

>> Good evening, everyone.

>> So good evening, everyone.

I'd like to call this meeting to order.

As a reminder please note that panel meetings are now being live streamed over the internet for the convenience of those unable to attend.

A recording and transcript will be posted to the panel website following the meeting.

Also please note if you signed up for public comment regarding an issue, pertaining to your school's personnel we have DOE staff available to talk to you directly.

We will have staff near microphone to take town specific information once you have completed your -- now madam Secretary can you plead proceed with roll call.

>> Milady Baez, Fred Baptiste, Elzora Cleveland, Deborah Dillingham, norm Fruchter is absent.

Vanessa Leung, Kamillah Panye-Hanks is absent.

Lori Podvesker.

Robert Powell is absent.

Robert Refki n Laura Zingmond and Miguelina Zorrilla-Aristy.

>> Can everyone introduce yourselves.

>> Milady Baez.

>> Laura Zingmond Manhattan bureau appointee

>> Elzora

>> Deborah Dillingham.

>> Lori Podvesker

>> Vanessa Leung

>> Secretary.

>> Carmen, chancellor.

>> Fred Baptiste.

>> Miguelina Zorrilla-Aristy.

>> Robert Refkin.

>> David Ross.

>> Kathleen deputy chancellor operations.

>> Sophia Pappas.

>> Thank you.

First order of business is evening will be approving minutes from the June 24 panel meeting.

Is there a motion to approve minutes from the June 24 panel meeting?

>> So moved

>> Thank you.

Is there a second?

>> Second.

>> Thank you.

Please raise your hand if you vote to approve the minutes.

10 in favor.

The motion carries.

Thank you, madam secretary.

Chancellor I believe you have some remarks you'd like to share this evening.

>> I want to thank everyone for coming out on a hot summer evening and want to tell you although school is out it isn't officially over because this summer we have had a record number of attendance in our professional development.

We have also had over a thousand teachers attending staff development in areas of technology.

We have a completely filled algebra institute and many, many more programs in the six weeks of summer that are really showing that we have a total commitment to making sure that teachers have a really strong training in common core and aligning.

We have about 30 teachers at Tweed writing new social studies curriculum as we speak and expect to have the first curriculum that's written for teachers by teachers and I think that's really exciting.

We also have summer programs.

And actually got to see the chickens lay eggs and two took eggs home with me and it's exciting we have summer programs that encourage kids to learn in many alternative ways.

One of the lessons learned is how important nutrition is in many of our schools and the entire teaching practices and the entire school for the summer are around cooking and growing and all kinds of things that will hopefully develop healthier children and parents are encouraged to attend the summer programs to learn along side the children.

It's an exciting summer.

Summer is not time off but reinvested in the other ways.

Thank you.

>> Before we get under way with the voting portion of the meeting I'll

say a few words about public comment.

During the public comment period speakers will be permitted up to two minutes to comment.

I'll ask the secretary to call the speakers up from the sign up sheets and to ensure speakers finish their comments in the allotted time.

We will call speakers up in groups of five.

If you have a green ticket please proceed to the far right once your number is called.

If you have a yellow ticket please proceed to the aisle to my far left.

The clock will indicate amount of time remaining for each speaker and a light will indicate and there's one minute left.

in your allotted time.

Please keep to your two-minute time.

At the conclusion of each speaker's time we'll move on to the next speaker.

If a speaker is not here when their name is called we'll move on to the next and once we do that you cannot redeem your place in the queue.

The only one requiring a rote is consideration of contracts.

I will ask that contracts committee chair Fred Baptiste to summarize the panel -- for the panel the committee's recommendations regarding contracts listed on tonight's agenda.

>> Thank you the contracts committee met on evening of Tuesday, July 15 to review the contract.

I met with the contract committee members Miguelina Zorrilla-Aristy, Laura Zingmond and homeowner Lori Podvesker.

Approval of the contract items one through four.

The contracts committee recommends contract items one through four be considered in two resolutions.

Resolution one, contract item number one, resolution number two, contract items 2 through 4.

>> Thank you panel member Baptiste.

I know that David Ross has a read in.

>> Change has been made to item four on this month's agenda the contract is for pre k services of the agenda inadvertently indicates that vendor academic leadership charter school was withdrawn.

That's the way it was posted.

But the request for authorization indicates them as included and they should have been so it was just a misprint.

We apologize for that.

We ask that be included in the vote for that charter school.

Thank you.

>> Thank you.

Madam secretary, please present the resolution set forth.

>> The resolutions are entitled resolution regarding approval of contracts and as indicated by panel member Baptiste the first contains contract item 1.

Second resolution contains contracted items through through four.

Pam members note if you wish to vote differently for a specific contract item within a single resolution you may do so.

Simply signal to me when the vote is called for the relevant resolution.

