

WATERBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES ~ REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Kathleen Ouellette, Chief Academic Officer Anne Marie Cullinan, Chief Operating Officer & Chief of Staff Paul Guidone, and Education Liaison Mary Ann Marold.

1. SILENT PRAYER

President Stango called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. with a moment of silence.

STANGO: In our silent prayer tonight I ask that we remember Mr. John L. Sullivan, III. Mr. Sullivan was a retired teacher who taught for 40 years in our district. Mr. Sullivan died at his home on October 17. During John's long career he taught at many of our K through eight schools ultimately becoming a House Principal at Wallace Middle School. Through his career John was an advocate for the underprivileged youth he interacted with in his classes. His advocacy for those in need was also evident with his work at the Connecticut Junior Republic where he served as Principal after his retirement from Waterbury. Mr. Sullivan was also well-known as a teacher advocate where he worked tirelessly for teacher rights and benefits through his active membership in various teacher organizations. We remember him and his family tonight.

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 Hernandez.

HERNANDEZ: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner McEntee.

McENTEE: Present.

CLERK: Commissioner Rodriguez.

RODRIGUEZ: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner Sweeney.

SWEENEY: Here.

CLERK: Commissioner J. Van Stone.

J. VAN STONE: Present.

CLERK: Commissioner T. Van Stone.

T. VAN STONE: Present.

CLERK: President Stango.

STANGO: Here.

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 from Civil Service dated October 15, 2014 certifying John Santopietro, III for the position of Maintainer I.
2. Copy of email communication dated October 15, 2014 from Atiya Sample regarding her personnel file.
3. Copy of communication from Civil Service dated October 17, 2014 certifying Hector Carrasquillo for the position of Library Page.
4. Email communication dated October 23, 2014 from the American Arbitration Association regarding SAW/Brown v Waterbury Board of Education.
5. Copy of communication from Civil Service dated October 27, 2014 certifying Ashley-Lynn DeLeo for the position of Administrative Support Specialist I.
6. Copy of communication from Civil Service dated October 28, 2014 certifying Dorothy Woodin for the position of Food Service Helper.
7. Copy of communication dated October 28, 2014 from Atiya Sample regarding a teacher.

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

5. AWARD PRESENTATION

SUPERINTENDENT: Tonight I would like to make a few remarks and note that the speech I will make can never measure up to a speech that was not initially given. Gil Velasquez was planning to give a speech to the Kennedy Eagles Football players, I could imagine he had words planned to inspire and motivate the players but sometimes there are things that intervene and sometimes there are other ways to teach and inspire and motivate – it's called courage and it's called living your core values. When Gil and

Coach Roy Thompson arrived at Chase Park for their practice they saw one of their players being attacked. They quickly intervened to protect their student. They summoned the police and subdued the alleged perpetrators. It is fair to say that the two men endured a great deal but always maintained their focus on keeping their students safe. While Coach Velasquez did not give a speech that day, he taught a lesson greater than words in his speech. He and Coach Thompson taught the students the real meaning of being a role model. They taught what real courage is. I once read that courage has a 1,000 faces and speaks 100 languages but we all know it when we see it and tonight we see it in these two fine coaches. They taught the students the true meaning of the phrase actions speak louder than words. I know that I speak for the district and all our citizens when I express our appreciation for your acts of heroism. You taught us lessons that transcend the walls of the classrooms. You taught us about compassion, about selflessness and about taking care of others. You did it all without giving that speech that night. Thank you so very much.

President Stango and Dr. Ouellette presented Gil Velasquez and Roy Thompson with a plaque.

(applause)

6. PUBLIC ADDRESSES THE BOARD

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney 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 6:51 p.m.

STANGO: Motion made and seconded. 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.

Kathy Taylor, 74 Wilson Street, had the following comments: On March 21, 2014, the Duggan School Governance Council sent a letter to the Office of the Superintendent setting forth its concern regarding the implementation of the school-wide breakfast program. At every Duggan SGC meeting since February 2014, the topic of the new in-class breakfast program is discussed. As stated in the Waterbury Republican's article on the new breakfast program, we all agree that breakfast is important. Research confirms that breakfast is the most important meal of the day for children's health, academic achievement, cognitive development and mental health. At Duggan, the Council strongly agrees that no child should start the day without breakfast and that breakfast is crucial to a student's ability to learn and think. The Council, however, has valid concerns regarding the implementation and roll-out of the breakfast program at Duggan.

