

**REGULAR MEETING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
NOVEMBER 6, 2006**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday November 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, Robert Damaschi, Karen Howe, Cynthia Reik, Prescille Yamamoto, Ram Aberasturia, Dorese Roberts, Marcus Oladell, IV

**ABSENT** Hank Pawlowski, Jr.

**ALSO PRESENT** Debbie A. Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent  
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services  
Jody Lefkowitz, Director of Pupil Personnel  
Al Costa, Director of Facilities  
Christopher Wethje Director of Human Resources

The Board of Education "Spotlight Award" was postponed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Marcus Oladell, IV  
Seconded by Karen Howe  
To approve the following Minutes of the Special Meeting,  
October 12, 2006  
Motion carried  
Priscilla Yamamoto, Abstain

**MOTION** By Robert Damaschi  
Seconded Karen Howe  
To approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
October 16, 2006  
Motion carried  
Priscilla Yamamoto, Abstain

**MOTION** By Robert Damaschi  
Seconded by Karen Howe  
To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of  
October 19, 2006, 2006  
Motion carried  
Priscilla Yamamoto, Abstain

**MOTION** By Robert Damaschi  
Seconded by Karen Howe  
To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of  
October 19, 2006  
Motion carried  
Ms. Yamamoto Abstain

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**MOTION** By Robert Damaschi  
Seconded by Karen Howe  
To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of  
October 19, 2006  
Motion carried  
Prescille Yamamoto, Abstain

**MOTION** By Robert Damaschi  
Seconded by Karen Howe  
To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of  
October 19, 2006  
Motion carried  
Prescille Yamamoto, Abstain

**MOTION** By Robert Damaschi  
Seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of  
October 23, 2006  
Motion carried

**MOTION** By Robert Damaschi  
Seconded by Karen Howe  
To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of  
October 24, 2006  
Motion carried  
Prescille Yamamoto, Abstain

**MOTION** By Robert Damaschi  
Seconded by Karen Howe  
To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of  
October 24, 2006  
Motion carried  
Prescille Yamamoto, Abstain

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**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

Ms. Maureen Rodgers, Athletic Director, invited board members to the Thanksgiving Eve Football Game at 6:30 P. M. at Rentschler Field. Call Maureen for complementary tickets.

From Sharon Briggs, Honor awards chair: CTAHPERD Award for David J. Flanagan on Thursday, November 16, 2006 at The Crown Plaza Hotel in Cromwell, CT at the annual awards banquet. The board is invited to attend, please fill out a reservation form if you plan to attend.

Summer Youth Festival is having a Spaghetti dinner on Saturday from 5-7 at the Burnside Methodist Church.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

Kelly Rivera  
Matthew Larson

The students are excited about the Thanksgiving game at Rentschler Field.

October 21, 2006 was the homecoming dance. The event was sold out.

Preparations for the Pep Rally are under way.

The Penny war has begun. Donations will be given to charity. There will be a contest for the class with the most spirit.

Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, the Honor Society will do a drive by raking where students will stop and rake lawns as part of community service.

Band competition was held in Hershey, Pennsylvania on November 4<sup>th</sup>. The high school did well.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

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**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**Human Resources/Appointments/No Action Required**

Human Resources reports that there is 1 teacher vacancy, 6 to 8 paraprofessional openings and one 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Principal position at the high school.

**Introduction of new Guidance Department Head, Frank Staples**

Debbie Kaprove introduced the new guidance department head, Frank Staples. The board welcomed him.

**Update on Two Rivers Magnet Middle School Program  
(Tom Scarice, Principal)**

Tom Scarice, Principal of Two Rivers Magnet Schools gave a report on the status of the fifth year of Two Rivers Magnet School. Towns participating are East Hartford, Manchester, South Windsor, Glastonbury and Hartford. There are 156 students at this time and a waiting list of 245. The school emphasizes the environment, science and technology. There are 6 core teams. Language arts, math, science, social studies and Spanish curriculum are based on the state frameworks.

**Update on Great Path Program**

**(Joseph Townsley, Director of Magnet Schools, CREC, Dr. Jonathan Daube, President MCC, and Thomas Danehy, Principal, Great Path)**

Mr. Joseph Townsley of CREC came to speak on behalf on a proposed regional public safety academy. The school would provide training for students interested in careers in public safety. These students would attend high school and two years of community college in the program.

Dr. Daube, President of Manchester Community College spoke on the behalf of Great Path Academy. He presented the Hallmark award for excellence in Education..

Mr. Tom Danehy, Principal of Great Path Academy at Manchester Community College is proposing adding tenth grade to the academy starting in the 2008 school year. Once their new building is complete, they will the space to accommodate more students.

Speaker Lindon Thomas, a 2006 graduate of Great Path, shared his experience at Great Path. He has taken courses in engineering and computers. He is attending Manchester Community College at this time and will be moving on to UConn to complete his education.

