

**FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 11, 2010**

A meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education Finance & Audit Committee was held on Wednesday, August 11, 2010, at the Board of Education Administration Building, 1110 Main Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Chairman Ram Aberasturia.

PRESENT Ram Aberasturia, Chairman
Marcus Oladell, IV, Committee Member
Tyron Harris, Committee Member

ALSO PRESENT Paul Mainuli, Director of Finance
Guy Collins, Supervisor, IT
Ken Sayers, Network Administrator, IT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Marcus Oladell, IV
Seconded by Ram Aberasturia
To approve the Minutes of the July 7, 2010 meeting
Motion unanimously carried.

Public Participation - None

Discussion and Status Report on Usage of the High School Football for the Fall of 2010

Mr. Mainuli stated, due to the recent repairs made to the football field and a recommendation not to use the football field this year, the school administration has contacted other facilities to play football games and boys and girls soccer. Trinity College and Cheney Tech have agreed to allow us to play games on their fields. Rentschler Field will host the final senior football game. The cost to us would be for field rental and school busses. Trinity College is providing its fields at no cost to the school district. Boys and girls soccer games will be played at Dwyer Park.

Chairman Aberasturia asked if it would be more costly paying for transportation, rather than using our own field. Also of concern to him is a loss of concession revenues. Mr. Mainuli stated that the high school will have other opportunities to make up any loss in concession revenues through other athletic events at the high school including swim meets. He said the he will share these concerns with the Mr. Caruso, the high school's Athletic Director. Mr. Mainuli also said that he will talk to Mr. Costa again about the condition of the football field.

Discussion and Status Report on the Implementation of E-School Plus' Home Access Center

Mr. Collins, Supervisor, IT Department, stated the "Home Access Center" system is in place. We will be working with school principals at the high school and middle school regarding the use of this system. A letter will be going out to parents next week regarding this system. Chairman Aberasturia suggested including the following in the letter to parents: "If you do not have access to a home computer, you may want to contact the public library to access the online "Home Access Center." Parents will be asked to verify contact numbers. Pat Jones, East Hartford Public Library, will be contacted regarding the online Home Access Center.

The attendance portion of this system will be available when school begins. If parents forget their passwords, they can call the school and have it reset.

Discussion and Status Report on the Follett/Destiny Library System

Mr. Mainuli noted Edie Lacey will be on board to conduct the initial training for media paras during the month of August and will be available throughout the school year to assist them with the Follett/Destiny Library System. All elementary schools are receiving over (700) new reading books this summer which will be cataloged in the library system. Committee Member Tyron Harris who was instrumental in having Target stores donate additional dollars to purchase books for O'Brien School, was thanked by the other committee members.

Mr. Sayers mentioned to the committee members that the library system could be viewed at www.follett.ehps.org.

Discussion of Year-End Financial Reports for FY 2009-10
(Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)

Mr. Mainuli noted he will be presenting this report at the Regular Board Meeting on Monday, August 16th. We were able to give back to the Town its supplemental appropriation of \$3.5 million along with additional funds for health benefits. We were also able to purchase all materials approved by the Board in the year end spending plan.

Chairman Aberasturia asked for a report on textbook losses. He further suggested having a reciprocal agreement with other districts to recoup funds owed for lost books for students leaving to attend school in other districts.

The balance reported as of 7/29/2010 is \$3,751,491.57

OTHER BUSINESS

It was suggested to have Administration look into more shared services with the town. This item will be placed on a future Finance & Audit Committee agenda.

Chairman Aberasturia requested a roster of Union leadership for the Town and Board of Education. Mr. Mainuli will make this information available.

MOTION

By Marcus Oladell, IV
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To adjourn the meeting of the Finance & Audit Committee
(6:58 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald