

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

May 18, 2015

Members	B	D	G	G	M	P	S	S	R	R	Agenda Item	Action Authorized
	X	X	X	X			X	X		X	<p>I. Call to Order - Roll Call of Members</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.</p> <p>II. Pledge of Allegiance</p> <p>III. Roll Call of Members PRESENT at this Regular Meeting of the New Britain Board of Education held at New Britain Educational Center.</p> <p>X X Mrs. Beloin-Saavedra stated that Mr. Sanders was still home recovering from his illness and he will definitely be present at June 1, 2015 BOE Meeting. Mr. Mercier has a brand new baby at home and was excused from the meeting.</p> <p>ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Dr. Carabillo, Mr. Stacy, Mr. Kane, Mr. Moore, Mr. Salina, Ms. Bruemmer, Mr. Prokop, Ms. Perez, Ms. Fazio, Ms. Pina, Ms. Putnam, Ms. Saavedra, Ms. Falvey, Mr. Chambers, Ms. Turcotte, Mr. Pinchera, Ms. Sarra, Ms. Shea</p> <p>IV. Meditation</p> <p>V. Public Participation - Brigitte Brown Mrs. Brown stated that she wanted to support Gaffney school and boast about the amazing work they have been doing. She said that her 5 year old daughter was attending Gaffney school and prior to her starting the school, Mrs. Brown was skeptical about changes going on at Gaffney school. She added that the school has done a great job with transitioning of students. The school does a lot of interesting events (Turkey Bingo, Literacy Night - a lot of useful information was provided to parents to assist their children with reading and writing). - Karyn Poff Ms. Poff expressed her concern in regards to Smalley Academy</p>	

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transition. She said that kindergarten teachers heard that the idea is to take Smalley kindergarten students and move them over to Roosevelt school. She believe it was not right to take the smallest of the students that need the most and then pull them away form their siblings and families. Ms. Poff added that the school was working on attendance and that it is hard to get students to school when they're walking. It will be harder to get them to school with the busing. She said that she had many questions in regards to literacy tutors, social workers and psychologist (currently have 19 special education students). Ms. Poff stated that the move does not reduce class sizes at all which is the major problem that needs to be resolved. She added that ultimately the decision was up to the Board, but she urged the Board to think of all the things she mentioned before moving kindergarten students. Mrs. Beloin-Saavedra stated that the Board usually does not respond to public participation, but she wanted to point out that it was not the Board decision to move the students, it was Smalley staff that asked the Board to reduce the number of students in the building. Smalley staff was talking a lot about the large class sizes and the need for overall enrollment reduction. It's not a good idea to reduce the overall population in all grades as it will disrupt the students that are already in Smalley. The commitment of the Board is to make sure that incoming Smalley kindergarten classes are no larger than an average class size throughout the District. That can not be accomplished considering current physical limited space at Smalley Academy. Different people have different ideas on how those 150 students can be removed from the building. Mrs. Beloin-Saavedra stated that the Board is looking for the best way to configure the space for students that are already in the building without moving them around.

VI. Student Participation - Juan Sierra and Julie Taing

Ms. Taing gave an overview of the top 10% dinner that was held on May 14, 2015. She said that it was a very nice event. Top 10% are the top 50 students in a class who were honored for their academic achievements. The students receive a medal that they wear to the graduation and they receive a certificate as well. Ms. Taing said that it's nice to have a ceremony like that for students who worked very hard for a number of years. Mrs. Beloin-Saavedra added that she, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Greco and Mr. Pina were able to attend the celebration and it was an honor for the Board to stand with the students while celebrating their academic achievement. It's quite an accomplishment to be named the top 10% of the class. Mrs. Beloin-Saavedra said that everybody was very proud of the students that were recognized at the ceremony. She added that it was a very nice evening for students, their parents, the Board and the Administration.

