A meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education Curriculum Committee was held on Monday, April 20, 2009 in Room 109 at the Connecticut International Baccalaureate Academy, 857 Forbes St., East Hartford, CT 06118.

PRESENT
Hilde Mayranen-O'Brien, Chair

ALSO PRESENT
Dorese Roberts, Committee Member
Marcus V. Oladell IV
Debbie Kaprove, Interim Superintendent
Al Costa, Director of Facilities
John Fote, Interim Elementary Curriculum Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Ms. Mayranen-O'Brien.

Motion:
By Ms. Dorese Roberts
To approve the minutes of the March 16, 2009 Curriculum Committee Meeting
Seconded by Marcus V. Oladell IV

Correspondence: None

Mr. Fote and Mr. Costa asked the committee for permission to dispose of a large number of boxes of obsolete textbooks at Silver Lane and other elementary schools. Mr. Fote has contacted many agencies trying to find a way to recycle the books but because of the age of the books, the agencies are not interested in them. He followed all of the steps of the board policy and has contacted the town who offered no guidance in this matter. He also looked into sending them to charities or missionaries but if the books were shipped overseas, there would be a cost to the district.

Motion: by Marcus V. Oladell IV
To remove the obsolete books from Silver Lane School and other elementary schools and dispose of them after exhausting all means to recycle them.
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
Motion Unanimously approved.

Ms. Kaprove discussed summer curriculum. Staff will work on upgrades of selected grade level courses. Next year, math and language arts curriculum will be at the end of the 5 year cycle and the curriculum will have to be reviewed. Title I and AARA funds will pay for some curriculum work this summer and the Priority School grant may pay for some work at the high school. Proposals from staff will be considered as they are sent in this spring.

We are still waiting for more information on the ARRA grant funds. The district will have to report quarterly on the budget and assessment. The state would like to see the funds used for professional development, curriculum work and technology.
Marcus V. Oladell IV moved to adjourn meeting
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Judy Burnham