Our biggest concern is the loss of valuable instructional time that is instrumental to our children's academic success. It has been reported that in the younger grades up to 25-30 minutes of instructional time is lost daily due to the amount of time it takes to pass out the breakfast, have the students eat the breakfast, and cleanup. Using a conservative estimate of 20 minutes per day, the children at Duggan Elementary School lose an average of 100 minutes of instructional time per week - the equivalent of losing

an entire Language Arts block and half of a Math block a week. Over the course of a month, 400 critical minutes of instruction are lost and upwards of 4,800 minutes of instructional time are lost during the course of the academic year. Our students need every minute of instructional time as it is an essential contributor to academic success.

Moreover, researchers found a significant and positive relationship between the number of instructional minutes in an academic year and school-site standardized test scores. More specifically, about 15 more minutes of school a day relates to an increase in average overall academic achievement. These research findings offer guidance regarding the use of extended learning time to increase academic performance. Moreover, they provide clear guidance as Waterbury adopts a breakfast policy that benefits all students without reducing instructional time.

While simultaneously recognizing both the importance of instructional time and breakfast, the Duggan School Governance Council recommends the school follow the same procedure adopted in other schools throughout the district. Specifically, students are welcome to enter the school building at 7:35 am. Breakfast for ALL students can be served from 7:35-8:05 daily in the cafeteria. Having the breakfast during this allotted time in the cafeteria will allow for all students to receive breakfast without losing instructional time and negatively impacting academic success.

Consequently, the Duggan School Governance respectfully request the adoption of a breakfast policy that does not infringe upon critical instructional time. Today I emailed the Superintendent's Office regarding this matter and I'm very happy to report that Dr. Ouellette responded immediately and agreed to attend the next Duggan School Governance Council meeting scheduled for November 19. I look forward to our dialogue and coming up with a workable solution. Thank you.

Upon a motion by Commissioner J. Van Stone and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to return to the regular order of business at 6:55 p.m.

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

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Ouellette read and distributed the following announcements:

We are pleased to announce that Waterbury schools will receive \$848,255 from the state to upgrade security at 28 schools. The funds will require a local match of \$226,438 for a total project of \$1,074,693. These funds will support further addition of cameras, card access, and panic alarms in our schools as well as the construction of interior vestibules at the main entrance of a number of our buildings. Safe schools training is also included. Security grants need to be expended by June 30, 2015 under current legislation. While there may be attempts to extend the deadline, we need to move aggressively to implement these improvements.

We also received word last week that our applications for 21st Century Learning Center after-school programs at Driggs and Wilson, and Tinker, Duggan and Hopeville, have been funded. The two programs will receive \$180,000 each for the first year. The five-year grants are worth a total of \$1,530,000 to Waterbury over the grant period.

Once again this year our students did an outstanding job of writing letters to soldiers that have been hospitalized as part of the "Dear Soldier" campaign. This year we collected 2,295 letters from eighteen of our schools.

Waterbury Arts Magnet School student Adam Pierce performed last week with the 2014 National Association for Music Education All-National Honors Ensembles at the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Pierce was one of 670 high school students selected to perform during this year's concert, which included 350 vocalists from around the country. You may recall that Adam's sister Emily Pierce sang in the same concert last year. Adam is a junior at WAMS.

Anne Marie Cullinan was honored this past weekend as the 2014 Life Award Honoree at the Carolyn's Place 22nd annual dinner. Other honorees included Wesley Wensek, Volunteer Service Awardee, and Sister Suzanne Gross, Ministry Award Honoree. Anne Marie was honored for her implementation of the Support for Pregnant and Parenting Teens Grant in our schools. We've provided services to 227 students in the past three years, including both mothers and fathers.

The Waterbury Public Schools and Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center are joining together to present "Becoming Your Child's Best Advocate" at West Side Middle School's Parent Resource Center on Thursday, November 13th,

The Waterbury Career Academy PTSO is hosting the school's first annual Holiday Festival on Friday, November 14th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Several vendors will be available to assist families.

The Neighborhood Housing Services of Waterbury is holding the 2014 Housing Fair on Saturday, November 15th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Girls, Inc., 35 Park Place.

