

WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
January 2, 2007
Regular Board Meeting

The Meeting of the Board of Education as a whole was held at the Blake Building, 25 Ogden Street, West Haven. The meeting was called to order by M. Toni Paine, Chairman of the Board of Education at 7:00 p.m. The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Toni Paine, Chairman
George Monahan
Eric Murillo
Gerald Calabritto
Robert J. Guthrie
Mark Palmieri
Howard Horvath
Krista Pickering

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Raymond Collins III, Vice Chairman

CITY ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Mayor John Picard

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Dr. JoAnn Andrees, Superintendent
Neil Cavallaro, Assistant Superintendent

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:

Toni Paine requested a moment of silence for the late President Ford.

Before beginning the public portion Mr. Carney who has a previous commitment elsewhere will give his report.

C. REPORTS

Dr. JoAnn Andrees, Superintendent of Schools, stated that yesterday January 1, 2006 a call was received that there was an excess amount of water in the front office area of the high school. Calls were made and we will have Mr. Carney from the Building Committee give us an update. Dr. Andrees thanked Mr. Carney for coming to this meeting.

Mr. Carney began by giving a quick update on the high school ramp. The sealed canopy has been set in place. Several doors have been installed in the high use areas. The concrete steps have been corrected. We have poured them a couple of times now to meet code and a level of quality that you would expect. At this point we are back on schedule for March 1st.

We have some issues. One of the doors that we installed was incorrectly manufactured it was a little wider than it should have been and it has been reordered. This is in the front of the school by the new ramp. We discovered that the paint thinners on all the doors appear to have not been properly applied. We are in touch with the factory now to prep those doors properly and repaint them. They are starting to chip away in a couple of areas. If we don't catch this now five or ten years down the road it becomes an issue we have to pay for because it is out of warranty. We have identified this and are staying on top of it. A couple of the doors are missing some glass and we have some temporary protection in the meantime. The greatest issue at this point is during Monday's visit due to the leak we discovered there were some defective columns supporting the canopy. There are three columns in question. We wrote a letter to the structural engineer who has been out there and is going back out and will report back to us on our January 9th Oversight Building Committee. This is something we are concerned about and those columns probably have to be replaced at the expense of the contractor.

The leak that Dr. Andrees was speaking about occurred because of lack of proper protection. During the installation of the canopies some of the roof flashing had to be moved and there wasn't proper protection. The result was during the rain storm we had the water poured into one of the administrator's offices. He received the call from Neil Cavallaro Monday morning he stated he has never seen a better response from City Officials; individuals who were truly concerned about what was happening at the high school. We had Neil Cavallaro, Ron Stancil, Dr. Andrees, Joe Yacano, Mayor Picard, three members of the Building Oversight Committee and Mark Palmieri. Everyone took time from their holiday to come because they were concerned.

Robert Guthrie asked if the canopy being unsafe – does it have to be marked so students don't enter or exit that way? Mr. Carney responded that we didn't say unsafe we didn't use that word that is up to the structural engineer. At this point he looked at it and if it was unsafe he certainly would stop any kind of access. Students are not accessing this area anyway at this time.

Bob Guthrie stated and whatever flashing that was left open has been corrected. No the flashing that has been removed can not be permanently installed until later on in the job. The issue is temporary protection. Because of the lack of the temporary protection it occurred. Temporary correction is in place now and some members of the maintenance committee were also very responsive to this.

George Monahan has two questions. He asked regarding the leak was it a workmanship issue, a design issue or a combination of the two. Mr. Carney stated no when you are putting one structure against the other you need to remove flashing to protect the flashing. The issue is that it was close to a holiday it was a Friday and instead of the guys going back up and applying a tarp which would have taken them ten minutes they didn't do that. They put some tar paper there which in a normal rain it may have sufficed but in the rain we had it collapsed and we had some new issues.

