



## ***Education Committee - Board of Representatives***

Mary Savage, Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Wednesday, November 5, 2014  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Education Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Savage, Committee Member Reps. Cerasoli, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Nabel, Quinones and Wallace. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Buckman and Kolenberg. Also present were President Skigen; Clerk Summerville; Reps. Reeder, Silver and Zelinsky; Mayor Martin; Dr. Winnie Hamilton, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Tamu Lucero and Judith Singer, Stamford Public Schools; Geoff Alswanger, Jerry Pia and Polly Rauh, Stamford Board of Education; and Cindy Grafstein, Special Assistant to the Mayor.

Chair Savage called the meeting to order at 6:05.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">E29.016</a>	REVIEW and APPROVAL; Use of 200 Strawberry Hill Property as a school contingent on State approval of magnet funding (at 7:00 p.m.) 09/02/14 – Submitted by Board of Education 09/10/14 – Approved by Planning Board 09/17/14 – Report Made & Held in Committee 10/09/2014 – Approved by Board of Finance 10/22/2014 – Adjourned to 11/05/14	Approved 6-0-1

### *Secondary Committee - Fiscal Committee*

In response to questions from the Committee and other Board members, Mayor Martin, Cindy Grafstein and Dr. Hamilton explained:

- If the City does not receive the funding from the State, the BOE will need to come back to the City for funding for a school
- The Mayor has formed a committee to work on the plans for the school
- They expect to send out an RFP for an architect once they have reached the next step in the application process, which will be in December
- A traffic study is currently being done, which will incorporate the possibility of a school being built

- It would make sense to hold public communications after the plans are more fully developed
- They are aiming for a 25% cost savings on the cost of staffing a new building
- The additional fixed costs of opening a building would occur regardless of the location of the school

A motion to approve the Sense of the Board resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-1 (Reps. Savage, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Nabel, Quinones and Wallace in favor; Rep. Cerasoli abstaining.)

Chair Savage adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Savage, Chair

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