Walsh School is hosting a fun, informative evening for parents called Project CHILD on Wednesday, November 19th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Parents will learn more about new experiences on how their children are taught by rotating through stations of activities.

The deadline is approaching for interested individuals to apply to become a Community Messenger through Bridge to Success. Community Messengers will be trained to provide information to families and community members about resources available in their own community. The ideal candidate will be someone who has already established himself or herself as a leader in one of Waterbury's many neighborhoods. The deadline is November 10th. Applications are available on the Bridge to Success website.

I attended two events at Naugatuck Valley Community College on October 30th. The first was the NVCC Regional Advisory Council Meeting, where we received an update on Founders Hall and campus improvements. The second was the Manufacturing Milestones and Mattatuck Community Collection at NVCC. Jack Traver, Sr., president of Traver IDC, provided the keynote address on the history of manufacturing in Waterbury. We also heard from Robert Burns, executive director of the Mattatuck Museum, and tours were provided for the manufacturing technology center at NVCC and art collections from the Mattatuck Community Collection.

8. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

STANGO: As we approach 2015 I would like to begin to plan for a CABE Board Retreat. This Board has not held a retreat in a couple of years and I believe planning for one now would be beneficial to this Board. There is a lot to be gained by bringing the Board and the Superintendent together for a time to discuss where we are going and how the leadership team can best work to accomplish our common district vision. Some topics CABE suggests for the retreat are: use of effective meetings and the basic roles and responsibilities of the Board and the Superintendent. Those are two and there are more which we will discuss going forward. I would like to consider this retreat for some time in late January or February. As we go forward we will zero-in on a date and the particulars for such a retreat. And that concludes my comments.

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

President Stango proceeded to read the Consent Calendar, Items 9.1 through 9.11.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar, items 9.1 through 9.11, as listed:

- 9.1 With the approval of the Committee of the Whole, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of an Agreement with the Board of Regents for Higher Education on behalf of Naugatuck Valley Community College, to provide, develop, organize, administer, and evaluate services as outlined in the United States Department of Education Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) grant.
- 9.2 With the approval of the Committee on Finance, the Superintendent of Schools recommends permission be granted to apply for the SDE, in partnership with the Department of Economic & Community Development – Connecticut Office of the Arts, “Arts in Education” grant.
- 9.3 With the approval of the Committee on School Personnel, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of a new position of Accountant III for the Food Service Department.
- 9.4 With the approval of the Committee on Policy, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the revised “Administration of Medications – 5141.21” Policy.
- 9.5 With the approval of the Committee on Policy, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the revised “Attendance Requirements for Students Under 18 Years of Age with Respect to Truancy – 5113.2” Policy.
- 9.6 With the approval of the Committee on Policy, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the revised Homebound/Hospital Instruction – 6173” Policy.

- 9.7 With the approval of the Committee on Policy, the Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the revised “Bullying/Cyber-Bullying – 5131.911” Policy.
- 9.8 With the approval of the Committee on Curriculum, the Superintendent of Schools recommends permission be granted to Marianne Martins, KHS, and four chaperones to take 45 students to New York, NY on November 7, 2014 to visit Radio City Music Hall.
- 9.9 With the approval of the Committee on Curriculum, the Superintendent of Schools recommends permission be granted to Anthony Della Calce, NEMS, and 21 chaperones to take 210 students to Washington, DC from May 13 through 15, 2015 to visit various historical sites.
- 9.10 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
K. Pinho	Rotella aud. & café: Mar. 21st & 27th 9 am-4 pm; Mar. 28th 3 pm-9 pm Mar. 29th noon-6 pm (after school musical theater production)
Ernst Racine FRC Coord.	Reed café: Sat., Nov. 22nd 10:00 am-4:00 pm (hosting clothing drive for Neighborhood Housing Services)
L. Lombardi	Rotella Community Room: Dec. 17, 18, & 19 all day (holiday shopping)
P. Theriault	WAMS gym: Mon., Nov. 17th 3:30-5:00 pm (faculty/seniors basketball)
D. Monti	Reed café: Tues., Nov. 18th 5:00-6:30 pm (family reading night)
J. Silva	WSMS café: Fri., Dec. 5th 2:30-7:30 pm (CAPT-vating Kids science program)
A. Edwards	Tinker library: Wed., Nov. 5th 6:00-7:30 pm (information session) (prior to Bd. Mtg.)
A. Simms	Crosby aud.: Thurs., Dec. 11th 5:00-8:30 pm (movie night fundraiser)
C. D amore	Wilson gym: Wed., Nov. 19th 5:00-7:00 pm (Literacy workshop)
R. O’Neill	Carrington café: Wed., Nov. 5th 7:00-8:00 pm (Book Club mtg.) (prior to Bd. Mtg.)
S. Petteway	Bucks Hill gym, café: Thurs., Oct. 30th 6:00-7:30 pm (parents workshop) (prior to Bd. Mtg.)
*M. Petrillo	Bunker Hill gym: Tues., Nov. 18th 6:00-7:00 pm (Math Night)
*Ed. McCann	Crosby gym: Thurs., Nov. 13th 6:00-8:30 pm (Park Dept. championship basketball game)