George Monahan said the second question involves the doors you mentioned that there was a finish problem so that apparently the way the doors were ordered were expected to be final finished? Mr. Carney responded that he didn't know if the finish that is on there is a primer finish or a final finish. Probably a primer but the bottom line is it is not behaving the way we want it to. George would hope it is a primer and would ask Mr. Carney to look into it because there is no green in the school colors at WHHS so I would hope that the final doors wouldn't be green. The architect did a nice job keeping with the rest of the building colors and obviously the green is not final. The base finish is more important than the final finish. I understand.

Jerry Calabritto wanted to thank Mr. Carney and his committee for the job they have done. We had a rocky start but I think we developed a fine working relationship and he would like him to thank the committee for watching our back and doing the fine job they have done.

Neil Cavallaro stated the response from the committee was wonderful. Cliff actually took the money from his pocket to purchase the materials to temporarily replace what needed to be covered. It was a great team effort. Our guys worked very well with your guys.

Mayor Picard thanked everybody. Neil called the Building Oversight Committee and they came right down and everybody came in and helped out together. Everybody there and the committee's sole interest is the taxpayer in West Haven. They all wanted to help out and I want to thank them personally. Any time there is an issue on the City side just call them. They are here to help.

Toni Paine thanked the Mayor.

B. PUBLIC PORTION

Toni Paine asked if anyone would like to address the Board.

Donna Kosiorowski who is not a resident of West Haven but is a resident of the Blake Building so she is here as an off shoot of the forum that the Mayor had she had a conversation with a few people and was invited to address the Board. Jerry Calabritto asked her to speak on something that she wasn't totally prepared to speak on so she will save that until last.

Donna Kosiorowski has forwarded a copy of what was stated at the Board Meeting. My personal thanks to Donna.

Overview

“Mounting pressure on schools to improve academic performance leads educators to focus on testing and accountability. Emphasis is placed on ways to strengthen the curriculum, promote sound instructional practices, and tutor students who need help.

While these are critical areas for improvement, significant evidence indicates a number of nonacademic factors influence academic achievement.

“Schools seeking to improve the academic performance of their students cannot ignore the role that health and safety...play in their overall efforts.” There is a strong link between academic achievement and students’ health and resilience. Interdisciplinary collaboration between school nurses, social workers, psychologists, speech and language pathologists, guidance counselors and community resources support student success.

“School nurses have professional skills which help to insure that children are healthy and able to learn. Nursing care, assessments, interventions and outcomes affect the student’s ability to learn and the educator’s ability to teach the student.... (Reframing School Nurse Services in the Language of Educational Outcomes, Geri Harvey MEd RN, 1999).

In order for children to learn, they must be:

- **In school** →Frequent absences mean the child is not learning.
- **In class** →Students who are “elsewhere”, physically or emotionally, are technically at school but they are not learning.
- **Ready to learn** →Children who are unable to see or hear, who are tired, hungry, stressed or afraid cannot learn.

Role of School Nurses

The role of the school nurse is to support student learning and to promote health and safety for students and staff.

When a nurse is unavailable to a school, the care of children is left to staff engaged in other tasks. Staff, such as principals, teachers, and secretaries are taken away from their primary responsibilities to attend to the health needs of students. Staff are not trained to assess illness or injury. Usually their only recourse is to send the child home. For example, during the absence of a nurse, in two hours 10 students were sent home with “unfounded complaints of illness”. Had a nurse been there, the children could have returned to class.

PA 10-206 requires that “Each local...board shall appoint **one or more school nurses...**”. In their “Report on School Nurses in Connecticut” (March 2001), the State Department of Education found that “145 districts had at least one nurse in each of their schools. The majority of Connecticut towns provide at least one nurse per building and additional nurses proportionate to the numbers and needs of the students. Districts with less than one nurse in each building are in the minority.”

The community of West Haven and the school district must have shared values and a common goal dedicated to the support of education for the future citizens of this city.

The community has always been supportive of their school nurses and the role they play in keeping children in school, in class, and ready to learn.

Healthy Children Learn Better. School Nurses Make That Happen.

School nurses have demonstrated their commitment to student achievement through the identification of problems and solutions to those problems.

