliance Grant, but if there isn't then that would not occur.

HERNANDEZ: So then that program would just go away?

GUIDONE: Yes, unless it was picked up and funded under another funding source.

HERNANDEZ: So my question is this, why wouldn't you just do this grant by itself?

GUIDONE: We would prefer to do that, it's the State form requiring that. Most grants, as I think I mentioned in discussion of the Alliance Grant, the Alliance Grant from the State's perspective is a different form, different formats from other State grants. Other State grants are just as you and I would expect them to be, it shows just the grant itself that you're applying for and it's what you're asking for, it's dollars. For a number of reasons the State, in its wisdom, has put this form together where they want to show how a district is achieving its key goals and initiatives in a number of ways so, it's a State form, it is cumbersome, and it takes us quite a bit of time to put it together and it is confusing.

HERNANDEZ: Okay, I guess that kind of touched base on what I was looking for. Thank you.

GUIDONE: Okay.

STANGO: Anything else on Unfinished Business from the Preceding Meeting. Seeing none – Item #14 – Other Unfinished, New, and Miscellaneous Business. Commissioner Hernandez, then Vice President Harvey.

HERNANDEZ: I had sent out an email, we got invited to Rotella's rendition of "The Wizard of Oz" and I just want to say for the record the kids did an excellent, excellent job, it was fantastic. You would have thought you were at a high school play, really.

They had so much enthusiasm, they could sing, they could act, I went on Friday where the whole school assembly had gotten together to watch the play. The teachers, the students, everyone was well behaved, lot of positive interaction between the teachers and the students and I just want to commend the whole Rotella School on their performance. I wish you guys could have been there because it was excellent; I actually went back every day. It was very good.

STANGO: Thank you Commissioner Hernandez. Vice President Harvey.

HARVEY: Thank you very much. First I'd like to again thank the parents from Gilmartin. I've received thank you cards since that meeting and I just want the parents to know that I am sincere with making sure that we pursue what recommendation they made in regards to foreign languages and I was very impressed with their presentation, very impressed. So I think it behooves us to make sure that we pursue it and make sure that we make this come about, their request. Again, I want to thank them, I received another card, so thank you.

Now the summer school program we just received this today and I hope that we're going to receive a presentation on this because I would like to see a lot more kids take advantage of what we offer during the summer. So, I'm not sure when we're going to get this but if put together the program, okay, then

CULLINAN: Next Workshop.

HARVEY: Okay, very good. And I want to also check the distribution of this flyer to make sure that we get to the churches in the community, the community places, etc., so that this information gets out. And I think that's it. Thank you.

CULLINAN: It's a draft . . .

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Janet Van Stone and duly seconded by Commissioner Brown, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

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