

MINUTES OF MEETING

BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON COMMITTEE

APRIL 2, 2014

The Board of Education Liaison Committee conducted a regularly scheduled meeting/budget workshop on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 in the Board Room of the Board of Education Administration Center, 1000 East Broadway, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:37 p.m.

PRESIDING: Chairman Paul Hoydick

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Council Members Paul Hoydick, Craig Budnick and Jason Santi; Board of Education member Andrea Veilleux

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Janet Robinson, Board of Education Business Administrator Clarence Zachery, Board of Education member Len Petrucci, Council member Stephanie Philips

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — March 5, 2014. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI SECONDED BY MS. VEILLEUX TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET OVERVIEW PRESENTATION — The Board's request for 2014-2015 is \$100,733,548 – an increase of \$5,216,019, which equals a 5.46% over last year's request.

Dr. Robinson narrated the Power Point presentation entitled "Funding our Public Schools". She pointed out information such as: enrollment data, statistics for CMT and CAPT, non-budgeted items, achievement gaps for special ed., 2014-15 major budget components (increases, DRG G expenditure per pupil rankings, special education), budget impacts (health benefits, historical look at technology funding levels, additional technology items added by the Board of Education and NOT included in the proposed 2014-15 estimate of expenditures), solutions to improve student achievement.

Question were posed to Dr. Robinson, Mr. Zachery and Board of Education members re: previously purchased PDAs, smartboards, unused CEP/CIP funds, bussing, magnet school criteria/description, preschool program, special education transportation, legal representation, special education "burden of proof" requirement, tutors (certified teachers), Engineering/medical/technology career pathways, partnering with trade schools, career center, internships, state mandates, consequence of underfunding, bonding for computers, technology upgrades.

4. ADJOURNMENT — Hearing no further business, Chairman Hoydick entertained a motion to adjourn. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTI, SECONDED BY MS. VIELLEUX TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Carol Cabral, Secretary