

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY
AUGUST 31, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, August 31, 2020, via Zoom Meeting.

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, Stephanie Watkins

ABSENT Roberta J. Pratt, Chief Information Officer of Information Technology

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, Chief Operations Officer
Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA – Yes, create a Consent Calendar under New Business to Table for First Read Items: 5-29.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Vanessa Jenkins
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting: June 8, 2020 at 5:34 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tyron Harris
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting: July 13, 2020 at 12:00 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Harry Amadasun, Jr.
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting: August 11, 2020 at 9:10 AM
Motion unanimously carried.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tyron Harris
Seconded by Vanessa Jenkins
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting: August 20, 2020 at 12:00 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tia Woods, 4 Simmons Road, East Hartford
Tiasjah Terry, 4 Simmons Road, East Hartford
Otto Rothi, 87 Burnbrook Road, East Hartford
Victoria Silva, 157 Naomi Drive, East Hartford
Fabiana Silva, 157 Naomi Drive, East Hartford
Rachel Botts, 131 Jessica Drive, East Hartford
Sarah Crudden, 35 Zimmer Road, East Hartford
Melissa-Sue John, 41 Henderson Drive, East Hartford
Cheryl Gorham, 23 Tiffany Road, East Hartford
Rachel Hernandez, 86 Williams Street, East Hartford

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/No Action Required

Chairman's Report

Bryan R. Hall

Chairman Hall welcomed back Board Members, Administrators and the East Hartford Community to the first Board of Education meeting of the 2020-2021 school year. It is undoubtedly a different year upon us. Chairman Hall reiterated his appreciation towards the safe, incremental and adaptive ReOpening Plan that EHPS has in place. This plan, backed by extensive mitigation protocols, focuses on how we can continue to educate the children of East Hartford.

Chairman Hall acknowledged the community concern regarding schedules at the secondary level and the device shortage through the national supply chain as Pandemic conditions continue to challenge us. Chairman Hall stressed that every effort is being made to meet the needs of the students and asked the community to recognize the challenge of the moment. The Chairman noted that questions or issues with student schedules and/or devices, should be addressed with the assigned guidance counselor or building principal.

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In closing, Chairman Hall shared the district's stance in terms of the pursuit of equity, diversity, and the efforts in place to change. Acknowledging first, that the board is aware of the continued need for growth, change, and improvement it addresses the issues at hand in our Country. EHPS is an organization committed to social justice, community, our children, and the work of eradicating racism from our society. For EHPS, Black Lives Matter. With the recent change of the Columbus Day Holiday to Indigenous People's Day, this effort signals to our community the Board's shared desire to represent ourselves as an inclusive, forward thinking system. The mindset in the East Hartford Public School district is clear; we want to be a school system where every child, regardless of race, is provided with a high-quality education every day.

Superintendent's Report

Nathan Quesnel

-Updates from the District:

- EHPS ReOpening/First Day of School
- Update on Technology Delays
- RLE Schedule Concerns Update
- EHEA MOU for ReOpening
- CIAC Sports Update

-Dates to Remember:

- **8/31-9/11/20:** Phase 1 Remote Learning for ALL EHPS Students
- **9/10-9/11/20:** Student Orientations (1/2 Days)
- **9/14-9/18/20:** Phase 2: IPL Students return to School for ½ days. RLE Students ½ days
- **9/21-1/25/21:** Full Days of School
- **9/7/20:** Labor Day—No School
- **9/21/20:** Next BoE Meeting
- **6/8/19:** Last Day of School

District Re-Opening Plan 2020/2021

Superintendent Quesnel shared an update regarding the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Superintendent's Goals

Superintendent Quesnel shared with the East Hartford Board of Education his 2020-2021 Goals set for the annual evaluation process. The Superintendent reviewed the following assessment categories including detailed supporting actions and, to-date Progress/Results and Reflections.

Assessment categories include:

- Educational Programs
- Professional Leadership and Personal Qualities
- Board-Superintendent Relations
- Community Relationships
- Business Matters

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Create Consent Calendar under New Business to Table for First Read Items: 5-29

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To create a Consent Calendar under New Business to Table for First Read Items:
5-29
Motion unanimously carried.

To Review and Approve the CSDE's Consolidated Alliance-PSD Grant Application

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Marilyn Pet
To approve the CSDE's Consolidated Alliance-PSD Grant Application
Motion unanimously carried.

To Review and Approve the Silver Lane "Main" Building Roof Replacement Project State Project #043-0242 RR

MOTION By Stephanie Watkins
Seconded by Vanessa Jenkins
To approve the Silver Lane "Main" Building Roof Replacement Project State
Project #043-0242 RR
Motion unanimously carried.

To Review and Approve the Pitkin School Roof Replacement Project State Project #043-0241 RR

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve the Pitkin School Roof Replacement Project State Project #043-0241
RR
Motion unanimously carried.