Mr. Abersaturia asked if the blind lottery is the only way to enter the magnet school system and Mr. Townley of CREC replied that it is fair and working well at this time.

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**Smaller Learning Communities Budget Narrative**

**(Craig Jordan, Principal, EHHS)**

Craig Jordan presented the budget narrative for the last year of the Smaller Learning Communities, 3 year grant, 2006-2007. Mr. Jordan said that the high school would continue their work in Smaller Learning Communities after the grant has ended.

Motion: By Robert Damaschi  
Seconded by Cynthia Reik  
To approve the 2006/2007 SLC Grant budget  
Unanimously approved

**Update on Bilingual/ELL Education Program**

**(Linda Kauffman, Supervisor, Elementary Curriculum)**

Linda Kauffmann gave an update on Bilingual Education. Students are given a home survey upon entry into the district. Parents are notified that services are available for their child. Parents may opt out of services. Over 500 students receive services. Students will remain in a Bilingual program for up to 30 months if needed. Students may receive language transition services if support is still needed. Ms. Lisa McMahon talked about her role in the ELL program. She is the initial contact for parents. She schedules the initial testing for students. She inputs the data and maintains the data for state reporting. She also serves as a translator for the district and keeps a list of translators for the many languages spoken in the district and schedules them for conferences when needed.

**Strategic School Profile NCLB Report**

**(Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent)**

Ms. Kaprove presented the Strategic School Profile report to the board as required by the State of Connecticut. The state now uses DRG (District Reference Groups) rather than ERG that they used in the past. Our district has more students who enter school without attending pre-school than many other districts. Early intervention is very important. Ms. Kaprove was asked how she anticipates dealing with a transient population. She replied that using standards, assessing students, knowing their needs can make a significant difference.

**First Quarter Financial Report FY 2006/2007**

**(Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)**

Paul Mainuli gave the first quarter financial report. He reported that the labor relations account was exceeded because of arbitration and that an appropriation transfer will be needed. Jody Lefkowitz and Paul explained how the tuition from Woodland school students from other district is now directed to the town and then back to the board budget.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Chairperson/Superintendent's Reports

Superintendent – Dr. Marion Martinez

Chairperson Hilde Mayranen-O'Brien

NCLB Blue Ribbon Award was awarded to The Connecticut International Baccalaureate Academy. The Governor officially designated November 15, 2006 as Connecticut International Baccalaureate Academy Blue Ribbon Day.

Dr. Martinez was invited to the N.L.A.C. conference at Harvard by the Center for Performance Assessment this week.

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Martinez was a presenter at the Latino Civic Engagement Academy conference.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Policy & Audit – Meeting scheduled November 14, 2006 at 5:00 PM in the second floor conference room at the Board of Education.

Curriculum – Cynthia Reik – Meeting scheduled for November 27, 2006 at 6:00 P.M. at the Board of Education office, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conferencer room.

Facilities –Hank Pawlowski, Jr. – No meeting planned

Finance & Audit – Robert Damaschi – Meeting scheduled on December 6

Future Planning – Karen Howe – Meeting scheduled on November 13, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the BOE to form a task force on violence.

Willowbrook Policy Committee – Prescille Yamamoto – CRT has reported a 1% decrease in grants for next year. The Superintendent and Joe Sikora have looked into security at Willowbrook and are working on getting security cameras. The building has been secured.

**PERSONNEL**

**MOTION**

By Robert Damaschi

Seconded by Prescille Yamamoto

To approve four resignations:

Edward Quinn, Paraprofessional effective 10/20/06

Meredith Lavalley, Teacher, effective 10/27/06

Randall Hightower, LPN 1-On-1 effective 11/3/06

Carmen Holley, Paraprofessional effective 11/3/06

Motion unanimously carried

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**OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**To Remove from Table and Approve Policy 5123**

**Students/Promotion/Acceleration Retention**

**(Prescille Yamamoto, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

MOTION

By Robert Damaschi

Seconded by Dorese Roberts

To remove from table and approve Policy 5123

Students/Promotion/Acceleration Retention

Motion unanimously carried

**To Remove from Table and Approve Policy 5131.6**

**Students/Drugs, Tobacco and Alcohol**

**(Prescille Yamamoto, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

MOTION

By Robert Damaschi

Seconded by Ram Aberasturia

To remove from table and approve Policy 5131.6

Students/Drugs, Tobacco and Alcohol

Motion unanimously carried

**To Remove from Table and Approve Policy 5131.911**

**Students/Hazing**

**(Prescille Yamamoto, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

MOTION

By Robert Damaschi

Seconded by Marcus Oladell IV

To remove from table and approve Policy 5131.911

Students/Hazing

Motion unanimously carried

**To Remove from Table and Approve Policy 5141.231 / 4118.234**

**Students/Personnel-Certified/Psychotropic Drug Use**

**(Prescille Yamamoto, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

MOTION

By Robert Damaschi

Seconded by Marcus Oladell IV

To remove from table and approve Policy 5141.231 / 4118.234

Students/Personnel-Certified/Psychotropic Drug Use

Motion unanimously carried

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**To Remove from Table and Approve Policy 5141.4**  
**Students/Reports of Suspected Abuse and/or Neglect of Children**  
**And Mentally Retarded Persons Over the Age of Eighteen**  
**(Prescille Yamamoto, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