Ms. Taing also mentioned AP testing at the HS and a week before that was SBAC testing and there was very little preparation time left for students. Also students did not have enough time to see their teachers and that created some problems as well. Mrs. Beloin-Saavedra pointed out that unfortunately the Board does not decide on the testing schedule as the testing comes from the state and from College Boards. She agreed that it was a lot of stress for student to have everything crammed into a short period of time.

VII. Presentations

- Afterschool Partnership Between EC Goodwin Technical School and NBSH/Satellite Careers Academy

- Re-Purposing of the Roosevelt Building

- Student Enrollment Reconfiguration at Smalley Academy

Mr. Salina stated that Nivea Torres, a Superintendent for all Technical schools, contacted Mr. Cooper and Mr. Salina about a meeting to set up a new program. The new program included partnership with EC Goodwin Technical school. Mr. Salina said that technical school were recipients of some large grants through the State. EC Goodwin Tech received a grant to update its computer facilities and one of the conditions of the grant was to utilize it to a greater extent. And one of the ways of doing it is to partnership with the public schools. Mr. Salina stated that there were several meetings held and multiple ways of working on the partnership were discussed at the meeting. He said that the District is proposing two 12-week periods that will take up to 60 students (from NBHS or Satellite Careers Academy). Those students will be able to take an advantage of the partnership. They would earn either 1 1/2 credits or up to 3 credits by attending those two 12-week programs from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The program would be a great opportunity for students to earn additional credits or to obtain skills in technical field. Currently there is a survey being done to see what fields the students are interested in. One of the biggest fields is called Manufacturing and it's a very wide area. One of the other fields is Weatherization (weather stripping and windows are checked at homes), Energy Efficiency (large market for that field), Carpentry and Culinary Arts. Mr. Salina said that some of the students in addition to earning credit might be able to take a career path with the transition into one of those positions. EC Goodwin Tech will pay all costs for staffing and materials and they will do it up to three years. And hopefully during those three years the District will be able to develop some partnerships with the other companies that will be able to support the program. The only cost to the District will be busing students to the facility and then taking them home. The District will also provide a meal for

students. There is an afterschool meal program at the High School and it begins around 3:00 p.m. Mr. Salina said that the program goes from September to December and the second part of it so from February to May. Mr. Salina answered all the questions from the Board.

Mr. Salina stated that St. John Paul school unfortunately after many years of service in New Britain was closing due to decreased enrollment. The question is what will happen to the building. The Board Chair and a couple of administrators took a tour of the building. There are 21 classrooms in the building, 10 on the first floor and 11 on the second floor. There is a full size gymnasium and a full size cafeteria that can hold up to 700 people. The building was erected in 1961 and is in relatively good condition. Some room have window air conditioners especially the ones that are on the side where the sun comes in at all the time. There is approximately 52,000 sq. ft. of the building. Some possible uses of a building are: expanding it to a Pre-K center to relieve some room sizes at the District school buildings; possibility of doing something with the transition center at Pulaski school; using some of the classrooms for the teacher professional development. The church has not come up with the purchase price, nor did they come up with the rental price. All discussions are very preliminary and the funding sources would be the key in making any decisions. The current budget does not include the building of this nature. The District would need to seek some outside funding before being able to utilize that building. Mrs. Beloin-Saavedra stated for the record that there is no money in the budget for a purchase or lease of the building. She added that the Board was having discussions with the City Hall with the potential of them being able to secure the building through a bond or maybe help to lease the building. In addition to it there were no discussions done in regards to the purpose of utilizing the building and the Board have not entered into any negotiations with the church. There was a mutual interested expressed to keep the building as an educational facility.

