

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

JOINT COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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December 20, 2010
Start: 10:47am
Recess: 11:35am

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
PETER VALLONE, JR.
ROBERT JACKSON
Chairpersons

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Council Member Charles Barron
- Council Member Fernando Cabrera
- Council Member Margaret S. Chin
- Council Member Eric Martin Dilan
- Council Member Daniel Dromm
- Council Member Lewis A. Fidler
- Council Member Daniel R. Garodnick
- Council Member Vincent J. Gentile
- Council Member David G. Greenfield
- Council Member Daniel J. Halloran III
- Council Member Vincent M. Ignizio
- Council Member G. Oliver Koppell
- Council Member Karen Koslowitz
- Council Member Jessica S. Lappin

A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Stephen T. Levin

Council Member Deborah L. Rose

Council Member Eric A. Ulrich

Council Member James Vacca

Council Member Albert Vann

Council Member Mark S. Weprin

[background noise, gavel]

CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: Good morning, everyone, and welcome to today's Joint Committee Hearing of the Education Committee and the Public Safety Committee, where we will be voting today on Intro No. 442, a local law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York in relation to reports on school discipline and Police Department activity relating to schools. As you know, we had a hearing on this bill last week.

FEMALE VOICE: Thursday.

CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: Of joint committees of Public Safety, Juvenile Justice and Education, where we went through all of the bill details and heard from witnesses from the various agencies and departments, along with other advocates and the public. And so, let me introduce the members that are present here this morning. Coming from the far left to the far right, we have Council Member Mark Weprin of Queens, Fernando Cabrera of The Bronx, Margaret Chin of Manhattan, Charles Barron of Brooklyn, Dan Garodnick sitting next to--first of all, myself

2 Robert Jackson in the order of Members sitting;
3 Peter Vallone, Jr., for the Chair of Public Safety
4 from Queens; Dan Garodnick of Manhattan; Vincent
5 Ignizio of Staten Island; Karen Koslowitz of
6 Queens; who's sitting--and Debbie Rose of
7 Manhattan; and Eric Ulrich of Queens. Anyone
8 else?

9 FEMALE VOICE: Debbie Rose is
10 Staten Island.

11 CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: I'm sorry,
12 what?

13 FEMALE VOICE: Staten Island.

14 CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: Who is Staten
15 Island.

16 FEMALE VOICE: Debbie Rose.

17 CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: Oh, I'm
18 sorry, Debbie, did I say Queens?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: No,
20 Manhattan. [crosstalk]

21 CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: Well, I'm
22 just trying to recruit you to Manhattan, you know?
23 [crosstalk, laughter] I mean, Debbie Rose is from
24 Staten Island, forgive me, Debbie. And Oliver
25 Koppell from the, the great borough of The Bronx.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: [off mic]

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: With that,
5 we'd like to take the vote of the Education
6 Committee. And as soon as we have a quorum of the
7 Public Safety Committee, and my Co-Chair, Peter
8 Vallone, Jr., will handle that particular vote.
9 And Jimmy Vacca just arrived from the Borough of
10 Bronx. And so, I would like to call the roll of
11 the Education Committee, regarding this Joint
12 Committee Hearing of Education and Public Safety.

13 CLERK: William Martin, Committee
14 Clerk, roll call vote Committee on Education.
15 Council Member Jackson.

16 CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: I recommend
17 everyone vote aye. Thank you.

18 CLERK: Barron.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye.

20 CLERK: Koppell.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.

22 CLERK: Garodnick.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

24 CLERK: Vacca.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

CLERK: Cabrera.

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

CLERK: Chin.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.

CLERK: Koslowitz.

COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

CLERK: Rose.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

CLERK: Weprin.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

CLERK: Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

CLERK: Ulrich.

COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Aye.

CLERK: By a vote of twelve in the affirmative, zero in the negative, no abstentions, item is adopted. Members on Education please sign the Committee report.

CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: And we're going to ask that the vote on the, this particular bill be held open for Members of the Education Committee, and obviously we're holding it open for minimum quorum of the Public Safety Committee. Thank you.

