

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY
NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, November 15, 2021, in the Lecture Hall of the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT.

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by Tyron V. Harris.

PRESENT Tyron V. Harris, Harry Amadasun, Jr., Dr. Annabelle Diaz-Santiago, Vanessa Jenkins, Marilyn Pet, John Pereira, Dorese Roberts, Valerie Scheer, Stephanie Watkins

ABSENT

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

Discussion with possible action regarding appointment of individuals to fill vacant Board of Education positions- Chairman and Secretary

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To appoint Tyron V. Harris as Chairman of the Board
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Harry Amadasun, Jr.
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To appoint Vanessa Jenkins as Secretary of the Board
Motion unanimously carried.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA – Yes, create a Consent Calendar under Old Business to Remove from Table and Approve Items: 1-23.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Board of Education Meeting: October 18, 2021 at 7:12 p.m.
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS –

Diego Romero, CIBA and Faith Anane, EHHS

- 11/17/21: Get to Know EHHS Night
- 11/19/21: Senior Night for band, cheer, drill and football. EHHS vs. Manchester HS

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- **11/19/21:** Donations requested- last day to participate for the Coat Drive (for Salvation Army), Penny Wars (for school in Haiti), and Food & Toiletries Collection (for Human Rights Club to donate to a local shelter).
- **11/19/21:** On-Campus experience for Juniors and Seniors at the University of Saint Joseph.
- **11/24/21:** Early Dismissal - Building Community Day
- **11/29/21:** Winter Athletics begin
- **12/1/21:** PAC meeting at 6:30 p.m. in CIBA Lecture Hall. All CIBA parents and guardians are invited to attend. There will also be a virtual option provided.
- **12/3/21:** Picture retake day. Any student who was absent on picture day or wants their picture retaken must sign up in the main office by **November 24th.**
- **12/17/21:** Virtual bake off. Get your baking supplies and favorite recipe ready!

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Recognition of CAPSS Award Recipients and 2022 Teachers of the Year and 2022 District Teacher of the Year- Jeannine Enamait
Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools

CAPSS AWARD RECIPIENTS 2021-2022

East Hartford High School	Elizabeth Kalugira, Gr. 11 Victoria Silva-Soto, Gr. 11
Connecticut IB Academy	Jonathan Brown, Gr. 12
East Hartford Middle School	Nicole Boland, Gr. 8 Keaton Osayande, Gr. 8
Sunset Ridge School	Eliza Stevenson, Gr. 8
Synergy Alternative Program	Joseph Dufresne, Gr. 12
Woodland School	Jermaine Evans, Gr. 12

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR 2022

Goodwin School	Rose Aiello-Gianni
ECLC at Hockanum School	Andrea Ortiz
Langford School	Annalea Badera
Mayberry School	Robert Monte
Norris School	Heather McClure
O'Brien School	Stefanie Sargis
O'Connell School	Katlyn Corey

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Pitkin School
Silver Lane School
East Hartford Middle School
Sunset Ridge School
Connecticut IB Academy
East Hartford High School
Synergy Alternative Program

Danielle Buttafuoco
Anne Marie Reggio
Timothy Uhl
Dawn Pekarovic
Mark Nystrom
Lisa Merrill
Joseph Bernabucci

Woodland School and District

Jeannine Enamait

Human Resources/No Action Required

Chairman's Report

Tyron V. Harris

Chairman Harris greeted fellow board members and welcomed two new board members, Dr. Annabelle Diaz-Santiago and John Pereira. Chairman Harris thanked the community for exercising their right to vote during this past election. He shared his vision and his vision's alignment with the EHPS Pride in 5: Accelerate Achievement, Weave Supports, Transform Systems, Diversify and Grow, and Expand Opportunities. Chairman Harris closed his report noting that the budget process will begin November 29th with a joint Board of Education and Town Council meeting and a budget workshop meeting being held virtually on November 30th.

Superintendent's Report

Nathan Quesnel

-Updates from the District:

- Back to School '22 Update
- FY22-23 Budget update
- Screen and Stay Protocol
 - **Effective immediately, East Hartford Public Schools (EHPS) will offer this *Screen and Stay* option for unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students or staff who are considered close contacts/exposed to a COVID-19 case in the school setting.** This option will require parents/guardians to commit to completing a [daily symptom assessment](#) for 14 calendar days from exposure via a signed attestation. Although allowed to continue in-person learning activities, unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students and staff in the *Screen and Stay* protocol should follow normal quarantine procedures related to interscholastic or other athletic activities, other extracurricular activities, and any other activities that involve the potential for close contact with individuals outside of the household and that occur outside of the normal school day. Students participating in the *Screen and Stay* protocol should also refrain from in-school activities with other students that may actively generate increased amounts of aerosol-sized respiratory droplets, including but not limited to singing, wind instrument playing, giving speeches, or highly aerobic Physical Education activities for the 14 calendar days that they are in the *Screen and Stay* protocol.
- Upcoming COVID-19 Vaccine for students ages, 5-11
 - **11/16/21:** 4-7 p.m., Raymond Library, Walk-ins and Appts. Welcome
 - **11/20/21:** 9 a.m.- 1 p.m., Intercommunity Health, 860-569-5900

-Dates to Remember:

- **11/24/21:** Early Dismissal PreK-12
- **11/25-11/26/21:** Thanksgiving Holiday: District Closed
- **11/29/21:** Joint Town Council/BOE Budget Workshop #1 - to discuss Superintendent's Proposed Budget, 6:00 p.m. at EHHS Library.
- **11/30/21:** Public Hearing on Budget, 5:30-6:00 p.m. - Virtual Meeting
- **11/30/21:** Budget Workshop #2 – Special Meeting of the Board to discuss Superintendent's Proposed Budget, 6:00 p.m.- Virtual Meeting
- **12/20/21:** Next BoE Meeting
- **06/03/22:** Last Day of School (Woodland 6/4)

OLD BUSINESS

Create Consent Calendar under Old Business to Remove from Table and Approve Items: 1-23

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
Create Consent Calendar under Old Business to Remove from Table and Approve Items: 1-23
Motion unanimously carried.

Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 5141.3 Health Assessments and Immunizations

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 5141.3 Health Assessments and Immunizations
Motion unanimously carried.

Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 5141.31 Health Assessments and Screenings

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 5141.31 Health Assessments and Screenings
Motion unanimously carried.

Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 6146.11 Grade Weighting / Class Ranking

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 6146.11 Grade Weighting / Class Ranking
Motion unanimously carried.

Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 6172.6 Credit for Online Course

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 6172.6 Credit for Online Course
Motion unanimously carried.

Remove from Table and Approve - Bylaw 9325 Meeting Conduct

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To Remove from Table and Approve - Bylaw 9325 Meeting Conduct
Motion unanimously carried.

Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 1212 School Volunteers Student Interns and Other Non-Employees

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 1212 School Volunteers Student Interns and Other Non-Employees
Motion unanimously carried.

Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 1250 Visitors and Observations in Schools

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 1250 Visitors and Observations in Schools
Motion unanimously carried.

Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 1330 Use of School Facilities

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 1330 Use of School Facilities
Motion unanimously carried.

Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 1700 Possession of Deadly Weapons or Firearms

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 1700 Possession of Deadly Weapons or Firearms
Motion unanimously carried.

Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 1810 Green Cleaning Programs

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 1810 Green Cleaning Programs
Motion unanimously carried.

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

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 1900 Non-Discrimination –
Discrimination Complaints (Community Members)
Motion unanimously carried.

Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 2002 Retention of Electronic Records

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 2002 Retention of Electronic
Records
Motion unanimously carried.

Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 3323 Purchasing

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 3323 Purchasing
Motion unanimously carried.

Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 3541 Transportation

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 3541 Transportation
Motion unanimously carried.

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

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 4118.11 4218.11 Non-
Discrimination Personnel- Certified Non-Certified
Motion unanimously carried.

**Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 4118.112 4218.112 Prohibition of Sex
Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace**

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 4118.112 4218.112
Prohibition of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
Motion unanimously carried.

**Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 5131.911 Bullying Prevention and Intervention
and Safe School Climate Plan**

MOTION By Dorese Roberts

Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 5131.911 Bullying Prevention and
Intervention and Safe School Climate Plan
Motion unanimously carried.

Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 5132 Student Dress

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 5132 Student Dress
Motion unanimously carried.

Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 5145.1 Student Privacy

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 5145.1 Student Privacy
Motion unanimously carried.

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

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 5145.4 Non- Discrimination
Students
Motion unanimously carried.

**Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 5145.52 Prohibition of Sex Discrimination and
Sexual Harassment**

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 5145.52 Prohibition of Sex
Discrimination and Sexual Harassment
Motion unanimously carried.

Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 6146 Graduation Requirements

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 6146 Graduation Requirements
Motion unanimously carried.

Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 6172.4 Parent and Family Engagement

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To Remove from Table and Approve - Policy 6172.4 Parent and Family
Engagement
Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Approval to Relinquish Control of Portions of the East Hartford High School Campus to the Town East Hartford

MOTION By Stephanie Watkins
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve to Relinquish Control of Portions of the East Hartford High School Campus to the Town East Hartford
Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Approval of Award of Contract and Authorization for Chief Operations Officer to Execute Contract on Behalf of the Board of Education (BOE) for RFP# 1789-22 Design Services for Classroom Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)

Improvements

MOTION By Vanessa Jenkins
Seconded by Marilyn Pet
To approve Award of Contract and Authorization for Chief Operations Officer to Execute Contract on Behalf of the Board of Education (BOE) for RFP# 1789-22 Design Services for Classroom Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Improvements
Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Approval of Award of Contract and Authorization for Chief Operations Officer to Execute Contract on Behalf of the Board of Education (BOE) for RFP# 1791-22 Design Services for East Hartford High School

MOTION By Vanessa Jenkins
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Award of Contract and Authorization for Chief Operations Officer to Execute Contract on Behalf of the Board of Education (BOE) for RFP# 1791-22 Design Services for East Hartford High School Replacement of Existing Tri-Gen Plant and New Standby Generator
Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Approval of Project Description and Budget, Educational Specifications, and School Construction Grant Application for Goodwin School Flooring Abatement Project

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Marilyn Pet
To approve Project Description and Budget, Educational Specifications, and School Construction Grant Application for Goodwin School Flooring Abatement Project
Motion unanimously carried.

Board Member Representative Reports

Board Member Valerie Scheer commented on the incredible talent of the students at the induction ceremony last week sends her congratulations to the students honored. Board Member Scheer reminded the community that CT Community Colleges waived the application fees if

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students apply by the deadline of 11/15/2021. Lastly, Board Member Scheer noted that November is the anniversary month of the ribbon cutting ceremony at the ECLC. Great work done there.

Secretary Vanessa Jenkins shared her thanks to EHPS' incredible teachers for the amazing work they do each day for the students of East Hartford.

Questions and Concerns by Board Members- None

Topics for Future Agendas - None

Adjournment

MOTION By Harry Amadasun, Jr.
Seconded by Vanessa Jenkins
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (7:51 PM)
Motion unanimously carried.

Approved By Board of Education