I indicate the number within that resolution and corresponding vote.

>> Is there a motion to adopt the two resolutions being considered tonight?

>> I move.

>> Thank you panel member.

Is there a second?

Thank you.

Is madam secretary are there any individuals signed up for public comment?

>> No, no public comment for contracts.

>> So do panel members have questions or concerns regarding resolutions 1, containing contract item 1?

Do members have any questions or concerning concerning resolution two containing contract items 2 through 4?

Okay.

We'll vote on the resolution.

First madam secretary could you note any recusals related to these items sglchlt no recusals.

>> Thank you.

Please raise your hand if you vote to approve resolution regarding approval of contract item

>> 10 in favor. Unanimous.

>> Please raise your hand if you vote to approve resolution regarding approval of contract items 2 through 4.

>> 10 in favor, unanimous.

>> Thank you.

Concludes voting portion of the meeting.

We'll now accept general public comment.

If you have signed up for public comment please move toward the microphones.

DOE representatives will be there to assist and will indicate when you should begin your comments.

>> Our first speaker will be from CEC30 valley LaMoore.

>> This is mostly directed at miss Jackson Chase and chancellor.

I come here seeking help for my foil request 9936.

The law states I have the right to inspect documents about how we're governed and how decisions in government are made.

I have made a foil request to the access officers office it's been in since January.

I have received numerous responses from Mr.

Joseph that he needs more time for the information that I requested.

I feel that eight months is sufficient to wait for the information that I have requested.

In January I received an email that my request was denied and then opened again by Ms.

Jackson chase because Mr. B had read it wrong.

In February I was told I would get in March, in March I would told I would get it in April in April I was told in May.

In May I contacted miss Jackson chase and spoke with them on phone and was told these documents were just being processed for redaction and it would be any day.

Two weeks after the phone calls I received another letter that it would be June 11.

The days have passed and I just received another email because they didn't send me one in July.

That I would be -- I got it today -- that my foil would be fulfilled in August.

Why?

After many phone calls to the legal office where no one but the switchboard lady answers phone I get a notice for August.

I'm disappoint by the DOE bureaucracy.

Please help me get this information as I have every right to by law.

Eight months going nine months is too long to wait for information that I have requested as a New York State citizen.

Thank you.

>> I'm going to respond briefly because I am personally familiar with your request.

It is actually being processed within the pramentsdz.

parameters of the law and not being unreasonably delayed.

We expanded your request actually beyond what you asked for because we think that there are some documents that might be responsive related to your request.

So everyone is working on it.

I do apologize for the delay for you but it's because we're actually trying to get you what you need.

And in some instances the information that you want isn't actually DOE material, it's material that the DOE has in its possession but it's not ours so we're trying to make sure we get all the records for you

>> I understand that, but from what I understand CEC documents and emails are public.

And that's the only reason why I would request this information and it goes,

>> The DOE is a separate entity.

I can talk to you again about this tomorrow but we are working very diligently.

The person that you've been speaking to is my personal assistant. Everyone is working on this for you and hopefully we can turn it around for you quickly.

I thank you for coming out.

>> Again, I just think nine months is a really long time to wait.

>> You can call the next person.

>> Thank you.

>> Next speaker with ticket 1.

Looks like Sherine Batansis.

>> I go to school.

I was in lunch after lunch I went to recess.

I fell on a big crack and tripped.

And they did not send me to the hospital.

And I was in terrible pain.

And I was crying a lot.

My mom was worried too.

Why didn't they take me to the hospital?

>> Can somebody answer that question?

This is a children that's asking why they did not take a child to with a broken arm to the hospital and they didn't they leave him in pain for four hours.

I want somebody to answer me now.

>> Calm down.

>> So answer him sglchlt when did this take place?

>> It took place outside of the lunchroom.

>> When?

>> June 20 exactly.

A couple of days before his birthday.

He's been like that since June 20.

He got 17 days with a cast.

So I want to know why the nurse from the school, she didn't take action, and the principal, because with that pain, you can see the arm with a cast, 17 days, it require medical attention and they didn't did that.

Okay?

I want to know the answer why they leave my child at school and I want that answer now because for me it's unhuman to think that they're going to leave a child with pain with a broken arm and they're not going to do an action.

So that person needs to be removed from the school right now because it's the second case with my son that she didn't do anything.

Like nobody do nothing, nothing is done.

This person is over there being -- she's not even the principal.

The person doesn't need to be working with kids.

She's unhuman because for me to think that is going to happen in that human being --

>> Ma'am, there's a member of our team who is in the audience, she's going to take your information down and I will make sure that it's investigated.

You signed up to speak?

No problem.

You can go ahead.

>> Because we came together.

So okay.

This is the second incident regarding my son.

Let me tell you, they are special education kids, they're not in general ed, with an IEP.

For me to think that a human being is going to put a child in a bus that yellow bus that he requires because he's special, okay, he got an IEP and he goes to the yellow bus.

For me to think that person didn't take action for me is unhuman and that should be stopped.

She cannot be working with kids.

At the school.

That person is unhuman.

And I'm going to go to everywhere I have to go to make sure that this human being will be removed after what she did with my son.

Leaving a child with a broken arm in pain?

And not even reaching out of to the parents?

So for me to think about that, it made me -- believe me, I want to talk in Spanish because I have too many things to say.

[Speaking Spanish].

>> Ma'am, we need you to meet with the team that's in the audience. Please give them all the information so that we can look into this.

>> Hi.

An incoming PTA president of the school.

She addressed in district six when the chancellor visited on the outgoing president, we have requested many times with the c30 process at our school.

I have an email sent in April third asking for transparency.

There was supposed to be an investigation, there's no investigation.

We have no results.

We have no answers as to why the C30 process was detained.

The superintendent said it was contested.

Didn't say who contested it.

It wasn't the parents.

What's happening here is that the parents unanimously have rejected the principal.

It's not just that she left the child unattended without medical attention.

She has violated FERPA, called the cops on me several times, she has suspended kids without process.

Gonzales was here in May addressing this.

The only student in the district that she went there.

He was suspended without due process.

There's a letter that came down because we had the opportunity to appeal, but there are parents that their records of their kids were damaged because this woman does not send letters, does not inform parents of suspensions, does not have meetings with them.

This is a woman that the superintendent and network wants as candidate regardless of what the parents have to say.

We're asking for transparency.

There's a C30 process.

We participate in it.

We expect it to be respected.

We're waiting for our PTAs to lead but guess what?

The parents that are there now are equally dissatisfied with this woman.

She's incompetent.

I cannot believe after all this time that we have sent emails not only your administration, the previous administration, there is a violation from April.

I handed personally the documents is here of the back yard.

Our parent coordinator has both of her wrists broken in April in that same back yard.

So I ask you that as you sent the crews to repair for success academy and that you have sent them to mother Kabrini and in the same building with PCBs and you name it.

I appreciate that when we called on you when it was cold you sent your crew and they fixed it.

We appreciate that.

Immensely.

But we need these kids, they are high performing.

Right now we have kids going to summer school without the need to go to summer school.

Why?

Because this woman cannot supervise teachers that decided to use grades to penalize students and I'm saying this from personal experience.

This -- one of the teachers had the you a toss at this to give me a letter from a lawyer to tell me to shut up because I dare question why



were there 24 students, the parents, the PTA question, failing the math class?

>> Thank you.

>> Ma'am, can you just state your name one

>> Evelyn outgoing PTA president.

My daughter is one of the children with special needs and has suffered under the administration the district where she was left without an elevator for four months with chronic arthritis.

And it's not over.

You remove the previous administration removed the other principal but the superintendent and the network sent a bully in there that came from a suspension site.

All she's done is aggravate our community and done nothing to take care of the issues that need to be taken care of.

We expect she not be there in September.

>> Can you please leave a cell number or contact number and an email address where we can find you.

>> I have sent over 100 emails and I will again.

But you can anyone knows who I am.

>> Speaker 3?

>> My name is Jerry Abatantes student from district 6.

My brothers are Ramos.

When my brother broke his hand, he was really in pain.

And no one did nothing about it.

Not even one single person was outside and helped him.

And he was crying and crying for hours.

And once he came -- once he came to the school bus, even the school bus lady was still -- was still not, um, worried about Ramos, my brother.

Then when he came to the school, we didn't find out until he -- he walked into the gym and my other brother's graduation.

And I just found out about this like a month.

He's with the cast for a month or two, and he really wants to take it off, but he can't because his -- he fractured his wrist, and I just want to say that I want whoever didn't help them to be gone from that school, because that's not -- that's unacceptable for someone to break their hand in the school and no one to worry about it, not even one teacher.

>> Thank you.

>> Is there anyone else holding a ticket to speak for tonight?

>> The little fellow that just spoke is in 4th grade, district 6, one

of the schools that that has trailers in district 6.

We desperately need your help in district 6.

And another thing I forgot to say, Patricia Padilla has not received justice yet.

There's two parents in district 6 that have received letters of limited access unjustifiably and nothing is done without due process. That's what happens in district 6.

And --

>> Thank you.

>> I understand, but we need help.

We've been coming here, and we've been sending emails.

It's time that we direct what's happening in district

>> Thank you.

>> And I am their brother.

>> The next regular meeting of the panel for educational policy will be held on Wednesday, July 30, 2014, here at MS1 31 in Manhattan.

This meeting is now adjourned.

Thank you.

Good night.