

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY
November 4, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, November 4, 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 Chairman Bryan R. Hall.

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

ABSENT 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 – Yes, create a Consent Calendar to approve items A-H under Approval of Minutes of previous meetings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Board of Education Meeting: October 21, 2019 at 7:00 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: October 23, 2019 at 7:00 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: October 23, 2019 at 8:00 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: October 28, 2019 at 12:30 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: October 28, 2019 at 1:00 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: October 29, 2019 at 10:30 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: October 29, 2019 at 11:00 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: October 29, 2019 at 11:30 AM
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Alan Corder, Kyle Janty and Lillian Bertram

-Dates to Remember:

- **11/8/19:** Food Drive ends
- **11/09/19:** Homecoming
- **11/20/19:** Get to know EHHS
- **11/27/19:** Community Awareness Day
- **12/07/19:** Breakfast with Santa

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Recognition of 2019 – 2020 CAPSS Award Recipients and 2020 Paraprofessionals & Teachers of the Year

The following 2019 - 2020 CAPSS Award Recipients were introduced by their respective principals; each received a certificate and gift from the East Hartford Board of Education:

2019-2020 CAPSS Award Recipients

East Hartford High School

Barbara Agbotey – Grade 11

Augusta Nutakor – Grade 11

Connecticut IB Academy

Nayalix Escotto – Grade 12

East Hartford Middle School

Tamara Alcazar – Grade 8

Swathi Ganesh – Grade 8

Sunset Ridge School

Thierry Ofori – Grade 7

Synergy Alternative High School

Isabella Jade Fournier – Grade 12

Woodland School

Erin Erdenebat – Grade 12

The following 2020 Paraprofessionals and Teachers of the Year were introduced by their respective principals; each received plaques from the East Hartford Board of Education:

2020 Paraprofessionals of the Year

ECLC @ Hockanum School - Robyn Barbieri
Goodwin School - Daryl Baird
Langford School – Shenel Tyndale
Mayberry – Sharon Beaulieu
Norris School – Amber Martinez
O’Brien School – Roxanne Styga
Pitkin School – Jean Milbrandt
Silver Lane School – Shefali Raizada
East Hartford Middle School – Jennifer Oatway
East Hartford High School – Sandra Pottinger

O’Connell School & District Paraprofessional of the Year – Karen Strand

2020 Teachers of the Year

ECLC @ Hockanum School – Melissa Scott
Goodwin School- Amy Puebla
Langford School – Keri Constanzo
Mayberry School – Lindsay Figueroa
Norris School – Rebecca Walsh
O’Brien School – Caroline Battle
O’Connell School – Audrey Aresco
Pitkin School- Christine Reddington
Silver Lane School – Kathleen McClellan
Sunset Ridge School – Wenching Chiang
East Hartford Middle School – Hayley Fieldhouse
Synergy Alternative High School – Jennifer Rottler
Woodland School – Holly de Melo
CT IB Academy – Francis Ferrall

East Hartford High School & District Teacher of the Year – Cynthia Dee

Human Resources/No Action Required

Chairman's Report

Bryan R. Hall

Chairman Hall welcomed fellow Board members, administration and the audience.

Mr. Hall shared his enthusiasm in having the opportunity to do something that is near to the heart of every Board member and that is to thank the dedicated faculty members for the work they do. He stated that this is one of the signature award nights of the year, acknowledging the district teachers and paraprofessionals of the year and noted that it is certainly an honor for all. The fact that they are being recognized as extraordinary amongst their peers speaks loudly of their skills, patience and love for our kids. Mr. Hall shared his gratitude.

Mr. Hall also acknowledged the students who were nominated to receive the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS) award this evening. He stated that this is something they should be proud of. Mr. Hall congratulated the students on their success and shared his hopes that this night is one of many celebrations to come!

Finally, Mr. Hall addressed all the parents, guardians, relatives and friends who came out tonight for their teacher, paraprofessional or student. He thanked them for their support and for sharing them with us.

Superintendent's Report

Nathan Quesnel

-Updates from the District:

- FY 2020-2021 Budget Process
- Snow Days Process Overview
- MCC/Gear Up Grant – Press Conference
- Strategic Visioning Process (SVP)

-Dates to Remember:

- **11/5/19:** Election Day - Professional Development for Staff—No school for students
- **11/11/19:** Veterans Day - District Closed
- **11/13/19:** SPED Resource Fair-EHMS Café 5-7 PM
- **11/19/19:** Family Forum at EHHS 6:00-7:30
- **11/27/19:** Early Dismissal PreK-12
- **11/28-11/29:** Thanksgiving Holiday: District Closed
- **12/2/19:** Next BOE Meeting
- **12/3/19:** Joint Council/BOE Budget Workshop #1 - to discuss Superintendent's Proposed Budget for (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. BOE Third Floor)
- **12/4/19:** Budget Workshop #2 – Special Meeting of the Board to discuss Superintendent's Proposed Budget (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. BOE Third Floor)
- **6/10/19:** Last Day of School (Pitkin 6/11/20)

First Quarter Financial Report

Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services

Mr. Mainuli's presentation of the First Quarter Financial Report for FY 19-20 focused on the overall expenditure and revenue picture of East Hartford Public Schools. Though the overall financial picture is sound, he did identify expenditure warnings that may carry through the fiscal year. The primary expenditure warnings identified by Mr. Mainuli, included the costs of Employee Health Benefits, Other Post-Employment benefits (OPEB), Special Education, Student Transportation and Magnet School tuitions. As a precaution, Mr. Mainuli recommended a budget freeze on expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year. The Board agreed with his recommendation.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Budget Appropriation First Quarter Transfers FY 2019 - 2020

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve Budget Appropriation First Quarter Transfers FY 2019 - 2020
Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of Project Completion of the East Hartford Middle School "C" Building Roof Replacement Project State Project #043-0240 RR

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
Approval of Project Completion of the East Hartford Middle School "C" Building Roof Replacement Project State Project #043-0240 RR
Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of Project Completion of the Synergy Alternative High School Flooring Abatement Project State Project #043-0239 CV

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
Approval of Project Completion of the Synergy Alternative High School Flooring Abatement Project State Project #043-0239 CV
Motion unanimously carried

Board Member Representative Reports - None

Public Participation

Sarah Crudden, 35 Zimmer Road, East Hartford

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

Tracey Lafayette, 905 Burnside Ave, Apt. B23, East Hartford

Ms. Lafayette shared a request to start a conversation regarding "How Columbus Day impacts our kids" and honoring Indigenous People's Day.

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Questions and Concerns by Board Members - None

Topics for Future Agendas - None

Adjournment

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:46 PM)
Motion unanimously carried.

Approved By Board of Education