- 9.11 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:

GROUP	FACILITIES AND DATES/TIMES
Cheshire YMCA Dan Mascolo	Crosby pool: 11/3/14-4/2/15 Mon. thru Fri. 5:30-8:15 pm (swim practice)

REQUESTING WAIVERS:

First Robotics Bruce Linton, Dir.	Wilby gym & café & NEMS café: Feb. 27, 28, & Mar. 1st (New England First Robotics event) (\$2,394.)
Brass City Ballet	Rotella Auditorium: Dec. 6th & 7th (rehearsals)

Elizabeth Barisser	Dec. 12th (free performance for school) Dec. 13th & 14th (performances)	(\$13,467.)
Bunker Hill Sports Assoc. Nick Meglio	Carrington gym: Dec. 6 - Mar. 7, Sat., 9:30 am-2:30 pm Bunker Hill gym: Dec. 6 - Mar. 7, Sat., 9:30 am-2:30 pm	(\$3,276.) (\$3,276.)
Lady of Mt. Carmel Sch. John Egan, A.D.	Tinker gym: Saturdays 11/1/14-3/21/15 8:00 am-4:00 pm (boys & girls basketball program)	(\$7,560.)

GROUPS NOT SUBJECT TO FEES OR WAIVER DUE TO TIME OF USE OR PREVIOUS WAIVER:

Girl Scouts Heather Greene	Kennedy lobby: Tues., Nov. 4th noon-8:00 pm (Election Day cookie booth)
CT. Lithuanian Sports Club Al Gelazauskas	Gilmartin gym: Oct. to June Thursdays 7:00-9:00 pm (basketball practice)
Western CT Warriors Cliff Hodak	Maloney gym: Oct.-Nov. 12th 6:00-8:00 pm (basketball practice)
Wtby. Ballers Phil Lott	Career Academy: 10/20-11/21 Mon. thru Fri. 4:00-6:00 pm (basketball practice)
Bunker Hill Sports Assoc. Nick Meglio	WSMS gym: Mondays 12/1/14-3/2/15 5:30-9:00 pm Hopeville gym: Mondays 11/10/14-3/2/15 5:30-8:30 pm Kingsbury gym: Thursdays 12/18/14-3/19/15 5:30-8:30 pm Carrington gym: Mon.-Fri. 11/10/14-3/14/15 5:30-8:30 pm Bunker Hill gym: Mon.-Fri. 11/10/14-3/14/15 5:30-8:30 pm
Lady of Mt. Carmel Sch. John Egan, A.D.	Tinker gym: Mon.-Fri. 11/1/14- 3/20/15 4:00-7:00 pm (boys & girls basketball program)

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

10. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

There were no items removed from the Consent Calendar.

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTIFICATION TO THE BOARD

Upon a motion by Commissioner J. Van Stone and duly seconded by Commissioner Harvey, it was voted unanimously to receive and place on file Items 11.1 through 11.9, as listed:

11.1 Appointments/Acting appointments:

McDonald, Ryan – Acting Athletic Director, WCA, effective immediately.
Mobilio, John – Music Department Chair, WAMS, effective 9/29/14.

11.2 Athletic appointments effective immediately:

Awwad, David – Assistant Soccer Coach, KHS.
Currier, Tom – Head Girls' Swim Coach, KHS.
Gaines, Stacey – Head Cross Country Coach, KHS.
Gray, Ollie – Assistant Freshmen Football Coach, CHS.
Lacaria, Michael – Assistant Football Coach, WHS.
Nicholas, Stefanie – Head Volleyball Coach, CHS.
Regan, Brittany – Assistant Cheerleading Coach, CHS.

