



Education Committee - Board of Representatives

Mary Savage, Chair

Committee Report

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2014
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Republican Caucus Room, 4th Floor Government Center, 888
Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Education Committee met at the above date and time. Present were: Chair Savage and Committee Member Reps. Buckman, Cerasoli, Di Costanzo, Kolenberg, Moore, Quinones and Velishka. Absent or excused was Committee Member Rep. Nabel. Also present were Reps. Caterbone and Ryan; Superintendent of Schools Hamilton, Dr. Fernandez and Mr. Meyer.

Chair Savage called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
2. E29.004	REVIEW; recent incidents of violence within the Stamford Public School System (7:00 p.m.) 01/08/14 – Submitted by Reps. Caterbone & Ryan	Report Made

Dr. Hamilton gave an overview of what is in place within the school system with regards to security, prevention of incidents and follow-up when a "happening" occurs. The number and title of support staff in place at each building were cited. Mr. Meyer reviewed staff training in place and plans for future programs and curriculum. The emphasis on mental health (K-12) is a district priority. It will continue. The Police Department did an audit of each public school facility and made recommendations for upgrading. Grants have been pursued to supplement the local budget. Dr. Hamilton stressed the critical importance of "advisories" - a caring adult to be available to interact on a daily basis with high school students. In response to questions raised by representatives regarding "out of town" students, the concept of magnet schools was reviewed, thereby explaining; how/why students are in attendance in Stamford schools with out of town addresses. There being no further discussion/questions, a motion to adjourn was made and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary M. Savage, Chair

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