

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OCTOBER 5, 1999
LINCOLN CENTER HEARING ROOM
7:30 P.M.**

**ONE MEETING AGENDA
October 5, 1999**

PRESENT: Chairman Cassano, Vice-Chairman Howroyd, Secretary Negri Directors Morancey, Hachadourian, McMahon, Crockett, Thompson and Becker.

ALSO: Deputy Manager Werbner and Town Attorney Darby.

ABSENT: General Manager Sartor.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Board met with State Senator Mary Ann Handley, Representative David Blackwell, Representative Christopher Stone and Representative John Thompson at 7:00 p.m. for a legislative update. State Senator Mary Ann Handley spoke regarding the state reimbursement on the school bond issue, education cost sharing formula cap, historic district and housing for the elderly. Representative David Blackwell spoke regarding a bill, Public Act 99-272 which allows municipalities to abate the property taxes of volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians. Representative Christopher Stone spoke regarding legislation that has passed this past session. He stated that legislation regarding education will be a top priority in the next session. He spoke regarding issues on statutory interpretation. Representative John Thompson distributed a form with legislative reports to the directors. He brought the board up to date on recent legislation regarding health, school dropout and teenage pregnancy. Questions were asked by Board members at this time.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. All in attendance participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Chairman Cassano.

1A. PRESENTATION BY MAYOR STEVE CASSANO OF TWO CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION FROM THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO JIM POWELL AND SAM HARRISON FOR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE HOCKANUM RIVER LINEAR PARK COMMITTEE.

2. **OPENING OF MEETING TO ELECTORS OR TAXPAYERS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON ANY SUBJECT WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

Al Lutz, 9 Stephens Street, spoke regarding the school bond issue. He was opposed to the \$110,000,000 school bond issue. He recommended and explained the Lutz plan.

Dennis Brenner, 260 Spring Street, asked for the total cost of the renovation of the Town Hall, when will we receive a certificate of occupancy for the Town Hall and can we expect the same kind of leadership in the building program of our schools.

Jon Schoenhorn, Attorney in Hartford, 97 Oak Street, spoke regarding pending litigation that he is involved in. He urged the Board to support the recommendation for the settlement on the Executive Session and supplied some written information to the Board.

Terry Werkhoven, 88 Santina Drive, spoke regarding vandalism to the Dancing Bears. He spoke regarding the revaluation of properties. He stated the Nike Site roof is leaking.

Richard Blade, 526 Vernon Street, spoke regarding traffic on Vernon Street and the recycling truck driving on the wrong side of the road. He spoke in favor of the school bond referendum.

Milt Perlman, 3 Sanford Road, spoke regarding the school bond issue. He advocated building new schools.

Joan Schiller-Cosby, 74 Imperial Drive, spoke regarding a park in the Spencer Street neighborhood.

Dan Moran, 272 Charter Oak Street, spoke regarding the school bond issue. He advocated building new schools. He was concerned about the impact of the bond issue on the bond rating for the town.

Tom Stringfellow, 183 Hillstown Road, discussed cultural diversity in our community and fire safety including other issues. He recommended several books.

Rick Stein, 128 Park Street, Apt. A-2, spoke regarding youth violence.

Bill Ogden, 137 Branford Street, spoke regarding taxes and the school bond issue.

Chairman Cassano closed the hearing with some brief comments to the public.

Director Thompson moved and Director Becker seconded a motion to suspend the

rules to deal with Item 7.a. Millenium Committee Report presented by Joe Camposeo and Nate Agostinelli. Nine voted in favor.

7. **REPORTS.**

- a. Millenium Committee Report presented by Joe Camposeo and Nate Agostinelli.

A report was made regarding the Millenium Committee which will be conducting a commemorative for the year 2000. The National League of Cities, Washington, D.C. has created a millenium community which has been applied for. Various projects will come out of this which will involve the community honoring the past and imagining the future. A report for the Board will be prepared at a future date.

3. **ADOPTED - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.**

- b. Minutes of August 3, 1999 - Regular Meeting.
- c. Minutes of August 24, 1999 - Public Hearing.
- c. Minutes of August 31, 1999 - Special Meeting.
- d. Minutes of September 20, 1999 - Special Meeting.
- e. Actions taken on August 24, 1999 - Public Hearing.
- f. Actions taken on August 31, 1999 - Special Meeting.
- g. Actions taken on September 7, 1999 - Regular Meeting.
- h. Actions taken on September 14, 1999 - Reconvened Meeting.
- i. Actions taken on September 20, 1999 - Special Meeting.

Secretary Negri moved and Vice-Chairman Howroyd seconded a motion to adopt the minutes of previous minutes as submitted. Nine voted in favor.

4. **PRESENTATION OF BID WAIVER REQUESTS.**

None.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

- a. Appropriation to Education Special Projects Fund
 Transitional School District Grant..... \$ 250,000.00
 to be funded by State/Federal Grant.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS (continued)**

Dr. Mistretta, Assistant Superintendent of Schools was available to talk on the various

Board of Education items.

Tom Stringfellow, 183 Hillstown Road, supported this program. There being no further comments from the public, Chairman Cassano closed the public hearing on this item.

- * b. Appropriation to Education Special Projects Fund
Early Reading Success Grant\$ 56,821.00
to be funded by State/Federal Grant.

Tom Stringfellow, 183 Hillstown Road, supported this program. There being no further comments from the public, Chairman Cassano closed the public hearing on this item.

- * c. Appropriation to Education Special Projects Fund
.50 Release Time for Tom Alexander, MEA President.....\$ 17,197.00
to be reimbursed by the MEA.

Tom Stringfellow, 183 Hillstown Road, supported this program. There being no further comments from the public, Chairman Cassano closed the public hearing on this item.

- * d. Appropriation to Education Special Projects Fund
Demonstration Site Grant - School-to-Work Opportuni-\$ 50,000.00
ties Act to be funded by State/Federal Grant.

Tom Stringfellow, 183 Hillstown Road, supported this program. Rick Stein, 128 Park Street, Apt. A-2, supported education funding. There being no further comments from the public, Chairman Cassano closed the public hearing on this item.

- * e. Appropriation to Education Special Projects Fund
Implementation of Head Start Program.....\$ 587,970.00
to be funded by Federal Grant.

There being no comments from the public, Chairman Cassano closed the public hearing on this item.

- * f. Appropriation to Education Special Projects Fund
for Head Start Training and Technical Assistance\$ 5,058.00
to be funded by Federal Grant.

Tom Stringfellow, 183 Hillstown Road, supported this program. There being no further comments from the public, Chairman Cassano closed the public hearing on this item.

- * g. Appropriation to Special Grants Fund - Police Donations
for K-9 Unit of Manchester Police Department \$
300.00
to be financed by judicially mandated donations.

Rick Stein, 128 Park Street, Apt. A-2, supported police drug investigation. There being no further comments from the public, Chairman Cassano closed the public hearing on this item.

- * h. Appropriation to Special Grants Fund 260
Health Education Programs \$ 3,948.00
to be funded by State Department of Public Health Per Capita
Grant.

Tom Stringfellow, 183 Hillstown Road, supported this program. There being no further comments from the public, Chairman Cassano closed the public hearing on this item.

Vice Chairman Howroyd moved and Director Thompson seconded a motion to suspend the rules to deal with Item 7.c. Report from the Manchester Committee on Youth Violence. Nine voted in favor.

7. REPORTS.

c. Report from the Manchester Committee on Youth Violence.

Mary Roche, Director of Youth Services, and Chairman of this Committee on Youth Violence introduced the committee members that were present. As a result of the tragedy in schools across our nation, Governor Rowland recommended that communities in Connecticut look at the issue of youth violence. He recommended that a plan of action be developed to address the problem. As a result, this committee was appointed to look at the issues. Three tasks were developed to look at the information that this group had about services presently in place, gaps in service were then identified and ultimately the needs for Manchester were identified. A written report was developed and has been distributed with recommendations as to what is needed within Manchester to address the problem. A request has been submitted to the Governor’s office for grant funding to help get programs in place.

Vice-Chairman Howroyd moved and Director McMahan seconded a motion to take a brief recess. Nine voted in favor.

The Board recessed at 9:28 p.m. and returned at 9:38 p.m.

6. COMMUNICATIONS.

Secretary Negri stated that he had received communication from Ken Roback of Carmen Road who voiced his concern for the safety of youngsters crossing Tolland Turnpike and Deming Street to visit Northwest Park. Chairman Cassano stated that this has been referred to the Public Works Administration and is presently being addressed. Secretary Negri also had a communication from the Manchester Veterans' Council asking the Board to participate in the Veterans Day ceremonies on November 11th. He stated that Manchester has been selected as a site for the First New England International Chinese Martial Art championships on December 4th & 5th at Manchester High School. The Board is invited to be in attendance.

Chairman Cassano stated that it has been suggested by the Police Chief to take the Dancing Bears and bring them inside. This is a historic water fountain that dates back to 1918 that is located in Center Park.

