

**REGULAR MEETING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY  
OCTOBER 21, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, October 21, 2019, in the Lecture Hall of the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Secretary Tyron V. Harris.

**PRESENT** Secretary Tyron V. Harris, Harry Amadasun, Jr., Vanessa Jenkins, Marilyn Pet, Dorese Roberts, Tom Rup, Valerie Sheer

**ABSENT** Chairman Bryan R. Hall, Stephanie Watkins

**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** - None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Valerie Sheer  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Regular Board of Education Meeting: September 16, 2019  
Motion unanimously carried.

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

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

**Alan Corder, Kyle Janty and Lillian Bertram**

**-Updates:**

- Free tutoring center at EHHS Library for students- students must obtain a pass to attend

**-Dates to Remember:**

- **10/24/19:** College Essay Help Session from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- **10/28/19 - 11/8/19:** Food Drive
- **11/09/19:** Homecoming
- **11/20/19:** Get to know EHHS
- **12/07/19:** Breakfast with Santa

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Sarah Crudden, 35 Zimmer Road, East Hartford**

Ms. Crudden shared her concerns regarding reading programs for children in special programs.

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**Human Resources/No Action Required**

**Chairman's Report**

**Bryan R. Hall**

Due to the absence of Chairman Bryan R. Hall, there is no Chairman's Report.

**Superintendent's Report**

**Nathan Quesnel**

**-Updates from the District:**

- Update on ECLC Principal Search
- Pitkin Leadership Transition
- Funding Opportunity for ERate
- FY 2020-2021 Budget Process
- Pitkin Calendar Change

**-Dates to Remember:**

- 11/04/19: Next BOE Meeting
- 11/05/19: Election Day- Professional Development for staff- No school for students
- 06/10/20: Last Day of School (Pitkin 6/11/2020)

**Facilities Report/ Summer Work**

**Benjamin Whittaker, Director of Facilities**

Mr. Whittaker shared an in-depth presentation on the completed and ongoing facilities projects in the district. Mr. Whittaker's detailed presentation outlined specific site renovations with before and after pictures of completed work along with the corresponding budget.

**Technology Update/Report**

**Roberta Pratt, Chief Information Officer**

Ms. Pratt gave a detailed presentation regarding technology updates in the district and ongoing efforts to maintain cyber security.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approve Project Description and Budget, Educational Specifications, and School Construction Grant Application- Silver Lane "Shingle" Roof Replacement Project**

**MOTION**

By Tom Rup

Seconded by Valerie Scheer

To approve Project Description and Budget, Educational Specifications, and

School Construction Grant Application- Silver Lane "Shingle" Roof Replacement Project

Motion unanimously carried.

**Award Construction Contract to WPI Construction - Pitkin School Roof Replacement-  
State Project# 043-0241 RR**

**MOTION** By Vanessa Jenkins  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To award Construction Contract to WPI Construction - Pitkin School Roof  
Replacement- State Project# 043-0241 RR  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Board Member Representative Reports**

Board member Harry Amadasun Jr. expressed his gratitude about the ongoing efforts of the Facilities and Technology department.

Board member Marilyn Pet attended recent School/ Business Partnership events and was pleased with the information provided. Additionally, Ms. Pet was pleased to see the farming collaboration between our community clubs and schools.

Board member Valerie Scheer commented positively on student guided goal setting conferences.

**Public Participation** - None

**Questions and Concerns by Board Members**

Board member Thomas Rup inquired about the percentage of special education students in the district. He shared his concerns and would like this addressed in a future meeting.

**Topics for Future Agendas** - None

**Adjournment**

**MOTION** By Marilyn Pet  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:27 PM)  
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Tracey Hadden-Deptula

Approved By Board of Education