- Thompson School: The school nurse, concerned about a student who experienced frequent asthma attacks and missed many days of school, partnered with Silvers' pharmacy and obtained a nebulizer for her school and enough nebulizers for every school. **Children who previously went home, now receive a treatment from the school nurse and return to class.**
- Washington: The school nurse detected a child with a visual problem, previously undetected by physicians. This child was successfully treated. He ended up writing a book about his experience, entitled *Rosario and the Magic Glasses*.
- Notre Dame: The nurse detected a congenital heart defect before the student experienced any negative effects.
- Carrigan: The nurse responded to a staff member in distress and performed CPR until EMS providers arrived. The teacher is back in the classroom.
- Bailey: A child, complaining of a simple stomach ache, was diagnosed by the nurse with an acute asthmatic episode. The child was transported to the hospital by ambulance and admitted for 3 days. Medication and monitoring by school nurses keeps this student in school.

Donna Kosiorowski then spoke about something she really wasn't prepared to talk about but she had some discussions with Garth Sawyer, a few members of the Board, and some people from the District and became aware that people were looking for suggestions as to how they could save money. She had faxed the following suggestions to Jerry Calabritto and he asked her to share them with the Board.

She would like to give her School Health Department a pat on the back because she has been here for ten years and the District has never overspent the budget in fact they have always turned money back to the District to use in other ways.

Due to budgetary constraints that impact the district, I offer the following:

- School Health Department saved **\$4,500 by utilizing the Danbury VNA to administer flu vaccine.** We plan to continue this process for 2006-07.
- **Pre-employment physicals-** Line item appeared in School Health Department budget. Cost of an employee physical starts at a **minimum of \$125.00 up to \$400** plus. Per Jolene Barnes, the pre-employment physical was implemented as a way

to determine fitness for work in the hope that the measure would affect workers' compensation . Why is a physical, done by a private provider, immediately prior to application, not acceptable? Could employees have a physical by their own health care provider, if they choose to do so, with a fitness for work evaluation at Saint Raphael's?

If there is rationale that you could share regarding the above, it would be appreciated. Data analysis regarding the cost benefit of pre-employment physicals and the impact on Workers' Compensation should be done to determine the efficacy of the procedure.

- **Workers' Compensation** –Aggressive case management of workers' compensation cases facilitates appropriate care and treatment plans, as well as timely return to work.
- **Athletic physicals** are required prior to try outs and participation in sports. Any student may receive a free physical from our school medical at no cost to the student but it does cost the district. The cost is built into the contract with Allied Health. According to Linda Fischer, the athletic trainer and coordinator for Allied Health, 140 physical examinations for students were done for the 2004-05 school year. Of that number, **approximately 90% had a private health care provider**. This year 100 physicals have been done to date. There will be one final examination date in March.

Recommendation: eligible students who have a health care provider and are insured should see their own health care provider as the private provider knows the student best. When students fail to keep their appointments, the school medical advisor must still be paid for her time. Linda Fischer indicated the examination date in November could be reduced to half day or eliminated as the response for physicals on this date is small.

- **Eliminate insurance for dependent children** that goes until they are 25. Most insurance companies stop insurance upon graduation from college or age 22.

She stated she spoke as an individual and may not have all of the facts but wanted to share some of her thoughts with the Board.

Toni Paine thanked her and asked if anyone else would like to address the Board.

Nancy Rossi, 12 Robin Road addressed the Board. She stated she was not at the last meeting but wished she could have been there and she is specifically speaking about the Food Service Committee Meeting. She has read the minutes and it concerns her when certain board members and all of you have the minutes so I am sure you know what I am talking about. It concerns her when certain board members are against the policy that might make the hiring practices more fair. The idea that we should keep the status quo and leave it the way that it is seems to me ridiculous. Anything that you can do to make the hiring practices more transparent and fair to people that have been on the sub list and again I'm not an advocate of saying hire someone off the sub list whether they are qualified or not. It is not what anyone is saying and by reading the minutes that is not what they proposed that night.