Mr. Salina gave an update in re-purposing of the Roosevelt building. He stated that during the last few years, the District has been monitoring the occupancy and use of the buildings in the District. During the current school year, students were moved out of Roosevelt Middle school and placed at Slade and Pulaski Middle schools, which both schools had the capacity to accept additional students. The 2014-2015 school year saw the re-purpose of the Roosevelt building to house (for one year) Gaffney school population during the re-construct as new project for Gaffney building. New Britain High School Satellite Careers Academy was founded and housed in a wing of the Roosevelt building. Gaffney renovation projected is scheduled for

completion in the summer of 2015 with the return of staff and students to the campus for September 2015. It was hoped that the city and the state could bond more renovate as new construction projects for some of the older elementary schools in the District. That would have allowed the district to use Roosevelt building as swing space to house the populations of any building under construction, but there is no funding available at this time. Discussion was held on several occasions regarding the use of the building once Gaffney population had exited. Currently, the district has exhausted just about all classroom space at the elementary schools and are in need of finding classrooms to help reduce class size. Discussion continued with regards to what programs could be moved with minimal impact on students while at the same time using the buildings in the most efficient and cost effective manner. In recent years, it was also determined that HALS program housed at the rented space at St. Francis Church was in need of more space. The District is grateful for the partnership with the church, but the building did not have adequate space for a media center, expansion of technology nor proper areas for electives. Mr. Salina said that the Satellite Careers Academy currently occupies half of the first floor in the East Wing. For 2015-2016 school year the Satellite Academy will remain at the same student level (approximately 165 students). Further growth of the program with the dedication of the entire East Wing to the high school program is a possibility in future years. Hours of school and operation will remain in the current format. Mr. Salina added that HALS Academy would be moved to Roosevelt building with the bulk of its academic room used on second floor of the West Wing. HALS would also access the three music rooms on the first floor of the Center Area of the building as well as have use of the media center, gymnasium and cafeteria. HALS students would also have access to technical education opportunities if the CPEP program moves into the school. HALS student population is approximately 160 students. Elementary schools are filled to capacity regarding room use. Some of the elementary schools in the District house PK programs. Relocation of those classes would free up space to offer more classrooms in grades K-5 to reduce class size. Mr. Salina stated that the administration proposes the relocation of 2 PK classrooms from Chamberlain school, 3 PK classrooms from Lincoln school and 3 PK classrooms from Smith school to be housed in the first floor West Wing of the Roosevelt building. The 7 PK classrooms at the renovated Gaffney school would remain at Gaffney. The 2 PK classrooms at DiLoreto Magnet school would remain at DiLoreto due to the nature of the dual language program at the school. The PK population would be approximately 520 students split into AM and PM sections

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											<p>throughout the three locations. Currently, Smalley school has some of the highest class sizes of all the schools in the District. Smalley has no additional classroom space to allow for the addition of teachers to reduce class size. Moving the neighborhood boundary has been discussed and it was noted that any move of this nature would be too disruptive to many students currently enrolled at Smalley. The least impact would be to move six entering classes at Smalley to Roosevelt building to free up classroom space at Smalley. It is proposed that District Coordinator of Pre-School programs, Kristine Keidel, would become a site administrator of the PK and Kindergarten classes at the Roosevelt building and would move her office from the Board of Education building to Roosevelt, along with her secretarial support. Ms. Keidel would also continue her supervision of the PK programs at Gaffney and DiLoreto schools via daily visits when needed. Mr. Salina said that there will be appropriate plans to have the Kindergarten students at Roosevelt visit Smalley school to have Smalley staff visit the Roosevelt campus to help students assimilate and transition to Smalley for first grade. Slade teacher Jeff Bechard works with the CPEP program at Slade . During the summer, students in this program develop prototypes for CPEP projects and then manufacture the parts for distribution of a few thousand CPEP kits which are used by schools throughout Connecticut. The CPEP program wishes to move their operations office from Middletown to New Britain to expand their work with more of our district students. The administration proposes renting out space (up to two rooms) on the second floor West Wing at the Roosevelt building with a small portion as office space and the remainder classroom space to support work with students from both HALS Academy and NBHS Satellite Academy. Mr. Salina said that at this point without the adoption of a state budget, the CPEP program is in jeopardy on non-finding by the state, so the plan to house CPEP offices at Roosevelt school is on hold now. Mr. Salina stated that as part of the proposed 2015-2016 school budget the following recommendations are made: Move HALS Academy to Roosevelt Building; Move a total of eight PreK classrooms from Chamberlain, Lincoln and Smith schools to Roosevelt building; Move six incoming kindergarten classrooms at Smalley to the Roosevelt building; Provide space in the Roosevelt building to the CPEP program. Mr. Salina answered all the questions from the Board.</p>	
Motion				X							VIII. Executive Session	MOTION CARRIED
Second			X								The motion was made for the Board to go into Executive Session	
Ayes	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		at 7:35 p.m. to discuss Administrative Appointments: Smith School Principal and Smith School Assistant Principal.	

