

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
MAY 15, 2006**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, May 15, 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, Robert Damaschi,
Karen Howe, Cynthia Reik, Hank Pawlowski, Jr.,
Ram Aberasturia, Marcus Oladell, IV, Prescille Yamamoto

ALSO PRESENT Dr. Marion Martinez, Superintendent of Schools
Debbie Kaprove, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Al Costa, Director of Facilities
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services
Jody Lefkowitz, Director of Pupil Personnel
Jennifer Sierra, Student Representative to the Board

Chairperson Mayranen-O'Brien congratulated the graduates of the East Hartford Adult Education program who celebrated their graduation this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Hank Pawlowski, Jr.
Seconded by Robert Damaschi
To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting,
April 4, 2006
Motion carried. Abstain: Prescille Yamamoto

MOTION By Robert Damaschi
Seconded by Hank Pawlowski, Jr.
To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting,
April 6, 2006
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Cynthia Reik
Seconded by Hank Pawlowski, Jr.
To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting,
April 10, 2006
Motion carried. Abstain: Prescille Yamamoto

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MOTION By Robert Damaschi
Seconded by Hank Pawlowski, Jr.
To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting,
April 12, 2006
Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Aberasturia requested a list of students from Mr. Simmons who are attending East Hartford schools who live in Hartford.

MOTION By Robert Damaschi
Seconded by Hank Pawlowski, Jr.
To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting (1),
April 24, 2006
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Robert Damaschi
Seconded by Hank Pawlowski, Jr.
To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting (2),
April 24, 2006
Motion carried. Abstain: Prescille Yamamoto

MOTION By Robert Damaschi
Seconded by Ram Aberasturia
To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting (3),
April 24, 2006
Motion carried. Abstain: Prescille Yamamoto

MOTION By Hank Pawlowski, Jr.
Seconded by Robert Damaschi
To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting (4),
April 24, 2006, as corrected:
Page 2:1st Motion – 1 opposed should be listed as
Robert Damaschi
Motion carried. Abstain: Prescille Yamamoto

MOTION By Robert Damaschi
Seconded by Hank Pawlowski, Jr.
To approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting,
May 1, 2006
Motion unanimously carried.

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WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

- East Hartford Fine Arts Commission is hosting a student music awareness program on May 17th, 7:00 EHHS Auditorium;
- Saturday, May 20th, 10:00 A.M. – Pan Can Walk for pancreatic cancer will be held in memory of Michael Abelon;
- Latin American Celebration luncheon will be held on May 26th, 1:30-12:30 at Sunset Ridge;
- EHHS Fine Arts Department is sponsoring a soup supper on May 31st, 5:30-7:30; proceeds to benefit the East Hartford Friendship Center soup kitchen; a concert by the Fine Arts Department will follow at 7:30 P.M.;
- East Hartford Summer Youth Festival Auction will be held on May 26, 6:00 P.M. at the Cultural Center to raise dollars for the production of the Music Man.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Jennifer Sierra, Student Representative

- Awards Night was held May 11th – both students and teachers were recognized for their accomplishments;
- May 17th – Student Council Meeting – elections will be held for 2006-07 Executive Board; the Board wished good luck to Jennifer Sierra;
- May 25th – PRIDE Night will be held from 4-7 P.M.; food and music will be provided.

Chairperson Mayranen-O'Brien noted there will be a meeting of the UPTCC to discuss school uniforms. She asked Ms. Sierra if she has heard any feedback from students regarding the dress code.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/Appointments/No Action Required

Dr. Martinez noted the appointment of Jessica Bartolini, Norris School, as the school psychologist.

**Recognition of Marilena Aglieco-Guilioso's participation in the BEST (ETLA) Program
Debbie Kaprove, Interim Assistant Superintendent)**

Ms. Marilena Aglieco-Guilioso was recognized for her participation in the two-year commitment BEST Program by the State Department of Education and the East Hartford Board of Education. She is exploring teacher leadership as an emerging role in today's schools. Her project focused on parent education.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson/Superintendent's Reports

Chairperson Hilde Mayranen-O'Brien

- Chairperson Mayranen-O'Brien attended the Town wide student art show May 2-6; the students did a fabulous job;
- Many positive things are happening in the district.

Superintendent Martinez:

- Dr. Martinez complimented the students who displayed their artwork in the District Wide Art Show;
- Dr. Martinez received an invitation to attend a poetry tea on May 25th at O'Brien School; she is looking forward to attending this event;
- Encouraged the public to participate in the Pan Can Walk in memory of Michael Abelon, May 20th, 10:00 A.M.;
- Dr. Martinez stated a report prepared by George Simons and Mark Simmons reported that all but two students have given proof of residency regarding attending school in East Hartford.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy & Audit – Chairperson Mayranen-O'Brien stated we must prioritize and move forward essential policies;

Curriculum – **Cynthia Reik** – meeting scheduled for May 31st, 6:00 P.M.

Facilities – **Hank Pawlowski, Jr.** – meeting scheduled for May 26th, 6:00 P.M. – we will be reviewing bids for EHHS window walls and will discuss updating the telephone system;

Finance & Audit – **Robert Damaschi** – meeting is scheduled for June 7th, 6:00 P.M.;

East Hartford/Glastonbury Magnet School Building Committee – **Hank Pawlowski, Jr.** - meeting scheduled for May 23rd, 6:30 P.M.

Future Planning – **Karen Howe** – met last week with President of UPTCC re: dress code; meeting tomorrow evening to discuss how to enforce the policy. It will then come to the full Board. This policy will be for K-12 students, if it is approved.

PERSONNEL

MOTION

By Robert Damaschi

Seconded by Hank Pawlowski, Jr.

To approve the following retirement:

1. Maureen A. Rodgers, teacher, effective 6/21/06

To approve the following three resignations:

1. Scott M. Dufour, Teacher, effective 4/28/06;
2. Eileen E. Berk, Para, effective 4/28/06;
3. Daniel F. Moran, Tutor, effective 5/26/06

Motion unanimously carried.

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OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

**Approve the Primary Mental Health Program Grant
(Carolyn Elmore, Coordinator of Family Resource Center)
(Linda Kauffmann, Supervisor, Elementary Education)**

MOTION By Hank Pawlowski, Jr.
Seconded Prescille Yamamoto
To approve the Primary Mental Health Program Grant
for fiscal year 2006-07.
Motion unanimously carried.

It was noted this is the second year of a two-year grant. The grant supports the Friend to Friend program at Silver Lane and Hockanum Elementary schools. Mr. Pawlowski noted he would like to see the program expanded. Ms. Kauffmann thanked Ms. Elmore for preparing the grant and noted she was recognized by the State for her outstanding efforts in conjunction with this program.

**Review and Approve Carl Perkins Grant
(Michelle Hacker, Department Head Vocational/Business Education)
(Debbie Kaprove, Interim Assistant Superintendent)**

MOTION By Prescille Yamamoto
Seconded by Hank Pawlowski, Jr.
To approve the Carl Perkins Grant as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Kaprove noted we are anticipating the same amount of funding as in previous years.

**Approve Request for Pass/Fail Credit for EHHS and CIBA
(Debbie Kaprove, Interim Assistant Superintendent)
(Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)**

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Cynthia Reik
To approve request for pass/fail credit for EHHS and CIBA
students who attend Multicultural Arts and Technology 2006
Inter-district Summer Residency Program at CCSU.
Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Kaprove noted this is an additional elective credit for students who are participating in the Inter-district Summer Residency Program. There is no cost for the program. This is in addition to regular courses required. This does not affect class rank.

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**Approve Proposal for Reconfiguration of Alternative Secondary Education Program
(Debbie Kaprove, Interim Assistant Superintendent)**

MOTION By Hank Pawlowski, Jr.
Seconded by Prescille Yamamoto
To approve proposal for reconfiguration of alternative
secondary education program
Motion unanimously carried.

Chairperson Mayranen-O'Brien commended all who worked so diligently revamping the alternative secondary education program.

**Approve Rescinding the Letters of Non-Renewal of Certain Non-Tenured Teachers
(Dr. Marion H. Martinez, Superintendent)**

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Hank Pawlowski, Jr.
Approve rescinding the letters of non-renewal of the following
Non-tenured teacher:
Laura E. Brink, Science, Grades 7-8
Motion unanimously carried.

**Approve Certified Staff Member's Use of Employee Sick Bank
(Dr. Marion H. Martinez, Superintendent)**

MOTION By Robert Damaschi
Seconded by Hank Pawlowski, Jr.
To approve certified staff member's use of employee sick bank.
Motion unanimously carried.

INTERNAL BOARD BUSINESS

Representative Reports:

East Hartford/Glastonbury Magnet School Building Committee – Hank Pawlowski, Jr.
– meeting will be held May 23rd, 6:30 P.M. – we will discuss the road access issue and will try to expedite the project by next week;

CREC – Chairperson Mayranen-O'Brien and the Superintendent will attend the Annual Meeting of CREC on May 17th. Also, on Friday evening, CREC Council was invited to the Hartford Magnet School for Performing Arts. The lead role in "Chicago" is being played by an East Hartford student.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

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QUESTIONS ASKED BY BOARD MEMBERS

Prescille Yamamoto – re: CIBA graduation. – asked when the date is – the date is June 16th, 7:00 at the East Hartford Cultural Center.

Karen Howe commented she went to O’Connell and Sunset Ridge schools and met with the music teachers. The kindergarten children put on a concert at O’Connell School and it was wonderful. It was a great experience to see such a positive atmosphere at Sunset Ridge School.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS - None

PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION By Robert Damaschi
Seconded by Prescille Yamamoto
To adjourn to Executive Session (8:00 P.M.)
Interviews with possible action - candidates for
Director of Human Resources
Motion unanimously carried.

The Regular Board meeting reconvened at 9:55 P.M.

MOTION By Robert Damaschi
Seconded by Prescille Yamamoto
To appoint Christopher Wethje Director of Human Resources at a
salary of \$107,500 prorated with reconsideration of salary mid-
point in the 2006/2007 fiscal year.
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Robert Damaschi
Seconded by Hank Pawlowski, Jr.
To adjourn the Regular Board meeting 10:02 P.M.
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by:
Donna Fitzgerald