I would like to see it revisited not only for the Food Service but if we don't have it for secretary's maybe we should. I do understand that in the past they have hired teachers that have subbed so it is unfortunate that any one would speak against something like this and the real unfortunate part is that it was never brought before the board because it never got out of committee and I really do have a problem with this and I don't think it should be forgotten. I think hiring practices should be fair. I think people should be rewarded for hard work and for the idea that they have come to work everyday and done their job instead of being passed over because so and so wants so and so in here and that has happened and it has happened in the past a lot. It is not fair to the people that work very hard at food service or any job who figure they are going to get a job because they are working hard and then they find out afterwards they are not. This should be revisited not forgotten about. I don't intend to forget about it and it should be put across the board. If you want to do it for secretaries, clerks the whole thing I think you should make it as fair as you can make it for everyone involved and not just the chosen few. We would all be better off.

In regard to the last speaker's comments I had noticed that this time around in the administrator's contract they did change the language for the age. Not only is it the age factor but I believe in most insurance companies it is a dependent. A dependent covered under the IRS law is somebody who is a full time student beyond 18. If you are 19 and are not attending school full time you are not covered under the insurance. I know that everybody's contract is signed but we should start putting that in.

On a social note there will be a Tribute to Dr. King that the Black Coalition will host on the Congregational Church on the green I believe it is the 14th I don't have the exact time. Also the Black Coalition Dinner will be February 23rd and she will have tickets so anyone can contact her and Ward Heitman will be having a wine tasting on February 9th. It is nice to see because Ward Heitman does have the children from this district over for free. She believes it will be held at the IA Club again this year. So if anyone wants any information on these events you can contact me.

Toni Paine thanked Mrs. Rossi and asked if anyone else would like to address the Board.

The public portion closed at 7:30 p.m.

C.1. ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Andrees stated she is pleased tonight to bring an update on where we stand with grants. I know we continue to say our money is tight and we continue to cut back. One of the ways that we are attempting to continue to improve is by way of grants. We wanted to share with you tonight some of the grants that are out there on the horizon and that we have been looking at and working on. The leader of our grant department is Dave Russell who has done an outstanding job in working with the staff in the Blake Building and also getting input from teachers and administrators in the field. Everytime we find something new we give it to him so he has been very busy and is all over the place trying

to help us find additional funds to bring programs in. She asked Dave to share with us some of the grants we are looking at this year.

Dave Russell stated the first thing he wanted to explain is that entitlements are different than a grant. Grants are usually competitive. The West Haven Board of Ed receives money from Title I which is No Child Left Behind, Title II which is all the training for certified teachers to get continued professional development and also for the BEST Program for the mentoring of first, second and third year people in the system. Title III is the bilingual entitlement which is about 65,000. Title II is about \$95,000 and Title I is about \$1,118,000.00. Title IV is Safe and Drug Free Schools which is a \$30,000 grant entitlement and he transfers also from Title II about \$30,000 to make available to the school systems. Every elementary school gets an expenditure of \$3,000.00 for enrichment. The Alternate II Program which is Ron Conlan's program that is now housed at Stiles School in the afternoon is paid by Title IV. The last program is an entitlement that we get for the sum of \$18,000 to \$19,000 for innovative programs. An innovative program is based with the program we have and is part of the program which has had high risk students from Carrigan and also from Bailey that go into an educational program to hopefully give them a better positive outlook and to succeed in the school system. We basically pay a teacher and a full time aide and a part time social worker under entitlement money.

I am now in charge of the Perkins Grant which is monies that are entitled to the school. The high school Vocational Ed Department Head was in charge of it but the Superintendent felt that I should be responsible for all expenditures as there have been inquiries as to where the expenditures go. I will now be accountable for all the expenditures. It comes to my desk and I go to the Superintendent and I have to go to the Board of Education.

The Family Resource Grant is \$102,500.00 grant with collaboration from with Adult Ed ESL Program with Francine Coppola as the Director and also the West Haven Community House. It is a full time program where parents must attend with there sons or daughters in a pre-school program and it is at Savin Rock Community School. We will be audited by the State on February 8th so I will be spending time with the State Department of Ed to make sure we are in compliance.

Neil Cavallaro and I have met with a group from Connecticut Academy and they are working collaboratively with us to write a \$30,000 grant on the improvement of elementary math and science.

There was an article in the paper the collaborative agreement with the City and UNH and they have me involved in this also. I have met the University President I have met the Deans of Math, Science and Engineering.

There are two grants we are working on: Science Academy which is collaboration with the City of New Haven Board of Ed and he has dealt with their science coordinator and also the personnel from the UNH who are providing the grant writer. If we get this it

would be in the category of a competitive grant and would be dealt with in the summer for elementary teachers that would be interested in getting a better knowledge of technology and science areas and so on. Dr. Andrees, Neil and I have talked about this and feel it is a key area. We have completed that grant and it is sent out.

West Haven is involved in participation in a grant proposal with UNH and the New Haven Board of Ed. It is called a Science Engineering School. It is big money that they are looking for. They hired a professional grant group that has been doing this for years for the New Haven Board of Ed and they have been successful. They have gotten New Haven \$35,000,000.00 in competitive grants and they want our input. He has met with people and is asked why West Haven is getting 25%. West Haven has 600 children that are in the magnet schools in New Haven. So New Haven wants to work with West Haven and have this Engineering School. UNH feels that there are not many youngsters that are interested in the area of engineering or if there are they don't know how they can expand etc. We are talking about a program that is 95% reimbursable by the federal government. They will purchase the property which is an abandoned house of UNH presently and all construction costs. That is only going to cost 5%. New Haven is basically the leader of this and West Haven is joining with them. The grant will be sent to Washington January 15th and it sounds like a great thing hopefully we will hear in a few months. This will be a grade 6 to 7 school. If the money comes through next year the first half will have a principal hired in place and in December students will be determined 65% from New Haven, 25% from West Haven and 10% being the balance from other communities and areas that have students attending the magnet schools. We will start with 100 sixth graders and then repeating with 100 every year and after four or five years having it in place. The number is down now to about 500. UNH is getting the whole department in Math and Engineering involved. He has met with many of the staff from UNH that want to get involved with students from West Haven that want to get involved with students from West Haven to help and improve their needs for future scientists, engineers and mathematicians. This is a good thing.

Legislators have met with Neil, Dr. Andrees and I to learn of our needs in the hopes that when they go to Hartford on Wednesday they can air our concerns and lobby for more support for West Haven.

Jerry Calabritto asked if there was a program that would alert us when certain grants became available. Yes at first the grant person wasn't readily available but a few calls were made and she is certainly very happy to work with us.

He needs to get input so he can address issues. Do we address it in the elementary, middle or high school? We can get the input from the teachers and principals and the kids this is what grant submission is all about. You have to prove to them that there is a need to get funding and show what you are going to do with the funding so you can prove whatever the area you are researching and requesting funds for you can make it work. The City has Bob Gilmore who is doing the best he can but you get inundated. You do get audited and things do pass by so we do need more people versed in this.

Jerry said this is not what I meant. I thought there was a program accessible from the UNH library where you could put in Bowling and your email address and anytime a grant was made available anywhere in the United States that pertained to Bowling it would notify you by e-mail. Dave said he is hooked up also with the United States Government so anytime a grant comes out he is notified.

Bob Guthrie stated he was part of a Board the previously discussed a collaborative effort with UNH about Public Safety. The State Dept of Ed needed a local letter of interest and a financial commitment at least on paper before the idea would get consideration from the State Dept. Does this still apply to the discussion taking place right now.

The Mayor stated there are a couple of things. UNH wants to have it on campus, with a science and engineering staff and they want to incorporate the public safety aspect to make it all inclusive. I don't know how far everyone has been in these discussions but we met last week with our state legislators. We have been asked for no financial commitment. The University of New Haven has been asked to house it there on their campus and that will alleviate the financial commitment on the city side. Was that your question?