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											<p>IX. Administrative Appointment The meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Cooper recommended an approval of the appointment of Karen Tharaldson-Falvey to the position of Smith School Principal effective May 19, 2015. The salary for this position is at the rate of \$125,581 Master’s Degree plus thirty hours, Step 1. The position is a vacancy and is funded out of local funding. The motion was made to approve administrative appointment.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
Motion Second Ayes	X	X	X	X		X				X		
											<p>Mr. Cooper recommended an approval of the appointment of Terryann Turcotte to the assignment of Smith Elementary School Assistant Principal effective May 19, 2015. The salary for this position is at the rate of \$104,986 Master’s Degree plus thirty hours, Step 1. The position is a vacancy and will be funded out of a local funding. The motion was made to approve administrative appointment.</p>	MOTION CARRIED
Motion Second Ayes	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X		
											<p>Mr. Mercier joined the meeting at 8:20 p.m.</p>	
											<p>X. Academic Updates - Gaffney Elementary School Ms. Fazio gave an update on Gaffney School district improvement plan. She stated that there is a total of 614 students at Gaffney school: 41 - Asian, 94 - Black/African American, 314 - Hispanic, 2 - Hawaiian/Pac. Islander, 158 - White and 5- Unclassified. Out of those students 169 are in Special Education, 53 in ELD and 71 in Reading Intervention. Ms. Fazio said that in regards to Fall-Winter 2014 NWEA Language Use Percentile Growth for ELLs at Gaffney, 18 of the 34 or 53% of ELL students tested, maintained or increased their percentile ranking from Fall to Winter. For Fall-Winter 2014 NWEA Reading percentile growth for ELLs at Gaffney, 32 of the 48 or 67% of ELL students tested, maintained or increased their percentile ranking from Fall to Winter. Ms. Fazio said that the average attendance goal is 96%. She said that the school staff hoped that if all the students get bussed, then the attendance would be better, but unfortunately if the student misses the bus, it makes it difficult for students to get to school. Average daily attendance by subgroup is: 93% - American Indian/Alaskan Native, 95% - Asian, 94% - Black/African American, 93% - Latino/Hispanic, 95% - White, 95% - ELL, 92% - Special Education. In regards to discipline referrals, there was a decrease from 362 students (last year) to</p>	

