

**SPECIAL MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY
JANUARY 11, 2021**

A Special Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held via Zoom Meeting on Monday, January 11, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Secretary Tyron Harris.

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

ABSENT Chairman Bryan R. Hall

ALSO PRESENT Nathan Quesnel, Superintendents of Schools
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
Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Vanessa Jenkins
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting: December 21, 2020 at 7:00 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:

- **1/21/21:** Quarter 2 ends. Tutoring opportunities are available during the school day and after school in the evening. If students are interested, see the communication sent out by Ms. Simoneau from 12/23/20.
- **Celebrate the Class of 2021:** Seven seniors have been accepted into one or more colleges, many with scholarship opportunities. We continue to be proud of the accomplishments of our seniors.
- **EHHS Connections:** Leaders created lessons for 9th grade classes
- **EHHS Gaming Club:** Minecraft Mondays, virtual gaming every Monday at 2:30 p.m.
- **Club Highlight:** Cooking Club - recipes included Snickerdoodles and Chocolate Desserts
- **CIAC:** Teams are waiting for further guidance from the State with information on how to proceed with the Winter Sports season.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/No Action Required

Chairman's Report

Bryan R. Hall

Chairman Hall was absent. No Chairman's report presented.

Superintendent's Report

Nathan Quesnel

-Updates from the District:

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

-Dates to Remember:

- **1/13/21-1/15/21:** Half Days for Students/Professional Development for Staff
- **1/18/21:** District Closed, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- **1/19/21:** Launch of ReOpen 3.0
- **2/8/21:** Next Board of Education Meeting
- **6/8/21:** Last Day of School

East Hartford Public Schools Legislative Priorities

Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent Quesnel presented the framework for EHPS' policy positions that we ask our legislative delegates to consider in their policy development and advocacy during the 2021 Legislative Session. Funding priorities include: Implement the ECS Phase in Formula (2028), fully fund the 7% Magnet Cap Language, and maintain current Grants. The Policy priority focuses on providing Mandate Relief/Unfunded Mandates.

Update on RFP/Service Contract Awards- 1st Half FY 2021

Benjamin Whittaker, Chief Operations Officer

Mr. Whittaker gave a detailed presentation on recent RFP/ Service contract awards for the first half of 2021. RFP results in the first half of 2021 include: Design Services- EHHS Replacement of existing Tri-Gen Plant and Associates Absorber (RFP #1770-20), Athletic Trainer Services (RFP #1773-20) and Information Technology Contracted Services (RFP #1774-20).

Capital Plan Presentation

Benjamin Whittaker, Chief Operations Officer

Mr. Whittaker presented the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that covers FY2022 through FY2026. The entire CIP can be viewed on the EHPS website which includes details for each of the

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(61) projects in the plan. The FY22-26 CIP includes all major infrastructure improvements and capital asset purchases across the entire district, not just Facilities. For example, Information Technology (IT) now has (10) projects included in the plan, and the Fine Arts Department is the first instructional department to include projects in the plan. This integration will ensure major purchases are planned, scoped, estimated, and tracked well in advance of anticipated funding. Mr. Whittaker noted that this plan is very much a “living” document, and priorities will change as situations or funding sources dictate.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Approval of the FY 22-26 Capital Improvement Plan

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve the FY 22-26 Capital Improvement Plan
Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Approval of Construction Contract Award and Authorization for Chief Operations Office to Execute Contract on Behalf of the Board of Education for Bid #1775-20 East Hartford Middle School Soccer Field & Track Renovations Deep Grant

MOTION By Vanessa Jenkins
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve the Construction Contract Award and Authorization for Chief Operations Office to Execute Contract on Behalf of the Board of Education for Bid #1775-20 East Hartford Middle School Soccer Field & Track Renovations Deep Grant
Motion unanimously carried.

Board Member Representative Reports - None

Questions and Concerns by Board Members - None

Adjournment

MOTION By Marilyn Pet
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board (8:31 PM)
Motion unanimously carried.