

**SPECIAL MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY
DECEMBER 21, 2020**

A Special Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held via Zoom Meeting on Monday, December 21, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Bryan R. Hall.

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

ABSENT Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

ALSO PRESENT Anne Marie Mancini, Deputy Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum
Elsie Torres, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Curriculum
Ben Whittaker, Chief Operations Officer
Chris Wethje, Director of Human Resources
Roberta J. Pratt, Chief Information Officer of Information Technology

Introduction and Swearing in of Student Representatives to the Board of Education:

Chairman Bryan R. Hall administered the Oath of Office to Student Representative, Delilah Terrero, and Faith Anane, representing East Hartford High School.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting - Public Hearing: December 7, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting: December 7, 2020 at 7:05 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Sherisa Smith, CIBA, Delilah Terrero, EHHS, and Faith Anane, EHHS

Updates:

- **12/18/2020:** Virtual student Bake-Off was held and was successful

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- **Tutoring:** CIBA and EHHS students will have access to tutoring in the evenings from either CIBA or EHHS teachers/staff in the following subjects: English, Science, and Mathematics
- **01/04/2021:** Classes resume
- **EHHS:** Virtual Clubs have begun; many clubs available to all students
- **Virtual College Tours:** 72 virtual tours have been attended by EH students
- **Lunch and Learns:** Career readiness program

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/No Action Required

Chairman's Report

Bryan R. Hall

Chairman Hall welcomed fellow Board Members, the Superintendent's Cabinet and the viewing public to the last official board meeting of the year.

Chairman Hall stated that the primary focus of the meeting is to adopt our Board of Education budget that will be sent to the Mayor and Town Council for approval. As a Board, setting the annual school budget is one of the primary tasks. Chairman Hall stated that the goal was to deliver a budget that would not include any cuts to personnel or programs. He noted with appreciation, the work the teams put in to allow the district to land at a 2.9% overall increase in the BOE budget. Chairman Hall also stressed that the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget is built on the assumption of receiving an additional \$2.1M in Alliance monies that will be used to essentially fund all Second-Grade teachers in the district. Chairman Hall noted that it is his hope that East Hartford residents and community members understand the deep thought, reflection and effort that is put into making sure every tax payer dollar is planned for, accounted for, and spoken for on behalf of EHPS students.

In closing, Chairman Hall thanked each of the Subcommittee Chairs for their efforts in working closely with administration to develop and present comprehensive policy documents, review competitive bids and approve facility project recommendations to the full Board of Education. The collaborative work of the Subcommittees is extremely vital to the success of the Board.

Superintendent's Report

Anne Marie Mancini, Deputy Superintendent on behalf of Superintendent Quesnel

-Updates from the District:

- **ReOpen EHPS Update-** ReOpen 3.0
- **COVID Response Report**

-Dates to Remember:

- **12/24-1/1/2021:** Christmas/New Year's Break—School Closed
- **1/6/21:** District Closed, Three Kings Day

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- **1/11/21:** Next BoE meeting
- **1/19/21:** Return of EHPS students to In-Person Learning: RLE Model will remain as it currently exists.
- **6/8/21:** Last Day of School

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Approval of Non-Bargaining Unit Salary Adjustments

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve Non-Bargaining Unit Salary Adjustments
Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Approval of the East Hartford Board of Education's Proposed FY22 Budget

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve the East Hartford Board of Education's Proposed FY22 Budget
Motion unanimously carried.

Board Member Representative Reports - None

Questions and Concerns by Board Members

Board Member Marilyn Pet gave an update on the Farm to School Program. Information on the Holiday Meal Program, Nutritional Instruction and a new Apple Challenge was shared.

Adjournment

MOTION By Vanessa Jenkins
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board (7:51 PM)
Motion unanimously carried.

Approved By Board of Education

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Recorded by: Tracey Hadden-Deptula

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