

**SPECIAL MEETING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY  
APRIL 5, 2021**

A Special Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held via Zoom Meeting on Monday, April 5, 2021.

**The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by Board Member Dorese Roberts.**

**PRESENT** Harry Amadasun, Jr., Vanessa Jenkins, Marilyn Pet, Dorese Roberts, Tom Rup

**ABSENT** Chairman Bryan R. Hall, Secretary Tyron V. Harris, Valerie Scheer, Stephanie Watkins

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

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA** – Yes, make an amendment to the agenda to create a Consent Calendar under New Business to Table for First Read Items – 12-17.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Harry Amadasun, Jr.  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting: March 15, 2021, 7:03 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION** - None

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

**Delilah Terrero, Faith Anane and Sherisa Smith**

**-Updates:**

- Boys and Girls basketball ended the week of March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Both teams made it to the CCC Tournament. Unfortunately, the boys' season ended in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round against East Catholic. The girls' season ended in the 1<sup>st</sup> round against Southington High School.
- **EHHS Spring Sports:** Baseball, Softball, Track, Boys Volleyball, Tennis and Golf have completed their first week of practice. Competition begins the week of April 12th.
- **Tri-M Music Honor Society:** 13 students were inducted during a virtual ceremony this year.
- **4/30/21:** EHHS Tri-M Music Honor Society is sponsoring a Virtual Talent Show that will be held as a live streaming event! Sign in to the Talent Show Google Classroom for more details.
- **5/15/21:** Abelon Walk @ 9 a.m. Outdoor event with a virtual option. In person participation limited according to CDC guidelines.

- **May 2021:** AP Testing will take place at the high school.
- **Grab & Go Meals Distribution:** Get Meals for Vacation Week - Free Breakfast and Lunch meals are provided for anyone 18 years of age or under. Please contact the Food Services office at (860) 568-4252 with questions.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - None

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**Human Resources/No Action Required**

**Chairman's Report** - None

**Superintendent's Report**

**Nathan Quesnel**

**-Updates from the District:**

- **ReOpen EHPS Update- Launch of ReOpen 4.0**
- **Covid-19 Data Report**
- **Update on Vaccination Process**
- **EHPS Senior Class Vaccination Project**

**-Dates to Remember:**

- **4/12/21-4/16/21:** Spring Recess – School Closed
- **4/29/21:** Professional Development: Early Dismissal PK-12
- **5/10/21:** Next BOE Meeting
- **6/08/21:** Last Day of School

**Hartford Foundation Grant Review**

**Sonya Stemmer, Supervisor of Professional Learning & Teacher Evaluation**

Ms. Stemmer provided a detailed Grant update for the Office of Equity, Partnerships & Achievement.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Review and Approval of Head Start Policy Council Impasse Procedures**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Harry Amadasun  
To approve Head Start Policy Council Impasse Procedures  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Review and Approval of Head Start Policy Council By-Laws 2020**

**MOTION** By Marilyn Pet  
Seconded by Vanessa Jenkins  
To approve Head Start Policy Council By-Laws 2020  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Review and Approval of 2021 ERSEA Plan & Procedures**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Marilyn Pet  
To approve 2021 ERSEA Plan & Procedures  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Review and Approval of Head Start 2021 Selection Criteria**

**MOTION** By Marilyn Pet  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve Head Start 2021 Selection Criteria  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Review and Approval of Supervisor of Pre-K and Elementary Curriculum and Instruction**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Vanessa Jenkins  
To approve Supervisor of Pre-K and Elementary Curriculum and Instruction  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Review and Approval of Supervisor of Special Education**

**MOTION** By Marilyn Pet  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve Supervisor of Special Education  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Review and Approval of High School and Adult Education Graduations**

**MOTION** By Vanessa Jenkins  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve High School and Adult Education Graduations  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Review and Approval of CT Healthy Food Certification (1) FY22**

**MOTION** By Marilyn Pet  
Seconded by Harry Amadasun  
To approve CT Healthy Food Certification (1) FY22: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the East Hartford Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups. Motion unanimously carried.

**Review and Approval of CT Healthy Food Certification (2) FY22**

**MOTION** By Vanessa Jenkins  
Seconded by Marilyn Pet  
To approve Healthy Food Certification (2) FY22: The East Hartford Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Review and Approval of Sunset Ridge Middle School Roof Replacement State Project# 043-0244 RR – Plan Review and Sign-off on “Request for Review of Final Plans” Form SCG-042**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Marilyn Pet  
To approve Sunset Ridge Middle School Roof Replacement State Project# 043-0244 RR – Plan Review and Sign-off on “Request for Review of Final Plans” Form SCG-042  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Review and Approval of FY22 Budget**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Marilyn Pet  
To approve FY22 Budget  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Approve to Table for First Read Items – 12-17**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Vanessa Jenkins  
To approve to Table for First Read Items – 12-17.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Board Member Representative Reports**

**Questions and Concerns by Board Members** - None

**Topics for Future Agendas** - None

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**Adjournment**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Harry Amadasun  
To adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board (8:30 PM)  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION**