

**SPECIAL MEETING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY  
MAY 10, 2021**

A Special Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held via Zoom Meeting on Monday, May 10, 2021.

**The meeting was called to order at 8:11 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

**ABSENT** 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 Old Business to Remove from Table and Approve Items – 1-6.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron Harris  
Seconded by Vanessa Jenkins  
To approve the following Minutes: Special Board of Education Meeting: April 5, 2021, 7:09 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron Harris  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve the following Minutes: Special Board of Education Meeting: April 5, 2021, 6:52 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

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

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

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

**-Updates:**

- **05/12/2021:** CIBA PAC Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- **05/15/2021:** Ableton Walk
- **05/18/2021:** EHHS Senior Scholarship Celebration
- **05/19/2021:** Athlete Recognition at 3:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall

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- **Athletic Update:** Congratulations to athletes moving on to post-secondary athletics! Colleges include: **CCSU, Hofstra, Norwich U, Westfield State, Springfield College, York at St. Johns, Mitchell College, Bay Path, ECSU, Allegheny, UHART.**
- **05/20/2021:** Senior Signing Day
- **05/21/2021:** Senior Kickback
- **05/24-5/28:** CIBA and EHHS Sprit Week
- **05/25/2021:** CIBA Virtual Awards Night
- **05/27/2021:** Coffee House
- **05/28/2021:** CIBA Senior Outing and EHHS Iron Hornet
- **Senior Spotlights:** Each senior will be celebrated and announce their plans after graduation- Instagram and Morning Announcements
- **06/01/2021:** Top 20 BBQ
- **06/02/2021:** EHHS Senior Picnic
- **06/04/2021:** Senior Sunset
- **06/08/2021:** Connecticut IB Academy (CIBA) Graduation Ceremony
- **06/09/2021:** East Hartford High School Graduation Ceremony

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - None

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**Human Resources/No Action Required**

**Chairman's Report**

**Bryan R. Hall**

Chairman Hall opened the meeting by greeting fellow Board Members and the viewing public.

Chairman Hall acknowledged the work as a district to celebrate Faculty Appreciation Week last week by publicly thanking EHPS' 1,300+ employees. EHPS' employees care about kids, take care of each other and go the second, third and fourth mile. He stated he is proud to be Board Chairman in a district where candidates flock to East Hartford to be a part of a team that believes in solutions, believes in community and most importantly, believes in our kids.

Chairman Hall reviewed several important items on the agenda. He shared that the Board has been hard at work in special committee meetings to approve a recently ratified Paraprofessional's contract and conducted the Superintendent's Evaluation. The Board appreciates the efforts from our Para's to work to negotiate a sustainable contract that keeps the district moving forward. Chairman Hall also shared the Board's appreciation for the Superintendent's continued dedication to promote excellence for the children of East Hartford as he enters his 10<sup>th</sup> year as our district leader and 20<sup>th</sup> year as an employee.

In closing, Chairman Hall mentioned that Superintendent Quesnel conducted an informational session with the Board to review the new 5-year Strategic Vision for EHPS, coined *Pride in 5*.

This plan speaks to the bold voice of the community seeking to surge ahead, accelerate, achieve, and pursue equity for all children. *Pride in 5* identifies 5 major priorities for our district moving forward, they include:

1. Accelerate Achievement for Every Child
2. Weave Webs of Caring and Empowering Supports
3. Transform Systems and Structures
4. Diversify and Grow our Talented Workforce
5. Expand Opportunities and Options for Success

### **Superintendent's Report**

**Nathan Quesnel**

#### **-Updates from the District:**

- **ReOpen EHPS Update- Launch of ReOpen 4.0**
- **Covid-19 Data Report**
- **Next Step Vaccination Planning**
- **Update on Summer Learning Opportunities**
- **Update on EHHS Graduation Planning**

#### **-Dates to Remember:**

- **5/20/21:** Professional Development: Early Dismissal PK-12
- **5/31/21:** Memorial Day - School and District Offices Closed
- **6/08/21:** Last Day of School
- **6/14/21:** Next BOE Meeting

### **Third Quarter Financial Update**

**Benjamin Whittaker, Chief Operations Officer**

Mr. Whittaker gave a detailed third quarter financial update. The update included the 2021 year-end forecast of \$92,264,375 which reflects a -0.4% variance. Some points to note are decreased expenses due the pandemic such as less mileage, fewer conferences, less bussing, school closures, lower water consumption and a decreased need for substitutes.

### **East Hartford High School Advanced Placement Program Results 2020**

**Matthew Ryan, Principal, East Hartford High School**

Principal Ryan presented the results of East Hartford High School's Advanced Placement Program. East Hartford High School's AP Program is an open enrollment program. Highlights of the report included an increase in AP exams taken, an increase in AP Course enrollment, and a 4% gain in proficiency from 2019-2020.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Create a Consent Calendar under Old Business to Remove from Table and Approve Items – 1-6.**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts

To create a Consent Calendar under Old Business to Remove from Table and Approve Items – 1-6.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 1900 - Non-Discrimination-Discrimination Complaints (Community Members)**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve Policy 1900 - Non-Discrimination-Discrimination Complaints (Community Members)  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 4118.11/4218.11 Non-Discrimination- Personnel- Certified/Non-Certified**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve Policy 4118.11/4218.11 Non-Discrimination-Personnel-Certified/Non-Certified  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 5132 - Student Dress**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve Policy 5132 - Student Dress  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 5145.4 Non-Discrimination -Students**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve Policy 5145.4 Non-Discrimination -Students  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 3323 – Purchasing**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve Policy 3323 – Purchasing  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 3326.3 - Board of Education Credit Card**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve Policy 3326.3 - Board of Education Credit Card  
Motion unanimously carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Review & Approval of Federal Head Start COLA 2021**

**MOTION** By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve of Federal Head Start COLA 2021  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Review and Approval of the East Hartford Adult Education PEP Grant 2021-2022**

**MOTION** By Vanessa Jenkins  
Seconded by Harry Amadasun  
To approve of the East Hartford Adult Education PEP Grant 2021-2022  
Motion unanimously carried.

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

**MOTION** By Vanessa Jenkins  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve of High School & Adult Education Graduations  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Review and Approval of Board-Certified Behavior Analyst position**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Marilyn Pet  
To approve of Board-Certified Behavior Analyst position  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Review and Approval to Purchase Award to Ockers Company, Bid #1780-21  
VSP Networking Equipment**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve Purchase Award to Ockers Company, Bid #1780-21  
VSP Networking Equipment  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Review and Approval of Purchase Award to California Integrated Solutions,  
Bid #1782-21 Buffalo Terastation 192TB**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Harry Amadasun  
To approve Purchase Award to California Integrated Solutions,  
Bid #1782-21 Buffalo Terastation 192TB  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Board Member Representative Reports**

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

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**Topics for Future Agendas** - None

**Adjournment**

**MOTION** By Vanessa Jenkins  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board (9:32 PM)  
Motion unanimously carried.

*Approved By Board of Education*