No the previous one was still going to be housed at UNH and the State Department of Education still required a financial commitment a letter from the City Council or your office with up to 1.8 to 2 million dollars of a financial commitment. Although it was going to be drawn off the money the money might not be utilized. The City had to show the interest and support to get it out the gate.

Dave interjected that there are areas you are graded on your narrative, financing consideration and so on and what happens is that they will usually ask you when the program is not funded any longer through state funds how will you sustain the program. I think that is what you are looking at there Mr. Guthrie. I think the State is asking for this type of thing. A further discussion ensued.

Mayor Picard stated that to the best of his knowledge now when they talked about building the magnet school with Dr. Mayo and the University of New Haven was engineering and Science and they were hoping to incorporate the public safety building that they wanted to build in Hartford which UNH and we disagreed with. We have one of the best Public Safety Schools in the country right here in West Haven. From my knowledge no one has asked for a financial commitment up front.

Mayor Picard wanted to touch on the grants. Jerry brought up a question and anything we are doing on the City side would benefit us all if we continue to talk because as opposed to borrowing money or finding ways to do without the more grant money we are able to get someone will be able to us. In my knowledge of the grants it is important to be persistent and diligent and to find out from whoever you are applying for the grant for to get their input and follow through. A lot of the grants are competitive and you might not get it that first year but you go back and find out what you did wrong or right

and you expound on that the second year. Once you start to receive these grants you build that momentum. I'm only saying this because some of these you may not get right away and you are not going to get discouraged I know Dr. Andrees and Neil and this Board will keep going after it and eventually we will get to the point where we have a department on the City side where we can all help each other. I know that we are separate but we are all in this together and it is important to continue to follow through on these things. There is a lot of private money out there also. Any system that UNH has I am sure that Dr. Kaplan will be happy to let us access.

George Monahan stated there is a lot of information being put on the table and it is creating some confusion he wants to back up and correct the record that the magnet school for public safety which was really linked to a Homeland Security Type Technology and theories that are new to society as a result of how this country has changed in recent years did have a very valid science piece to it but Mr. Guthrie was the author of that suggestion and deserves a lot of credit for getting it as far as it did to the state to the point where the state blessed the program they were all for it and had given the initial approval for it and it was dead ended when it go to our City Council to make the commitment that Mr. Guthrie talked about. We were willing to go forward with that type of project and would put the money on the table especially when you talk about a 95 cent on the dollar reimbursement. The difference here is that West Haven would have been the Stewards of that magnet school and we would have had the opportunity to have the dominant percentage. The 65% or 70% of our student population would have the opportunity to go to a very special school like that. In this situation New Haven is going to be the Steward of this magnet school and we will have a minority opportunity. We clearly lost an opportunity at the last board session and we obviously are behind the eight ball again here because New Haven has jumped ahead of us using a science piece which we already had a science piece. The Homeland Security Magnet School included a forensic science piece that UNH was very interested in. We had a lot of people interested and it is unfortunate that now this is forgotten and New Haven again has jumped the cart and they will get the benefit of the 95 cents on a dollar reimbursement. We really need to keep sight of all these issues and don't bundle them all together and when we have an opportunity and we don't take advantage of it shame on us.

Bob Guthrie asked when the school would open if approved. The first year they would be looking for a temporary home while the building is being built. After that year in January of 2008, 100 students would be chosen for September 2008. Every year thereafter the school will increase by 100 students to bring the total enrollment to 500. A further discussion ensued.

Dr. Andrees stated she really wants no part of something that will start in ninth grade. The initial proposal was to start with the ninth grade. Ninth grade is too late for a lot of our students who are interested in engineering and it really does need to begin with the middle school. If you can get these children in the early grades they will be competitive by the ninth grade. The original number was 700 but we want the sixth, seventh and eighth grade to be a part of it. This is how you are going to attract the lower socio economic students. Students who may not come from homes where math and science are

significant and we want to make sure we can bring along kids who otherwise might not have the same opportunities. This is why the numbers don't match.

Bob stated the success of the magnet school is to keep your numbers smaller rather than larger. When you think of 600 – 700 at a magnet school is this a little too aggressive.

Dr. Andrees stated she was grateful to meet with some of our legislators. It was an opportunity to talk about things that would benefit us. Some things discussed with Rep. Paul Davis, Steve Dargan, Lou Esposito and Senator Harp were:

- We looked at the CAPT Scores and how that was impacted with our increase in population
- We looked at Bilingual and students who have English as a second language and how that has impacted our CAPT scores
- We learned that in some states the test can be given in Spanish which is the largest population that we have in West Haven
- We are quite surprised and interested that DCF can come in and state that we need to send a student to a school district that would cost \$80,000 and Senator Hart was all over this
- ECS should be more equitable

Dr. Andrees stated she is quite proud of the following:

- As of this week the portal is open to all freshman and families to be able to go on line. In two weeks it will be open to senior parents
- January Newsletter issued an invitation to parents to e-mail Mr. Stancil. He has received responses from many parents.
- Frederick Giovannini made a \$5,000 scholarship donation to five different students
- Anyone interested in donating a book from the approved book list to the West Haven Library to support reading would be welcome. It is a great way to gain recognition for your child for a special report card.
- Mr. Cavallaro and I were impressed with the number of students who made the honor roll in Carrigan Middle School. They had a pancake breakfast to honor the children and their parents. This was sponsored by the Junior National Honor Society

- If you have old cell phones that are inactive please distribute them to the Carrigan PTSA
- We have finished our Points of Pride with Forest and you can see that on television
- We will be shooting Mackrille School on our next Points of Pride.

Neil Cavallaro said we need more information if you are going to have us look into a student through the Residency Hot Line. We have followed up on every request however there is not a large number. We needs names and addresses so we can actually follow through.

Sgt Pimer was unable to come tonight and they don't have the personnel available that they thought they would have so they are not able to ride the school buses. When funds become available this will be reinstated.

C.1.b.BOARD

Bob Guthrie attended Pagels Holiday Concert and was impressed.

Jerry Calabritto wanted to clear up a misconception. He and Bob had asked for a listing of when the PTA's would meet and neither he nor Bob have attended any meetings. Dr. Andrees had no input into this as to if the Board will meet individually with PTA's at Board Meetings.

Eric Murillo made a suggestion that if the PTA representatives wanted to meet with the Board they would be more than welcome to come to any Board Meeting.

Eric also questioned Policy 3260 regarding equipment to be discarded where the money goes to the General Fund. A lot of stuff in the school is too old to be sold do we need permission from the City to discard these items?

Bob Guthrie stated that all items for sale must be put into a central place and notification must be posted. This has not been done for years as this is quite demanding. They went on to state the trouble they had of disposing of pianos in the past. It is difficult to discard items.

Eric said it looks like we may be stuck with certain items for life.

A letter was sent from Joe Yacano to Dr. Andrees stating that the lab at Savin Rock was complete.

Eric stated that the lab at Savin Rock was complete and he wanted to limit the number of students and their parents who could use the Family Resource Center due to safety

precautions.

Dr. Andrees stated the Family Resource Center can use the lab but the lab is purchased with Title I funds to be used by all students.

C.1.c COMMITTEE

Jerry Calabritto stated the Finance Committee met prior to the Board Meeting and we were given updates on the Budget, Rink, Frank Fitzgerald Sports Complex and Food Services.

D.1. Approval of Minutes

Toni Paine asked for the approval of the December 18, 2006 Minutes

Jerry Calabritto made a motion to accept the minutes

Bob Guthrie seconded the motion

No Discussion

All in favor

Motion passes

E. New Business

Nothing

F. Informational:

Nothing to Add

Toni Paine asked for a motion to adjourn

Jerry Calabritto made a motion to adjourn

Howie Horvath seconded the motion

All in favor

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marylou Amendola

Board Clerk

