

DANBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2013
Administrative Center, 63 Beaver Brook Road

REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Present: Joseph Martino, Chair; Gladys Cooper, Annrose Fluskey-Lattin, Bob Taborsak, Richard Hawley, Board Members; Dave Krafick, Principal; Melanie Lucas, Transportation; Christina Sweeney and John Iommazzo, PTO Representatives; Ross Haber, Consultant; and Dr. Pascarella, Administration

Absent: Julia Horne, Mary Cronin, Irving Fox

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joseph Martino at 7:02 p.m. Members of the committee introduced themselves and Chairman Martino introduced Ross Haber. Mr. Haber had intended to bring in some scenarios for redistricting; however, the numbers in Danbury have changed so much since our last meeting, especially in first grade, that it was not practicable to do so at this time.

Mr. Haber said that initially the thought was to do mini pocket redistricting but that has to change due to the numbers. He also said that we need to explore the level of redistricting. We need to look at the ethnic groups. Creating sister schools creates space. We can look at where special education classrooms are. We could look for rental space. Another possibility would be portables. He talked about moving geographical boundaries. These were all discussed as possibilities in the redistricting plan.

Melanie Lucas will report to Mr. Haber on the number of non-public school children who are bused.

Annrose Fluskey-Lattin said she is concerned about how much the numbers have changed and increased. She questioned how accurate we could be in September 2014. Mr. Haber will perform a study of the last five years to see where the shifts in population are.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, at 7 p.m. at Beaver Brook Administration Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Joseph D. Martino, Chairman