MOTION

By Robert Damaschi  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To remove from table and approve Policy 5141.4  
Students/Reports of Suspected Abuse and/or Neglect of Children  
And Mentally Retarded Persons over the Age of Eighteen  
Motion unanimously carried

**To Remove from Table and Approve Policy 5144.1**  
**Students/Discipline/Punishment/use of Physical Force**  
**(Prescille Yamamoto, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

MOTION

By Robert Damaschi  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To Remove from Table and Approve Policy 5144.1  
Students/Discipline/Punishment/use of Physical Force  
Motion unanimously carried

**To Remove from Table and Approve Policy 6142.101**  
**Instructions/Student Nutrition and Physical Activity**  
**(Student Wellness Policy)**  
**(Prescille Yamamoto, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

MOTION

By Robert Damaschi  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To Remove from Table and Approve Policy 6142.101  
Instructions/Student Nutrition and Physical Activity  
(Student Wellness Policy)  
Motion carried  
Opposed: Ram Aberasturia  
Dorese Roberts

NEW BUSINESS

**To Approve Grade 10 Program at Great Path Academy (2007-**  
**2008)**  
**(Dr. Jonathan Daube, President, MCC, Thomas Danehy, Principal**  
**Joseph Townsley, Director, Magnet Schools, CREC)**

MOTION

By Prescille Yamamoto  
Seconded by Robert Damaschi  
To Approve Grade 10 Program at Great Path Academy (2007-2008)  
Motion unanimously carried



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**To Approve Certified Staff Member's Use of Employee Sick Bank**  
**(Christopher Wethje, Director, Human Resources)**  
MOTION By Ram Aberasturia  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To Approve Certified Staff Member's Use of Employee Sick Bank  
Motion unanimously carried

**To approve Custodial Staff Member's use of Employee Sick Bank**  
**(Christopher Wethje, Director, Human Resources)**  
MOTION By Robert Damaschi  
Seconded by Marcus Oladell IV  
To approve Custodial Staff Member's use of Employee Sick Bank  
Motion unanimously carried

**To approve Paraprofessional Staff Member's use of Employee Sick Bank**  
**(Christopher Wethje, Director, Human Resources)**  
MOTION By Ram Aberastuia  
Seconded by Prescille Yamamoto  
To approve Paraprofessional Staff Member's use of Employee Sick Bank  
Motion unanimously carried

**To Approve Agreement with Luddy and Associates, Educational Consultant for Special Education**  
**(Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)**  
**(Jody Lefkowitz, Director of Pupil Personnel)**  
MOTION By Robert Damaschi  
Seconded by Marcus Oladell IV  
To Approve Agreement with Luddy and Associates, Educational Consultant for Special Education  
Motion unanimously carried

**To Table for For First Read Policy 5141.21**  
**Students/Administering Medications**  
**(Prescille Yamamoto, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**  
MOTION By Robert Damaschi  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To Table for First Read Policy 5141.21  
Students/Administering Medications  
Motion unanimously carried

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**To Table for First Read Policy 5141.5  
Students/Suicide Prevention and Intervention  
(Prescille Yamamoto, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**MOTION**

By Ram Aberasturia  
Seconded by Prescille Yamamoto  
To Table for First Read Policy 5141.5  
Students/Suicide Prevention and Intervention  
Motion unanimously carried

**To Table for First Read Policy 5145.6  
Students/Student Grievance Procedures  
(Prescille Yamamoto, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**MOTION**

By Robert Damaschi  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To Table for First Read Policy 5145.6  
Students/Student Grievance Procedures  
Motion unanimously carried

**To Table for First Read Policy 6145.2  
Instruction/Intramural Athletics  
(Prescille Yamamoto, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**MOTION**

To Table for First Read Policy 6145.2  
By Ram Aberaturia  
Seconded by Prescille Yamamoto  
To Table for First Read Policy 6145.2  
Instruction/Intramural Athletics  
Motion unanimously carried

**QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Aberasturia asked when the baseball field would be weeded. Mr. Al Costa replied that it will be done in the spring as leaf pick-up is the priority at this time. Mr. Aberasturia also commented on the importance of setting goals for our schools to get them off the AYP list.

Ms. Yamamoto commented that the band performance on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> was great. Ms. Yamamoto and Ms. Reik went to visit Sunset Ridge on Monday and found that professional development for paraprofessionals was in session. They sat in on the professional development. Although this was a positive experience, Ms. Yamamoto was concerned that this occurred on a week that the students already have a day off. Ms. Howe though the week of Thanksgiving might be a better time next year. Ms. Yamamoto also commented on a trip the the Goodspeed Opera House with students which was a valuable experience.

