

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY
February 10, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, February 10, 2020, in the Lecture Hall of the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Bryan R. Hall.

PRESENT Chairman Bryan R. Hall, Harry Amadasun, Jr., Vanessa Jenkins,
Dorese Roberts, Valerie Scheer, Stephanie Watkins

ABSENT Secretary Tyron V. Harris, Marilyn Pet, Tom Rup, Ben Whittaker

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
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 Vanessa Jenkins
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting: December 19, 2019 at 2:00 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting: January 8, 2020 at 9:00 AM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Harry Amadasun, Jr.
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Board of Education Meeting: January 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Lillian Bertram, Alan Corder and Kyle Janty (Absent, Alan reporting on Kyle's behalf)

-Dates to Remember:

- **02/07/2020:** Unified Dance was held and was a successful event
- **02/14/2020:** Success Beyond High School- CIBA
- **03/04/2020:** CIBA Parent Advisory Meeting
- **03/11/2020:** NHS Dodgeball Tournament (snow date: March 12)
- **03/26/2020:** Mr. EHHS
- **04/04/2020:** Bunny Breakfast, Student Council, EHHS
- **SAT Cram Sessions:** Multiple March dates available, inquire at EHHS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/No Action Required

Chairman's Report

Bryan R. Hall

Chairman Hall opened the meeting by sharing that Jillian Bernard was appointed as the next Assistant Principal at EHMS through an Executive Session just prior to the meeting. Jillian is a long time EHPS employee and it is exciting to see talent being promoted through the ranks.

He mentioned that this evening the Board will have the opportunity to review the Mid-Year Progress Report. Chairman Hall shared his appreciation for the work the Superintendent's team puts into these reports and the level of professionalism we expect as a Board. This focus is truly what has allowed us to see the year end gains that have become the expected norm. The current mid-year data gives us an opportunity to review progress, renew hope but most importantly, the opportunity to tweak and adjust plans for further success.

Chairman Hall noted that he and the Board are looking forward to reviewing the revision to our Teacher's Evaluation Plan. He is appreciative of the collaborative process between the administration and union that precipitated changes to the Plan. As Board Members, it is important to us that our system actively fights complacency by always continuing to work to improve. In East Hartford, we never settle!

Finally, Paul Mainuli will be presenting the Second Quarter Financial Report. Chairman Hall was pleased to see that the budget is relatively on target for the current fiscal year.

Superintendent's Report

Nathan Quesnel

-Updates from the District:

- **Press Release: East Hartford District, Schools Show Improvement on State Report Card**
- **Case Study: Unintended Consequences: A review of the impacts of *Sheff v. O'Neill* on East Hartford Public Schools**

-Dates to Remember:

- **2/14/20:** District ½ Day Staff Professional Development
- **2/17/20:** District Closed- President's Day
- **2/18/20:** Schools Closed- Professional Development Day
- **2/26/20:** Budget Presentation to Town Council (7:00 Town Council Chambers)
- **3/16/20:** Next BOE Meeting
- **6/12/20:** Last Day of School (Pitkin 6/15/20)

Mid-Year Review Progress Report

Anne Marie Mancini, Deputy Superintendent and Elsie Torres, Assistant Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent, Elsie Torres began the presentation with a progress to date review for SY2020 beginning with East Hartford Public School's District Improvement Plan. Some of the items discussed included: standards-aligned curricula, build data structures/ symptoms, improved supports for special education students, improved student attendance, attract and hire a talented and diverse workforce, improved infrastructure development, and a focus on safety and security.

Deputy Superintendent, Anne Marie Mancini presented a detailed 90 Day Progress Brief for SY2020. This mid-year report included a thorough overview on performance indicators and targets for Star Reading and Math, in addition to student discipline and attendance.

Second Quarter Financial Report

Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services

Mr. Mainuli presented the second quarter financial report. The report points out the ongoing efforts to identify expenditure warnings that may carry forward throughout the fiscal year. The expenditure warnings are significant and will be monitored closely by the administration. The main warnings that may adversely impact the operating budgets are Health Benefits, Other Post-Employment Benefits, Special Education, and Magnet School Tuitions. Transportation, utilities and district overtime costs are also being monitored continuously.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Approval of Budget Appropriation Transfer

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Harry Amadasun, Jr.
To Approve the Budget Appropriation Transfer
Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Approval of Non-Renewal of Long-Term Substitute

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve the Non-Renewal of Long-Term Substitute
Motion unanimously carried.

To Approve 2021-2022 School Calendar

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar
Motion unanimously carried.

To Approve 2021 Board Business Calendar

MOTION By Stephanie Watkins
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the 2021 Board Business Calendar
Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Approval to Change High School Calendar-SAT School Day

MOTION By Stephanie Watkins
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve the Change to the High School Calendar-SAT School Day
Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Approval of Educator Evaluation Plan Revision

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the Educator Evaluation Plan Revision
Motion unanimously carried.

Board Member Representative Reports

Public Participation – None

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Questions and Concerns by Board Members

Topics for Future Agendas - None

Adjournment

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:49 PM)
Motion unanimously carried.

Approved By Board of Education