169 students (this year). Discipline referrals by subgroup: American Indian/Alaskan Native - 1 (2013-2014) and 0 (2014-2015); Asian - 0 (2013-2014) and 0 (2014-2015); Black or African American - 46 (2013-2014) and 33 (2014-2015); Hispanic or Latino - 252 (2013-2014) and 106 (2014-2015); Native Hawaiian - 0 (2013-2014) and 0 (2014-2015); White - 67 (2013-2014) and 31 (2014-2015). For quality spelling inventory only 16 out of 317 students mastered it in quarter 1 (grades 1-5). None of Special education students mastered quality spelling inventory in quarter 1. One out 39 ELD students mastered quality spelling inventory in quarter 1. Nine out of 183 Hispanic/Latino students mastered QSI in quarter 1. One out of 39 Black/African American Students mastered QSI in quarter 1. Overall 21 out of 318 students mastered Math Fluency in quarter one and 133 out of 371 students mastered QSI in quarter 2. None of 40 ELD students mastered Math Fluency in quarter 1 and 7 out of 48 students mastered Math Fluency in quarter 2. None of 43 Special Education students mastered Math Fluency in quarter 1 and 7 out of 44 students mastered Math Fluency in quarter 2. Ms. Fazio was proud to say that 11 out of 182 Hispanic students mastered Math Fluency in quarter 1 and 75 out of 213 Hispanic students mastered Math Fluency in quarter 2. Four out of 40 Black/African American students mastered Math Fluency in quarter 1 and 16 out of 50 students mastered Math Fluency in quarter 2. Ms. Fazio believed that great gains were due to improved behaviors at Gaffney school. In regards to Reading Intervention, Ms. Fazio said that 37 out of 83 students (45%) no longer require reading intervention. In Winter the number of students receiving T3 reading instruction increased to 103 students. Some of the special education teachers are volunteering their time during the day to service 8 students on the regular education level for the reading intervention. Ms. Fazio said that the interventions that were given to students definitely worked. Based on NWEA for Fall there were 98 students in Tier 1 and 137 for Winter; 148 students in Tier 2 for Fall and 103 students for Winter; 169 students in Tier 1 for Fall and 175 students for Winter. Tier 2 instruction at Gaffney school is a little different from the District's (meet as a grade level at a minimum one time a month for an hour). During those meetings students receive "green time", very small group instruction for explicit core instruction base on what student needs. Afterschool help and reading interventions with teachers are also provided. Tier 3 students are all pull-out students. Ms. Fazio added that they have a 90th percentile club in Reading at Gaffney school. Every time NWEA is administered, the report is pulled and all of the students who scored in the 90th percentile or higher, receive a huge celebration (catered lunch, students get to sit on the stage and everybody gets to see students eat special

lunch). Ms. Fazio pointed out that students at Gaffney school made gains everywhere. Ms. Fazio answered all the questions from the Board.

XI. Update on Gaffney Renovation Project

Mr. Moore gave a brief update on Gaffney renovation project. He said that on Monday, May 18, 2015 the Board President, Mr. Salina, Mr. Smedley and the Mayor made a tour of Gaffney school. Everybody was impressed by the amount of progress that was going on at school. Mr. Moore said that he met with the moving company at Roosevelt school and they already started coordinating moving Roosevelt out of Roosevelt, starting to move Pre-K classrooms into Roosevelt. There are a lot of different moves going on. As soon as school gets out, the staff will start packing at Roosevelt and just contents of Roosevelt will be moved. Furniture will remain at Roosevelt school. Gaffney school will have brand new furniture in it. The packing of contents at Roosevelt will start on June 22, 2015. After that Pre-Ks and HALS will be moving as well. The KEY program is on the first floor of Roosevelt school and this program has summer school that will run until July 23, 2015. There is a lot of coordination for the facilities department with all various moves going on. Mr. Moore stated that he would like the Board to tour Gaffney school first, before Gaffney school tours it. Mr. Moore answered all the questions from the Board.

XII. Information Sharing

- Attendance Report
- Suspension Data
- Budget Update/Financial Reports
- Class Size Report/Free and Reduced Percentages

Mrs. Beloin-Saavedra stated that the Board is aware of attendance struggles at the High School. 44% of students are chronically absent. New Britain Transition Center has 64% of students that are chronically absent and the Alternative Center has 90.63% of students chronically absent. Mrs. Beloin-Saavedra added that the Board would like to know how many of those chronically absent numbers were suspensions as well, as it would help the Board to determine the reasons for students being absent. Mrs. Beloin-Saavedra proposed to postpone the vote on the Board Policy 3-12 - Transportation of Pupils since the Board had an intention of discussing it more and possibly revising.

XIII. Old Business

- Board Policy 3-12 - Transportation of Pupils

Will remain as Old Business till the time the Board is ready to vote on it.

