

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 3, 2019**

A Special Joint Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education and East Hartford Town Council was held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at the Board of Education Administrative Offices, 1110 Main Street, East Hartford, CT.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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, Stephanie Watkins

ABSENT Elsie Torres, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Curriculum

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

GUESTS: Linda Trzetzak, Director of Finance, Town of East Hartford
Mike Walsh, Former Finance Director, Town of East Hartford

Town Council Members Present:

Rich Kehoe, Chair
Don Bell, Vice Chair
Sebrina Wilson, Majority Leader
Esther Clarke, Minority Leader
Conner Martin
Awet Tsegai
Angie Parkinson
John Morrison

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None

Special Meeting for review and discussion of the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for FY2021.

Superintendent Quesnel stated the purpose of this budget meeting is to present the FY21 EHPS Superintendent's Budget to the East Hartford Board of Education and Town Council and to communicate current budget drivers for both revenue and expenses. Superintendent Quesnel gave a detailed roadmap of the budget proposal to earn the support and commitment of the Board in the budget process for FY2021.

As identified in Superintendent Quesnel's presentation, we are proposing a budget for FY2021 of \$92,679,245, a 1.1% increase over the current years adopted budget.

Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services

Mr. Mainuli explained in detail the major revenue and cost/increase drivers with regards to Alliance/ECS Grant, external placements, Woodland School, Medicaid, magnet tuition, and student transportation.

Chris Wethje, Director of Human Resources

Mr. Wethje explained in detail the major revenue and cost/increase drivers regarding contractual salary increases.

Ben Whittaker, Director of Facilities

Mr. Whittaker explained in detail the major revenue and cost/increase drivers regarding utility rate increases and efforts to align budget allocations to actual expenses.

Mike Walsh, Former Finance Director, Town of East Hartford

Mr. Walsh explained in detail the major revenue and cost/increase drivers regarding OPEB Pension and Health Insurance benefits.

Chairman Hall thanked Chairman Kehoe and the Council, as well as, Superintendent Quesnel and the Board for coming together for this Special Joint Session. Superintendent Quesnel thanked the Board, Mike Walsh, Linda Trzetzak, and Town Council members for their input and suggestions this evening and noted that we are grateful to have Chairman Kehoe and the Town Council to work collaboratively with us on this budget.

MOTION

By Tom Rup
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To adjourn the Special Joint Meeting of the Board of Education and Town Council (8:58 PM)
Motion unanimously carried.