To Review and Approve the Bid #1772-20 Silver Lane School "Shingle" Roof Replacement State Project #043-0243 RR

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Marilyn Pet
To approve the Bid #1772-20 Silver Lane School "Shingle" Roof Replacement
State Project #043-0243 RR
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 3541 (Transportation)

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Policy 3541 (Transportation)
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 4118.112/4218.112 (Prohibition of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace)

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Policy 4118.112/4218.112 (Prohibition of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace)
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 4118.22 (Code of Ethics)

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Policy 4118.22 (Code of Ethics)
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 4140.1/4240.1*(Compensation for Deputy Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Operations Officer, Chief Information Officer, and Directors)

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Policy 4140.1/4240.1*(Compensation for Deputy Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Operations Officer, Chief Information Officer, and Directors)
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 4140.2/4240.2* (Compensation and Related Benefits for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees (excluding Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Operations Officer, Chief Information Officer, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Human Resources Manager, Executive Secretary to the Director of Human Resources, Purchasing Agent, Assistant Finance Director, Assistant Director of Facilities, and Directors)).

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Policy 4140.2/4240.2* (Compensation and Related Benefits for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees (excluding Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Operations Officer, Chief Information Officer, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Human Resources Manager, Executive Secretary to the Director of Human Resources, Purchasing Agent, Assistant Finance Director, Assistant Director of Facilities, and Directors)).
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 5114* (Student Discipline)

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Policy 5114* (Student Discipline)
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 5132 (Student Dress)

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Policy 5132 (Student Dress)
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 5145.52 (Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972-
Prohibition of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment)**

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Policy 5145.52 (Title IX of the Education
Amendments of 1972- Prohibition of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment)
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Bylaw 9321* (Time, Place and Notice of Meetings)

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Bylaw 9321* (Time, Place and Notice of
Meetings)
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Temp C19 1212 – School Volunteers, Student Interns and Other
Non-Employees**

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Temp C19 1212 – School Volunteers, Student
Interns and Other Non-Employees
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Temp C191250 – Visitors and Observations in Schools

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Temp C191250 – Visitors and Observations in
Schools
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Temp C191330 – Use of School Facilities

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Temp C191330 – Use of School Facilities
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Temp C19 1600 – Temporary Policies and Regulations Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Temp C19 1600 – Temporary Policies and Regulations Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read To Table for First Read Temp C19 1810- Green Cleaning Program

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read To Table for First Read Temp C19 1810 – Green Cleaning Program
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Temp C19 3541 – Transportation

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Temp C19 3541 – Transportation
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Temp C19 4112.5/4212.5- Employment and Student Teacher Checks

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Temp C19 4112.5/4212.5 – Employment and Student Teacher Checks
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Temp C19 4118.5/4218.5 – Employee Use of the District’s Computer Systems

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Temp C19 4118.5/4218.5 – Employee Use of the District’s Computer Systems
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Temp C19 4152.7/4252.7 – Families First Coronavirus Response Act Leave

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Temp C19 4152.7/4252.7 – Families First Coronavirus Response Act Leave
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Temp C19 5113 - Attendance, Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Temp C19 5113 - Attendance, Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Temp C19 5114 – Student Discipline

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Temp C19 5114 – Student Discipline
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Temp C19 5131.82 – Use of Privately Owned Technology Devices by Students

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Temp C19 5131.82 – Use of Privately Owned Technology Devices by Students
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Temp C19 5131.83 – Student Use of the District’s Computer Systems and Internet Safety

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Temp C19 5131.83 – Student Use of the District’s Computer Systems and Internet Safety
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Temp C19 5141.31 – Health Assessments/Screenings and Oral Health Assessments

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Temp C19 5141.31 – Health Assessments/Screenings and Oral Health Assessments
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Temp C19 6172.6 – Credit for Online Courses

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Temp C19 6172.6 – Credit for Online Courses
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Temp C19 9325 – Meeting Conduct

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve to Table for First Read Temp C19 9325 – Meeting Conduct
Motion unanimously carried.

Board Member Representative Reports - None

Public Participation – None

Questions and Concerns by Board Members

Board Member Dorese Roberts shared comments and questions for Dr. Bremner regarding Special Education Processes.

Board Member Valerie Scheer shared an email with positive feedback on experiences with East Hartford Middle School and East Hartford High School and their respective principals, Mr. Menard and Mr. Ryan.

Board Member Stephanie Watkins thanked EHPS parents for their participation and voicing their concerns. She hopes for more participation in future meetings. She also shared her appreciation for the Administrative teams and the work they are doing.

Board Member Marilyn Pet shared her appreciation to the Superintendent and Cabinet Team.

Board Member Vanessa Jenkins requested, in light of streamlining communication, that the Board receive updates on the answers and/or final results to comments and questions raised during the Public Participation portion of the Board meetings.

Board Member Harry Amadasun, Jr. echoed comments by Board Member Vanessa Jenkins and thanked EHPS parents for their time and patience. He is excited to see parents have increased participation.

Topics for Future Agendas - None

Adjournment

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Harry Amadasun, Jr.
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:57 PM)
Motion unanimously carried.