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Motion Second Ayes	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	cost of purchasing supplies is \$8,964. 5. Bid Waiver and/or Purchase Order Approval for Follet, Destiny, Media Resource Management. Mrs. Beloin-Saavedra explained that the District Media centers use Follet, Destiny Media library management system the system needs to be renewed. The system gives students in the District access to print materials across Connecticut libraries and to university and college libraries. The total amount of the purchase is \$17,414.73 and the funding source is local budget.	MOTION CARRIED
Motion Second Ayes	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	6. Bid Waiver and/or Purchase Order Approval for Professional Development for New Britain Adult Education Mrs. Beloin-Saavedra explained that the item was directly related to ELD. The amount of the bid waiver is \$31,350 and the funding source is Adult Education grant. Mrs. Beloin-Saavedra pointed out that there was no scope or schedule of training attached, or how many staff members will receive that professional development. The motion was made to postpone the item till June 1, 2015 BOE Meeting.	MOTION CARRIED
Motion Second Ayes	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	7. Summer Enrichment Experience - The Stocker Foundation Grant Mrs. Beloin-Saavedra explained that a request for funding was proposed to the Stocker Foundation, out of Elyria, Ohio to support the Summer Enrichment experience. The funds will support the afternoon portion of the District summer school Community Based Organization programming. The amount of the grant is \$20,000.	MOTION CARRIED
Motion Second Ayes	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	8. Summer Enrichment Experience - Community Foundation of Greater New Britain Mrs. Beloin-Saavedra said that the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain funds will support the afternoon portion of the District summer school Community Based Organization programming. The grant amount is \$20,000.	MOTION CARRIED
Motion Second Ayes	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	9. Accept Donation - POTE Foundation Mrs. Beloin-Saavedra explained that POTE foundation (Providing Opportunity Through Education) has awarded a \$10,000 for New Britain Summer Musci Workshop. The donation would help to sustain HALS summer music program which has been in existence for 59 years.	MOTION CARRIED
Motion Second Ayes	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	10. 2 percent ECS grant set-aside award Mr. Kane stated that this is a 6 th consecutive year the District has received the 2% ECS grant set-aside award. The amount of the award is \$1,478,586. Mrs. Beloin-Saavedra stated that the money was used for funding an all-day kindergarten. The Board has been using those funds for the purpose of having all-day kindergarten for the past six years. Mr. Kane gave an overview of the Food Service RFP Bid timeline. He said that the State of Connecticut was working with USDA	MOTION CARRIED

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											<p>USDA on the contract. Last year other schools in CT went out to bid. On Monday, May 11, 2015, the District was notified from the State in regards to resolution. There is a very tight timeline. The District already sent out the bid to the State. The State has 48 hours to review the packet and send it back to the District. The legal ad gets published on May 22, 2015. A vendor walk through will take place on May 29, 2015. Mr. Kane added that the bids are due to District 30 days from published legal notice (June 22, 2015). The Board will need to have a special Board Meeting to approve the vendor. He said that it will be a quick meeting. Mr. Kane stated that the Board of Education budget workbooks looked the same as the books that the Board received before. He added that the amount of the general fund budget is \$126,700,000 and the Board has to reduce \$3.5 million. He reminded that the budget workshop was scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. June 15, 2015 through June 17, 2015 the Board will be acting on the budget. Mr. Kane encouraged all Board Members to contact him via email with any questions they might have.</p>	
Motion										X	CONSENT - APPROVE	MOTION CARRIED
Second Ayes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<p>1. Minutes of the Regular BOE Meeting, May 4, 2015 2. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment - New Britain Alternative Center</p> <p>The motion was made to approve both items.</p>	
Motion										X	XV. Personnel Transactions	MOTION CARRIED
Second Ayes	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	<p>The motion was made to approve Personnel Transactions</p>	
											XVI. Superintendent's Report	
											<p>Mr. Cooper stated that the Administration was tracking some of the issues that were brought up at the previous Board Meeting in regards to Transition Center. He said that he had a meeting with the staff and he ensured them that they will be having a Task Force meeting. The intent of the meeting will be to clearly define the purpose of the Transition Center and to come up with vision, mission and goals. Mrs. Beloin-Saavedra said that the Board would like to have a list of members that will be included in the Task Force meeting and the timeline as well.</p> <p>Mr. Cooper added that he was able to meet with the new President of the Teacher's Union. Many of the concerns that were brought up at the end of last year, will be addressed this year. Mr. Cooper said that the Administration is taking a look at the course offerings at the Middle schools (having some honor programs). There will be a lot of work being done over summer while addressing various things.</p>	

XVII. Board Report

- Kindergarten Summit - May 21, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. - Registration/Light Refreshments - 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. program

- Budget Dates: May 26, 2015 - BOE Retreat, June 15, 2015 - Budget Presentation, June 16, 2015 - Public Hearing and Workshop, June 17, 2015 - Workshop and Adopt the Budget (vote)

- June 4, 2015 - NBHS Scholarship Night at 6:00 p.m.

- June 19, 2016 - Last Day of School

- June 23, 2015 - NBHS Graduation at 11:00 a.m.

Mrs. Beloin-Saavedra reminded everyone of the dates listed above. She encouraged all Board Members to attend the Kindergarten Summit. She said that there will be a lot of good speakers that will be coming in from other organizations. Members from the District will be presenting as well: Joe Vaverchak, Nancy Sarra, Merrill Gay. A lot of thought and work has been put into the Kindergarten Summit and a lot of good data will be presented.

XVIII. Committee Reports

- Policy Committee Meeting

Mr. Pina stated that next Policy Committee Meeting was scheduled for June 1, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Beloin-Saavedra proposed to start a meeting at 5:00 p.m. since there will be no Policy meetings over the summer.

- Finance Committee Meeting

Mr. Mercier said that the committee discussed a number of things and many of them were presented at the Board Meeting. He said that one of the items that will be coming before the Board is DecisionInsite (software used for neighborhood boundaries) as it is related to the budget. The contract is up for renewal and there is a slight chance for some savings. There is an add-on service offered that does projections and that would be something worth looking into, but unfortunately it's more money. Mr. Mercier said that Roosevelt building was also discussed at the meeting. He added that the committee reviewed the transportation contract and the District is on time with the audit and recommendations in that audit. One of the big items that were discussed and will be brought up to the Board are all the expenses in the District in regards to transportation services: late buses for elementary school, etc. The Committee also started taking look at some of

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finance policies. There is no policy for budget preparation and budget timeline and it will be a good idea for the Board to take a look at it. Mr. Mercier stated that the next Finance Committee Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2015.

- Personnel Committee Meeting

Mrs. Rodriguez said that the Committee met on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. There were several key things discussed at the meeting: summer enrichment experience program and the overview of the positions. The Committee also discussed the Program Facilitator for Adult Education and the Public Information Officer Position. Mrs. Rodriguez added that the Administrative search continues: Director of Pupil Services, Principal for Slade Middle School, Coordinator for Research Development for Academic Assessment and Coordinator for Adult Ed. Mrs. Beloin-Saavedra pointed out that another position that will need to be filled in will be the HR Director as Mr. Stacy will be leaving the District to work for Greenwich School District. June 30, 2015 will be Mr. Stacy’s last day.

- Curriculum Committee Meeting

Mrs. Greco stated that she gave out a report to the Board with various events listed on it. She added that the committee discussed a universal supply list, Social Studies curriculum and a Summer Pilot program for the health course (an opportunity for 18 juniors to earn a health credit - grant funded). Next Curriculum Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2015.

- Wellness Committee Meeting

Mr. Gay said that next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 12 noon at Community Health Center. He added that he will be presenting at the Kindergarten Summit in regards to asthma and obesity status.

XIX. Legislative Report

XX. Other Business As Permitted by Law

None

XXI. Adjournment

Moved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Motion
Second
Ayes

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