

**REGULAR MEETING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
AUGUST 26, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, August 26, 2019, in the Lecture Hall of the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairman Bryan R. Hall.

**PRESENT** Chairman Bryan R. Hall, Secretary Tyron V. Harris, Marilyn Pet, Valerie Scheer, Dorese Roberts, Tom Rup, Vanessa Jenkins, Harry Amadasun, Jr.

**ALSO PRESENT** Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools  
Anne Marie Mancini, Deputy Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum  
Elsie Torres, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Curriculum  
Chris Wethje, Director of Human Resources  
Ben Whittaker, Director of Facilities  
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services  
Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel Services  
Roberta J. Pratt, Chief Information Officer of Information Technology

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA** – Yes, create Consent Calendar to Approve items A-Z under Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, January 15, 2019 at 9:00 AM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, January 15, 2019 at 9:30 AM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, January 15, 2019 at 10:00 AM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, January 24, 2019 at 1:00 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

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**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, January 24, 2019 at 1:30 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, February 13, 2019 at 4:30 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, February 21, 2019 at 3:00 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, February 27, 2019 at 10:00 AM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, March 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, March 18, 2019 at 1:30 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, March 18, 2019 at 2:00 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, March 22, 2018 at 3:00 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, April 4, 2019 at 10:00 AM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, April 18, 2019 at 9:00 AM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, April 18, 2019 at 9:30 AM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, April 30, 2019 at 1:00 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, April 30, 2019 at 1:30 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, May 1, 2019 at 2:30 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, May 2, 2019 at 2:30 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, May 13, 2019 at 4:00 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, May 20, 2019 at 4:00 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Regular Board of Education Meeting, June 3, 2019 at 7:00 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, June 10, 2019 at 4:00 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, June 10, 2019 at 4:30 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, Executive Session, June 10, 2019, at 5:30 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, Executive Session, July 10, 2019, at 12:00 noon  
Motion unanimously carried.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION** – None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**Human Resources/No Action Required**

**Chairman's Report**

**Bryan R. Hall**

Chairman Hall welcomed his fellow Board members, administration and audience. It's great to be back together for the good of the children in East Hartford. This evening we started off by playing a video the Superintendent developed to kick off our school year. I think this sets a great tone for our year and introduces us to our 4 new focused themes and the "winning perspective" I know we will maintain all year.

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Tonight, we come back together publicly as a Board to continue the work we have collectively put in place. As we come back together, I wanted to charge and remind you of the importance of your role as an individual and collective body regarding the future of our great town. We are a Board that has publicly committed to the broad and lofty vision of EH2020 and to the hard work of following through support, policy and decision making. We are a Board who has committed to the awesome responsibility of governing an institution that will educate our children and our neighbor's children. Thank you for always taking this seriously and for being willing to work together.

This week as we open our schools for our families dedicated to delivering high quality learning experiences, equity, opportunity and academic achievement for Every East Hartford child. As a Board, we will discuss our annual District Improvement Plan tonight that has been crafted in alignment with our 5-year visionary plan. I look forward to our year together and know that Solutions ALWAYS Matter here.

Let's get to work!

**Superintendent's Report**

**Nathan Quesnel**

- Superintendent's Message:
- Updates from the District:
  - Facility/IT Project Updates;
  - Central Registration;
  - Uniforms;
  - Busing and School Transportation;

**Next Steps:**

- **08/28/19:** First Day of School
- **09/02/19:** Labor Day- No School
- **09/16/19:** Next BoE Meeting
- **06/10/20:** Last Day of School

**2019-2020 – District Improvement Plan/Targets-**

**Assistant Superintendent Elsie Torres, Deputy Superintendent Anne Marie Mancini**

Assistant Superintendent Torres gave a detailed overview of the Theories of Action and the action plan description for Theory of Action: Transform Student Learning, Build a Rich and Vibrant Learning Culture, Attract and Grow a Talented and Diverse Work Force and Responsibly Invest District Resources. Deputy Superintendent Mancini went over the Vision and Direction for 2019-2020, including the 4 Themes of the new year (SY20). Deputy Mancini went over the District Improvement Plan, SY20 district numbers on the wall, SY20 star targets, SY20 discipline targets and attendance targets.

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**Year End Financial Report for FY 2018-2019-**

**Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services**

Mr. Mainuli stated EHPS completed the FY 2018-2019 in sound financial standing. We were able to accomplish many of the district's goals which include a pre-payment of Debt Service, \$755,474 and transfer of \$856,800 to the Capital Reserve account. The Capital Reserve account includes \$400,000 for a new phone system. This is a shared project with the Town. We also closed our state and federal grants with minimal funds being returned to either government agencies.

**OLD BUSINESS – None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Three Retirements (3), Forty-four (44) Resignations -**

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve Three Retirements (3), Forty-four (44) Resignations  
Motion carried.

**Primary Mental Health Program Grant (PMHP) -**

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.  
To approve Primary Mental Health Program Grant (PMHP)  
Motion carried.

**2019 Head Start Self-Assessment Report-**

MOTION By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Tyron V. Harris  
To approve 2019 Head Start Self-Assessment Report  
Motion carried.

**ERSEA Training for Governing Body -**

MOTION By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Tyron V. Harris  
To approve Three ERSEA Training for Governing Body  
Motion carried.

**Superintendent's Goals -**

MOTION By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Vanessa Jenkins  
To approve Superintendent's Goals  
Motion carried.

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**Board Member Representative Reports**

Board member Marilyn Pet attended the New Teacher orientation at the EHHS library.

**Public Participation-** None

**Questions and Concerns by Board Members** – None

**Topics for Future Agendas** – None

**MOTION** By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Marilyn Pet  
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:44 PM)  
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Octavia L. Moore

Approved by Board of Education