1 [pause]

2 CLERK: Council Member Levin.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I vote aye.

4 CLERK: The vote on Education is
5 now 13 in the affirmative.

6 [pause]

7 CLERK: Council Member Fidler.

8 [background noise]

9 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Yes.

10 CLERK: Current vote on Committee
11 on Education is now 14 in the affirmative.

12 [pause]

13 CHAIRPERSON VALLONE: Okay, please-
14 -shh, everybody, we're going to start the Public
15 Safety portion of this hearing. Okay, welcome
16 everyone to this, to the Public Safety portion of
17 this hearing. We are also voting on the School
18 Safety Act. As most people remember with the
19 Public Safety Committee, that put in a bill that I
20 wrote a few years ago, which was the first School
21 Safety Act, the Crime in Schools Act, which for
22 the first time put crime information on the web
23 when it comes to schools. You could find out what
24 your kid was eating for lunch on the school
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1 website, but not the amount of crime in the
2 school. Come on in, Danny, they, they did your
3 vote, you can vote with us, though. They left you
4 Danny, you can hang with us. And this bill goes
5 even, go, will help us even more, it will give us
6 more information on the amount of arrests in
7 schools, and for the first time detailed
8 information on the amount of suspensions, which
9 will allow us to do increased oversight, and which
10 will allow everyone involved to keep their kids
11 safer. So, Billy, would you please call the vote?

12 CLERK: William Martin, Committee
13 Clerk, roll call vote on the Committee on Public
14 Safety. Council Member Vallone.

15 CHAIRPERSON VALLONE: I vote aye.

16 CLERK: Dilan.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: I vote aye.

18 CLERK: Gentile.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I vote
20 aye.

21 CLERK: Garodnick.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

23 CLERK: Ulrich.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH:
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1 Affirmative.

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3 CLERK: By a vote of five in the
4 affirmative, zero in the negative, no abstentions,
5 item is adopted. Members, please sign the
6 Committee report. And roll call continuation,
7 roll call vote on the Committee on Education.
8 Council Member Dromm.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: I vote aye.

10 CLERK: Vote is now 15 in the
11 affirmative for the, for Education.

12 CHAIRPERSON VALLONE: Thank you and
13 I ask you to hold the vote open for as long as
14 legally allowable, for Council Member Halloran
15 who's on the way. Thanks, thanks.

16 [pause]

17 CLERK: Continuation of roll call,
18 Committee on Education. Council Member Lappin.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

20 CLERK: Vote now stands at 15 in
21 the affirmative. [pause] Correction, 16 in the
22 affirmative, thank you, Jan.

23 [pause]

24 [background noise]

25 CLERK: Continuation of roll call

2 on the Committee on Public Safety. Council Member
3 Halloran.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye.

5 CLERK: Vote now stands at six in
6 the affirmative, zero in the negative, no
7 abstention on Public Safety.

8 [pause]

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Is
10 that, is that allowed?

11 CLERK: Yeah, absolutely.

12 [pause]

13 CLERK: Continuation of roll--what?

14 MALE VOICE: No?

15 CLERK: Continuation of roll call
16 vote on Committee on Education. Council Member
17 Greenfield.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

19 CLERK: Vote now stands at 17 in
20 the affirmative. Continuation of vote roll call
21 on the Committee on Public Safety. Council Member
22 Greenfield.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

24 CLERK: Vote now stands at seven in
25 the affirmative, zero in the negative and no

2 abstentions.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Thank
4 you.

5 [pause]

6 CLERK: Continuation of roll call
7 on the Committee on Education, Council Member
8 Vann.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Want an aye
10 vote, is that it?

11 CHAIRPERSON VALLONE: Yeah, sure.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: I vote aye on
13 all.

14 [pause]

15 CLERK: Final vote on the Committee
16 on Education is now 18 in the affirmative, zero in
17 the negative, no abstentions; and final vote on
18 the Committee on Public Safety is seven in the
19 affirmative, zero in the negative and no
20 abstentions.

21 [pause until end]
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, JOHN DAVID TONG certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John David Tong". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above the printed word "Signature".

Signature

Date January 17, 2011