Director Becker stated that he received a letter from John McNamara concerned with the scrap yard on Parker Street as an eye sore. He received a telephone call from Mr. O'Donnell on New State Road near Manchester Ambulance regarding an outdoor speaker than blares all the time. Lou & Jean Kocsis asked if it could be investigated that there be no turn on red signs put up at the intersection of Main Street, Charter Oak Street and Hartford Road. He asked that these matters be looked into.

7. REPORTS.**b. Beautification Report presented by Directors Jim Morancey and Josh Howroyd.**

Director Morancey gave a report from the Neighborhood Subcommittee on projects that have been accomplished over the past year. Vice-Chairman Howroyd stated that to compliment the work that Director Morancey's subcommittee has done there was a smaller subcommittee working on gateway projects. This year this subcommittee focused on the Buckland Street gateway which is still underway.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR, ADOPTED

*Consent calendar consists of items 5a., 5b., 5c., 5d., 5e., 5f., 5g., 5h., 11a., 11b., 11c., 11d., 11f., and 11g.

Director Crockett moved and Director Morancey seconded a motion to adopt the consent calendar. Nine voted in favor.

- b.ADOPTED - Appropriation to Education Special Projects Fund
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 to be funded by State/Federal Grant.

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- *11a. **APPROVED** - Approval to revise the Assistant Library Director job
 description.
- *11b. **APPROVED** - Approval of \$13,640.64 Workers' Compensation stipulation
 involving Theodore Angel.

- *11c. **APPROVED** - Approval of Workers' Compensation stipulation with Francis Netherwood in the amount of \$12,147.20.
- *11d. **ACCEPTED** - Acceptance of resignation of Debra Bilodeau (D) from the Commission for People with Disabilities for term expiring November 2000.
- *11f. **APPROVED** - Approval of job description for the position of Emergency Medical and Hazardous Material Officer in the Fire Department.
- *11g. **APPROVED** - Approval of a Resolution authorizing the General Manager to enter into and amend related contractual instruments with the State of Connecticut as required to accept the State Grant represented by Public Hearing 5.h.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

- a. **APPOINTED** - Appointment of Harry W. Reinhorn, 200 Spring Street as an alternate to the Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals.

Secretary Negri moved and Vice-Chairman Howroyd seconded a motion to appoint Harry W. Reinhorn, 200 Spring Street as an alternate to the Property Maintenance Code of Appeals. Nine voted in favor.

- b. **APPOINTED** - Appointment of Janet S. Carpenter, 31 Hollister Street, member (D) to the Commission on Aging for term expiring November 2001.

Secretary Negri moved and Vice-Chairman Howroyd seconded a motion to appoint Janet S. Carpenter of 31 Hollister Street, member (D) to the Commission on Aging for term expiring November 2001. Nine voted in favor.

11. **NEW BUSINESS.**

- e. **APPOINTED** - Appointment of Christy Scott, 39 Buckland Street, Apt. 4122, member (D) to the Commission for People with Disabilities for term expiring November 2000.

Secretary Negri moved and Director Morancey seconded a motion to appoint Christy Scott of 39 Buckland Street, Apt. 4122, member (D) to the Commission for People with Disabilities for term expiring November 2000. Nine voted in favor.

12. FURTHER COMMENT AND DISCUSSION BY BOARD MEMBERS ON ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA OR OF GENERAL CONCERN.

Director Becker announced the comment sessions for the month of October. He asked for a report from the fire chiefs on Public Act 99-272 brought forward tonight regarding tax exemption for volunteer fire fighters and emergency rescue workers. Chairman Cassano stated that administration should get information regarding this for the Board. Director Becker asked for minutes from the Manchester Country Club.

The Board wished Director Thompson best of luck in his future and complimented him on his service to the Board of Directors.

Chairman Cassano requested that a TOMMIF Committee report be on the agenda.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION - TO DISCUSS THE SETTLEMENT OF A PENDING LAWSUIT.

Secretary Negri moved and Director McMahon seconded a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the settlement of a pending lawsuit. Nine voted in favor.

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:05 p.m. and returned at 10:28 p.m. Discussions took place regarding the settlement of a pending lawsuit. No votes were taken.

Director McMahon moved and Vice-Chairman Howroyd seconded a motion to adopt a Motion to approve the authorization for the Town of Manchester to settle the case of Carla Brodie vs. Town of Manchester in the amount of \$55,000. Nine voted in favor.

14. ADJOURNMENT.

Director Thompson moved and Director McMahon seconded a motion to adjourn to November 16, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. Nine voted in favor.

Adjournment : 10:30 p.m.
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APPROVED:

ATTEST:

SECRETARY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT