

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY
DECEMBER 20, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, December 20, 2021, in the Lecture Hall of the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Tyron V. Harris.

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

ABSENT Board Member John Pereira and Roberta Pratt, CIO

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

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA – Yes, create a Consent Calendar to approve minutes A-J.

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MOTION By Vanessa Jenkins
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To create a Consent Calendar to approve minutes A-J.
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Vanessa Jenkins
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes, September 22, 2021,
9:40 AM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Vanessa Jenkins
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes, November 15, 2021,
7:12 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Vanessa Jenkins
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes, November 17, 2021,
4:00 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

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MOTION By Vanessa Jenkins
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes, November 17, 2021,
4:12 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Vanessa Jenkins
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes, November 17, 2021,
4:35 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Vanessa Jenkins
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes, November 22, 2021,
5:36 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Vanessa Jenkins
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Special Joint Meeting of the Board of Education and East Hartford
Town Council Minutes, November 29, 2021, 6:11 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Vanessa Jenkins
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Special Board of Education Public Hearing (Budget) Minutes,
November 30, 2021, 5:31 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Vanessa Jenkins
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes, November 30, 2021,
6:02 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Vanessa Jenkins
Seconded by Valerie Scheer

To approve Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes, December 6, 2021,
4:40 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS –

Diego Romero, CIBA and Faith Anane, EHHS

- 12/23/21: CIBA Success Beyond High School sessions. Topics include: promoting healthy mental wellbeing, 1:1 IB meetings for the extended essay, post-secondary planning and scholarships.
- Winter Break: CIBA wishes everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year!
- 1/5/22: 6:30 p.m. ceremony celebrating the Class of 2021 IB diploma recipients in the CIBA Rotunda. All invited to attend. A virtual option is available.
- Breakfast with Santa was a success!
- Winter Concert was very festive!
- Alumni Basketball Game had a great turn out!
- STUCO hosting a Holiday breakfast for the Teachers and Blankets for Babies drive.
- National Honor Society: 22 new members inducted
 - Honored Mrs. Scheer as an EH Alumni
- Athletics: Boys Basketball started the season with a win vs. Enfield, Girls Basketball started the season 2-0 and Wrestling had a great win vs. Platt 64-14!

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/No Action Required

Chairman's Report

Tyron V. Harris

Chairman Harris greeted his fellow board members and viewing audience. As Chairman Harris reflected on the 22/23 budget process, he thanked the Board's partners on the Town Council and shared his appreciation to the Board Members for their engagement in the budget process.

He shared his excitement for the University of Saint Joseph's Partnership Event at Mayberry School. Chairman Harris is thrilled to see the community and media come together to celebrate this collaboration and opportunity for our students and future teachers.

Chairman Harris closed his remarks with a tribute to Harry Amadasun, Jr. He thanked Board Member Amadasun for his time as a valuable Board of Education member for the past 7 years. Chairman Harris shared his appreciation and stated he is looking forward to Harry's work in his

new appointment on the East Hartford Town Council and the continued partnership with the Board. Fellow board members shared their appreciation and well wishes to Board member Amadasun on his new position.

Superintendent's Report

Nathan Quesnel

-Updates from the District:

- Back to School '22 Update
- **Response to recent acts of threats/school violence:**
 - The safety of our students, staff and community is the number 1 priority of our school system. In our efforts to keep all our students safe, we will fully investigate and evaluate every threat. Students who make or participate in threats to our school and community will be suspended, arrested and potentially expelled from school. We ask for the following response when an online threat is discovered:
 1. Read carefully—often these threats are to schools across the country and reading carefully can help direct an appropriate response. If a threat is made to another school, please forward the threat to the district involved.
 2. Alert an appropriate school or public safety official to the threat.
 3. Do no repost, comment on or circulate—these actions create fear, hysteria and chaos. Reposting is not an appropriate way to share information
 - Reminder on Inclement Weather Announcements/Snow Days Process Overview
 - Decision is made prior to 5:30 a.m.; news and media outlets are notified, our Twitter site @EastHartfordPS is updated and staff is notified via robo call and email.

-Dates to Remember:

- **12/23/21:** Early Dismissal PreK-12
- **12/24/21-12/31/21:** Holiday Recess School Closed
- **12/24/21, 12/27/21, 12/31/21:** District Closed
- **1/06/21:** Three Kings Day-District Closed
- **1/10/22:** Next BoE Meeting
- **6/03/22:** Last Day of School (Woodland 6/6/22)

Report on Illustrative Math

Robert Janes, Secondary Math Curriculum Supervisor and Laura Corpora, Elementary Math Specialist

Mr. Janes and Ms. Corpora gave a detailed presentation on Illustrative Math. Key characteristics of Illustrative Math are that it is problem based, student centered and accessible, yet rigorous. Illustrative Math is aligned with Common Core and Smarter Balanced and ensures a coherent K-11 learning progression. Program implementation for both elementary and secondary students, trends and next steps were presented.

Head Start Grant Goals and 45 Day Screening 2021 Report

Elsie Torres, Assistant Superintendent

Ms. Torres shared objectives and updates on the State Head Start Enhancement Grant, State Head Start Services Grant and the Federal Head Start Grant. Ms. Torres concluded with the 45-day requirement status report.

Head Start Governance and ERSEA Training Report

Elsie Torres, Assistant Superintendent

Ms. Torres shared the Head Start Governance and Management Responsibilities and Management Composition Requirements with the Board as a review. Ms. Torres also shared details of the ERSEA Training Report.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Approval of Board of Education's Subcommittee Assignments for 2021-2022

MOTION By Stephanie Watkins
Seconded by Vanessa Jenkins
To approve the Board of Education's Subcommittee Assignments for 2021-2022
Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Approval of Revision to 2022-2023 School Calendar

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Marilyn Pet
To approve the Revision to 2022-2023 School Calendar
Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Approval of 2023-2024 School Calendar

MOTION By Marilyn Pet
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar
Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Approval of Increase of Teacher Sub Rates for January 2022

MOTION By Vanessa Jenkins
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve an Increase of Teacher Sub Rates for January 2022
Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Approval of Increase of Non-Teacher Sub Rates for January 2022

MOTION By Marilyn Pet
Seconded by Harry Amadasun, Jr.
To approve an Increase of Non-Teacher Sub Rates for January 2022
Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Approval of Plan Review and Sign-Off On "Request for Review of Final Plans" Form SCG-042 for East Hartford High School Roof Replacement State Project #043-0245 RR

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve the Plan, Review and Sign-Off on "Request for Review of

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Final Plans” Form SCG-042 for East Hartford High School Roof Replacement
State Project #043-0245 RR
Motion unanimously carried.

**Review and Approval of the East Hartford Board of Education’s Proposed Budget
for Fiscal Year 2023**

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Marilyn Pet
To approve the East Hartford Board of Education’s Proposed Budget
for Fiscal Year 2023
Motion unanimously carried.

Board Member Representative Reports - None

Questions and Concerns by Board Members - None

Topics for Future Agendas - None

Adjournment

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Marilyn Pet
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:42 PM)
Motion unanimously carried.

Approved By Board of Education