



Education Committee - Board of Representatives

Diane Lutz, Chair

Megan Cottrell, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, February 15, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Republican Caucus Room, 4th Floor Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Education Committee will meet as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Lutz, Vice Chair Cottrell, Committee Member Reps. de la Cruz and Di Costanzo. Absent or excused were Reps. Aquila, DeLuca, Jacobson and Stella were absent. There was no quorum present. Also present was Dan Colleluori, Supervisor of Solid Waste & Recycling.

Chair Lutz opened the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. E30.006	REVIEW; Overview of Board of Education with Board of Education President David Mannis 01/02/18 – Submitted by President Quinones	Held
2. E30.012	REVIEW; Stamford Public Schools Update; Current Issues Facing Stamford Public Schools That Fall under Board of Representatives' Jurisdiction. 12/06/17 – Submitted by Rep. Lutz 12/18/17 – Held In Committee 5-0-0	Held
3. E30.010	RESOLUTION; Amending Res. 2681 re: School Building Committee 12/06/17 – Submitted by President Quinones	Held
4. E30.001	REVIEW; Discussion of the Stamford Public Schools Recycling initiatives and the role of the City's operation department. 12/06/17 – Submitted by Rep. Lutz and President Quinones	Report Made

Mr. Colleluori discussed the recycling program at the schools with the Committee members as follows:

- The Schools average about 32% recycling (which is the City's rate as well)
- Over the years they have been invited into 5 or 6 schools to promote recycling
- There needs to be continuing education on this
- He recently received a DEEP grant for a consultant who will hopefully go into every school

- One goal is to get all the paper in the classrooms recycled and to get the bottles emptied and recycled
- The students have very little time for lunch
- They are seeking to get the custodians involved in recycling the garbage from the classrooms
- The only garbage should be from the cafeterias
- Each school has a different layout
- Snack garbage could go into hallway bins
- Information about school recycling is shared with the school principals on a monthly basis
- The schools do not pay for garbage
- Dolan Middle School has a recycling club; the students were emptying bins from the classroom into the bins in the hallway
- Can this be built on Nature's Classroom?
- The schools have participated in the Keep America Beautiful Recycle Bowl over the past several years and schools have won awards
- A Recycling Coordinator position in the City would be helpful; he has not submitted this for the next budget
- The cost/savings for school recycling needs to be tracked
- The Board of Education Facilities Department is responsible for any custodial activities in the schools; the divided bins are smaller and would require a different pick-up approach
- There is a pilot program at Newfield School
- He provided some of the schools with composters, but they need someone at the schools to coordinate this.

15. [E30.005](#) REVIEW; Provisions for Pedestrian Safety Around Stamford Public Schools. **Report Made & Held**
 12/06/17 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz
12/18/17 – Held In Committee 5-0-0

The Committee reviewed the attached [analysis of actionable items](#) prepared by Rep. Di Costanzo. The Committee should possibly follow up on items that are in process. Items discussed included:

- Effectiveness of speed signs – Rep. Cottrell to follow up
- Board of Ed crossing guard requirements – Rep. Di Costanzo to follow up
- Enforcement of tow away zones at Cloonan and enforcement on Horton Street – Rep. Lutz to follow up
- Giving parents at KT Murphy a survey about bus use
- Mapping out safe routes to the schools and creating an ordinance regarding clearing of sidewalks for these safe routes – Reps. Lutz and de la Cruz will follow up
- Transportation issues should be followed up with Jim Travers

6. [E30.011](#) REVIEW; School Liaison Assignments, Mission and Objectives – Plans and Goals **Report Made & Held**
 01/03/18 – Submitted by Rep. Lutz

¹ Video Time Stamp 01:19:00

Chair Lutz said that the mission/vision statement should note that it is supporting the mission & vision of the Board of Education.

Chair Lutz adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lutz, Chair

This meeting is on video ([Part 1](#) & [Part 2](#))