

**REGULAR MEETING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 6, 2006**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday February 6, 2006, at the Connecticut International Baccalaureate Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairperson Hilde Mayranen-O'Brien.

**PRESENT** Chairperson Hilde Mayranen-O'Brien, Secretary Jason Rojas, Robert Damaschi, Karen Howe, Cynthia Reik, Hank Pawlowski, Jr., Prescille Yamamoto, Ram Aberasturia, Marcus Oladell, IV

**ALSO PRESENT** Dr. Marion Martinez, Superintendent of Schools  
Dennis Bieu, Assistant Superintendent  
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services  
Jody Lefkowitz, Director of Pupil Personnel  
Al Costa, Director of Facilities  
Jan Skolnick, Interim Director of Human Resources

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Prescille Yamamoto  
Seconded by Jason Rojas  
To approve the following Minutes of the Special Meeting,  
January 7, 2006  
Motion unanimously carried.

**MOTION** By Prescille Yamamoto  
Seconded Jason Rojas  
To approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
January 17, 2006  
Motion unanimously carried.

**MOTION** By Prescille Yamamoto  
Seconded by Jason Rojas  
To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of  
January 17, 2006  
Motion unanimously carried.

**MOTION** By Robert Damaschi  
Seconded by Jason Rojas  
To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of  
January 18, 2006  
Ms. Yamamoto Abstained

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**MOTION** By Prescille Yamamoto  
Seconded by Jason Rojas  
To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of  
January 19, 2006  
Motion unanimously carried.

**MOTION** By Prescille Yamamoto  
Seconded by Jason Rojas  
To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of  
January 23, 2006  
Motion unanimously carried.

**MOTION** By Prescille Yamamoto  
Seconded by Jason Rojas  
To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of  
January 25, 2006  
Motion unanimously carried.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

Mayor's Ball at Rentschler Field Benefiting Child Plan by Donna Kehoe  
February 11, 2006, EHHS Cabaret Presentation  
An invitation to O'Connell School's President's Day Assembly on February 16, 2006 at 2:00  
p.m.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

**Jennifer Sierra**

**Crystal Maldonado**

The students are looking forward to their field trip to Stamford, CT for the workshop in leadership skills. The state leadership conference will be held on March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2006. They are looking forward to meeting other student councils from Connecticut.

Mr. EHHS is fast approaching. Many Junior and Senior boys have filled out applications. It will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a Bunny Breakfast on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Senior Citizens Prom will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Many people came to speak in support of Volleyball Coach Susan Patria in light of her termination as coach of the boys' 2005-06 volleyball, and non-renewal of her appointment as girls' volleyball coach for the 2006-07 school year. They requested that Ms. Patria be reinstated as volleyball coach.

Debra Gaudette expressed concern about a \$5,000 cap on consultants and the interim position of Human Resources Director.

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**Energy Reduction Update and Power Point Presentation**

**(Al Costa, Director of Facilities)**

The Facilities Committee has interviewed 8 firms on proposals to reduce energy costs and has selected two to present to the full board.

Representatives from Johnson Controls presented a performance based energy cost proposal. There will be an energy audit done on all of the buildings. Mr. Pawlowski stated that all energy units will be looked at and then it will be determined which ones will need to be updated. Centralized control of our buildings will increase energy efficiency. This is a multi year project.

**Update on Proposed Trip to China**

**(Spencer Clapp, CIBA)**

**(Bing Liu, CIBA)**

Mr. Clapp and Mr. Liu would like to increase the original amount of students allowed to go on the proposed China trip in June. Many more students expressed interest than originally anticipated. They also expressed the need to expedite the purchase of plane tickets. The board originally tabled the trip because of health concerns in travel to China.

**MOTION** By Prescille Yamamoto  
Seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
to add to the agenda I. E. Motion for final approval for the trip to China in June.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Memorandum of Agreement between East Hartford and Glastonbury Board of Education and CREC**

**(Dr. Marion Martinez, Superintendent)**

Dr. Martinez presented a memorandum of agreement between the East Hartford and Glastonbury Boards of Education and CREC for the management of EHGEMS for July 1,

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2005 through June 30, 2010. Mr. Damashi asked that Dr. Townsley, head of the Magnet School Task force present to the next board meeting to clarify funding.

**Memorandum of Agreement between East Hartford and Two Rivers and CREC  
(Dr. Marion Martinez, Superintendent)**

Dr. Martinez presented a memorandum of agreement between the Hartford and East of the River Interdistrict Magnet Middle Schools and CREC to operate the Two Rivers Middle School. Mr. Damashi asked that Dr. Townsley, head of the Magnet School Task force present to the next board meeting to clarify funding.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Chairperson/Superintendent's Reports**

**Superintendent – Dr. Marion Martinez**

**Chairperson Hilde Mayranen-O'Brien**

The Dress Code Survey will be in the next Superintendent's Update. They will be distributed after the February vacation.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Policy & Audit – Jason Rojas** – meeting scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 P.M.; also scheduled is a meeting for March 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 P.M. to go over the 9,000 series.

**Curriculum – Cynthia Reik** – meeting scheduled for March 21, 2006 at 6:00 P.M. at the Board of Education office to discuss curriculum summer work and concerns over the language labs at the high school.

**Facilities – Hank Pawlowski, Jr.** – No meeting planned

**Finance & Audit – Robert Damaschi** – originally planned for 3/1/06 6:00 p.m., date to be changed. At the last meeting they looked at the SAA accounts. They wish to perform an audit. They have also done an inventory of supplies which must be redone due to inaccuracies.

**Future Planning – Karen Howe** – No meeting planned

**PERSONNEL**

**MOTION**

By Hank Pawlowski, Jr.

Seconded by Jason Rojas

To approve the **retirement and resignation:**

**Retirement:**

Joanne Drumm, Teacher, effective 6/30/06

**Resignation:**

Robert Nichols, Behavior Manager, effective 2/3/06

Motion unanimously carried.

**OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approve Appointment of Interim Human Resources Director**

**(Dr. Marion Martinez, Superintendent)**

**MOTION**

By Hank Pawlowski Jr.  
Seconded by Jason Rojas  
To approve appointment of Mr. Jan Skolnick as  
Interim Human Resources Director  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Approve Stevens School Roof Replacement**

**(Al Costa, Director of Facilities)**

**MOTION**

By Hank Pawlowski, Jr.  
Seconded by Prescille Yamamoto  
To approve the Stevens School Roof Replacement  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Approve Woodland School Roof Replacement**

**(Al Costa, Director of Facilities)**

**MOTION**

By Jason Rojas  
Seconded by Hank Pawlowski, Jr.  
To approve the Woodland School Roof Replacement for  
for educational appropriation  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Approve EHHS Window Wall Replacement**

**(Al Costa, Director of Facilities)**

**MOTION**

By Robert Damaschi  
Seconded by Karen Howe  
To approve the EHHS Window Wall Replacement  
Motion unanimously carried.

**INTERNAL BOARD BUSINESS**

**Representative Reports:**

**CABE – Prescille Yamamoto**

**Willowbrook Policy Committee – Cynthia Reik**

**School/Business Partnership – Karen Howe**

**Child Plan – Jason Rojas**

**CREC – Karen Howe**

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**QUESTIONS ASKED BY BOARD MEMBERS**

What is the status of the high school principal search?  
Mr. Skolnick replied that they are extending the search at this time.  
Update Process for Accreditation (NEASC)

**TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Dinner Series, March 13, 2006 at 6:00 P. M. at the Board of Education Office.

**MOTION**

By Prescille Yamamoto  
Seconded by Karen Howe  
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board ( 10:00 P.M.)  
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by:  
Judy Burnham