- 11.3 Involuntary transfer:
LoRusso, Michael – from Principal, NEMS to Principal, WMS, effective 11/03/14.
- 11.4 Grant funded appointments effective immediately:
Belury, Pamela – Student Success Plan Coordinator 6 – 12, from part time to full time, \$65,000 annually, non-union and with benefits governed by the UPSEU, funded by the Alliance Grant.
Collado, Rubis – Parent Liaison, from Kingsbury to WCA, 30 hours p/week \$ \$15.12 p/hour, non-union with benefits governed by the UPSEU, funded by Title I.
Fiore, Patience – Substitute, SDE After-school Program, Bunker Hill School, salary according to contract.
Milios, Kyrstin – ELA Instructional Tutor, 15.75 hours p/week for a maximum of 28 weeks, \$25.00 p/hour, no benefits, funded by Alliance Grant.
Napolitano, James – ELA Instructional Tutor, 15.75 hours p/week for a maximum of 28 weeks, \$25.00 p/hour, no benefits, funded by Alliance Grant.
Rochon, Howard – Substitute, SDE After-school Program, Bunker Hill School, salary according to contract.
- 11.5 Extended School Hours (ESH) Program Appointments, salary according to individual's contract:

School	Last name	First name	Assignment
<i>Bucks Hill</i>	Bello-Davila	Delia	School Principal
	Damon	Alison	Teacher
	Mucciario	Ashley	Teacher
	Corbo	Cherie	Teacher
	Nemence	Lisa	Teacher
	Drewry	Megan	Teacher
	Hudobenko	Filomena	Vice Principal
<i>Chase</i>	Brophy	Melanie	Teacher/Sub.
	Dempsey	Leslie	Teacher/Sub.
	McCue	Erin	Teacher/Sub.
	Moffo	Laurie	Teacher/Sub.
	Holmes	Heather	Teacher/Sub.
	Matthews	Steve	Teacher/Sub.
	Argenta	Lauren	Teacher/Sub.
<i>Gilmartin</i>	Rinaldi	Janice	Secretary
<i>Reed</i>	Mendoza	Juan	Sub-Administrator
	Bala	Elona	Substitute Teacher
	Greene	David	Substitute Teacher
<i>Regan</i>	O'Brien	Lindsay	Teacher
	Homewood	Gregory	Teacher
	Poulter	Patty	Education Aide
	Stribling	Denise	Secretary
	Dionne	Jeremy	Substitute Teacher
	Parks	Michele	Substitute Teacher
	Kelly	Erica	Substitute Aide
<i>Walsh</i>	Razz	Jamie	Teacher

	Wallace	Matthew	Teacher
	Natoli	Jane	Teacher
	Bilbrough	Allyson	Teacher
	Swartz	Samantha	Teacher
	DeGroate	Talisha	Teacher
	Smith	Courtney	Teacher
	Ciuffo	Stephanie	sub
	Ciuffo	Anthony	sub
	Paris	Ana	sub
	Davino	Jenna	sub
	Shea	Angela	sub
	Calabrese	Jennifer	Administrator
	Paolino	Ellen	Sub- Administrator
Washington	Montagno	Nakita	Substitute Teacher
	Petrassi	Jacqueline	Substitute Teacher

11.6 Teacher new hires:

Name		School	Position	Effective	Step
Doyle	Tara E.	WHS	English	10/8/14	6 th +15/4
Tran	Michelle	W. Cross	Pre-k	9/11/14	MA+15/1

11.7 Retirements:

DeVivo, Joy – Bucks Hill grade 3, effective 10/14/14.

Scarmo, Jacqueline – Regan grade 4, effective 01/01/15.

Surat, Margaret – Supervisor of Math/Secondary, effective 11/4/14.

11.8 Resignations:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
Bazzano, Jeanine	10/09/14	WMS – Family/Consumer Science
Bordieri, Jennifer	10/31/14	Special Ed Curriculum Supervisor
Cardella, Rachel	10/14/14	Sprague – grade 4
McNamara, Katelynn	10/17/14	WMS – grade 7 Math
Narcisco, Donna	10/21/14	School Psychologist
Pooler, Dawn	10/31/14	Duggan – Special Education

11.9 Leave of absence requests:

Gutierrez, Sarai – Regan School, requesting an unpaid childrearing leave of absence from October 14, 2014 through January 5, 2015.

Shoemaker, Rebekah – Bucks Hill Pre-k, requesting an unpaid childrearing leave of absence from December 22, 2014 through March 12, 2015.

STANGO: Motion has been made and seconded. All in favor, opposed, motion carries. Item #12 on the Agenda – Unfinished Business of the Preceding Meeting only. Moving on then to Item #13 – Other Unfinished, New, and Miscellaneous Business. Commissioner Awwad.

AWWAD: Under New, Unfinished, or Miscellaneous, I'd like to ask that the AD's of the middle school and the high schools all provide Mr. Gorman with a list of their open or posted coaching positions, where we are in filling those positions, and if in fact Central Office has to do any documentation with the CIAC to obtain temporary coaching permits for anyone who may not be a school teacher that's a viable candidate so that what's happened earlier won't happen again and that we act on these coaches positions in a more timely fashion so that these coaches are hired before the start of their season. I know for the winter season it might be a lot to ask in terms of getting our ducks in a row because that kicks off right after Thanksgiving, but I would ask that we get a handle on this so that these positions are posted in a timeframe that allows us to seek out the best opportunities for coaches for the students and get those coaches on board and certified, hired and ready to go before the start of the season.

STANGO: Any further discussion on Item #13 – Unfinished? Commissioner McEntee.

McENTEE: Yes, we recently appointed two new ILD's, are they going to simply take over the network of the predecessor or are we going to reconfigure the networks?

SUPERINTENDENT: We can, we can provide that information for you, the new networks.

McENTEE: And is the plan still to have their old school in their network?

SUPERINTENDENT: Some of them yes, there may be a conflict in one. I can have, provide you with an update at the next Workshop.

McENTEE: Thank you. Also, several months ago we had talked about the traffic issues up at Kingsbury and I think Central Office was going to talk to Public Works to see if something could be arranged as far as the traffic pattern, stop signs, and what not; do we have an update on that?

GUIDONE: Yes. There was a meeting onsite with police, John Herman and others with the individuals who brought the matter to our attention. I'll have them repair a report for you.

McENTEE: Thank you.

STANGO: Vice President Harvey.

HARVEY: Just quickly I want to thank the parents, I was out and about yesterday at the polling places and it was really good to see parents bring their children to the polls to witness voting and civics in action. So I want to say kudos to the parents and we need to continue that so that we can make, have our kids be responsible citizens and vote.

STANGO: Commissioner Brown.

BROWN: Yes, I just wondered if I could get an update on the offering of language to our Pre-k to eight schools; we had talked about that especially at Gilmartin. So I was just wondering if we could have an update. And secondly, could I please have the dates for the city-wide Restorative Justice Committee meetings. I think we would like to

track them especially with some of information for the more recent incidents, trying to get a handle on what we can really do to be more preventive and proactive but I'd be interested in seeing, attending those meetings.

STANGO: Anything else? Commissioner Jason Van Stone.

JASON VAN STONE: I'm gonna renew my request, this is the third time now that in light of last week we kind of had a brief snapshot on some of the updates on the Blueprint for Change, I've asked a couple of times now that on our agendas each item point back to a pillar or goal within the Blueprint for Change so we can see what we're trying to address with each one of the things we pass each week. Like I've said, I've asked for this twice now and it's been heading towards 15 months, so if we can expect that going forward so I can stop asking I'd appreciate it.

STANGO: Anything else? Further discussion? Commissioner Sweeney.

SWEENEY: I just have a plea for the public. I got a request yesterday from the Juvenile Review Board, each Juvenile Review Board is made up of people from the schools, social services, police, clergy, and parents. They're having much difficulty filling positions on the boards for parents, so for the parents out there the current positions that they're having difficulty filling occur on the third Wednesday of the month, 1:00 in the afternoon, I know that's difficult for people who are working, but if you're a parent out there and you have the ability to sit on one of those boards you will not find a more rewarding experience available to you, the help that you could be for our students, for those kids in our community who stumble and need help to get back on their feet and get back on the right course in life; you're doing an invaluable service. It's two hours a month, again on the third Wednesday of the month, and they are desperately in need of filling those spots with parents. So if you can do that and you can give

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sweeney and duly seconded by Commissioner Jason Van Stone, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Carrie A. Swain, Clerk
Board of Education