



Education Committee - Board of Representatives

Diane Lutz, Chair

Megan Cottrell, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2019
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Education Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Vice Chair Cottrell and Committee Member Reps. Aquila, de la Cruz and Di Costanzo. Absent or excused were Chair Lutz and Committee Member Reps. Graziosi and Stella. Also present were Tamu Lucero, BOE Superintendent; Andy George and Jacklyn Pioli, BOE.

Vice Chair Cottrell called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
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Possibly in Executive Session:

¹ 1. E30.037	REVIEW; Discussion of Superintendent's Compensation Package (at 7:00 pm). 05/02/19 – Submitted by Andy George, President BOE	Report Made
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A motion to go into executive session to discuss the Superintendent's compensation package was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-0-0 (Reps. Cottrell, Aquila, de la Cruz and Di Costanzo in favor).

Vice Chair Cottrell, Reps. Aquila, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, and Mr. George and Ms. Pioli went into executive session at 7:11 p.m.

Vice Chair Cottrell, Reps. Aquila, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, and Mr. George and Ms. Pioli came out of executive session at 7:58 p.m. Vice Chair Cottrell noted that no votes were taken during executive session.

² 2. E30.032	REVIEW; How Work Orders in the Schools are Handled – Past Issues and How the City is Working to Improve the Process (at 7:30 pm). 03/06/19 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell 03/25/19 – Held in Committee 6-0-0 05/08/19 – Held in Committee	Report Made and Held
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There was discussion on this item.

¹ Video Time Stamp: 00:00:12 Part 1

² Video Time Stamp: 00:01:14 Part 2

- ABM has been given notice that the contract is not being renewed.
- BOE is in the process of developing an in-house facilities management plan for the schools. The Mold Task Force (MTF) has transitioned into the Stamford Asset Management Group (SAMG). The current members are the same as with the MTF: Dr. Lucero, Michael Handler, Cindy Grafstein and Lou Casolo.
- There will be approximately five facilities managers hired. Each manager will have oversight of three to five school buildings.
- Following is the link to the posted Facilities Manager position:
<http://www.generalasp.com/stamford/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Facilities>
- SAMG plans to eventually have all work order documents on a public website.
- The current work order management system used is “SchoolDude”. This will continue to be used, but the work order process will be adjusted.
- Dr. Lucero will return to the Committee in September to give an update, and possibly a demonstration of how the “SchoolDude” system works.

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-0-0 (Reps. Cottrell, Aquila, de la Cruz and Di Costanzo in favor).

Possibly in Executive Session:

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| ³ 3. E30.033 REVIEW; Board of Education's Contractual
Relationship with ABM.
03/06/19 – Submitted by Rep. Cottrell
03/25/19 – Held in Committee 6-0-0
05/08/19 – Held in Committee | Report Made |
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There was discussion on this item.

- The ABM contract ends on June 30, 2019.
- Through due diligence the BOE felt it was the right decision for the community not to renew the contract. Some problems with ABM were:
 - A. Employees were not on-site as promised.
 - B. All parts of the RFP contractual obligations were not performed.
 - C. Weak managerial oversight.
 - D. Deliverables were not met.
 - E. Poor response time.
- SAMG plans to have some new facilities managers in place by the end of June.
- Constituents would like to see results, and not keep hearing that the administration is working on the problems.
- The new facilities managers must take ownership and responsibility for their positions.
- Every school will have a facilities manager; one manager will have three to five schools to manage.

Rep. de la Cruz asked for an update on the letter to the Mayor that President Quinones and some representatives sent regarding proposing a long term strategic plan to prevent BOE facility problems in the future. Dr. Lucero explained that the long term strategy is being developed through the SAMG and the new in-house facilities maintenance plan.

³ Video Time Stamp: 00:15:16 Part 2

Vice Chair Cottrell adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Cottrell, Vice Chair

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