

**SPECIAL MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
DECEMBER 11, 2006**

A Special Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, December 11, 2006, at Sunset Ridge School, 450 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairperson Hilde Mayranen-O'Brien.

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

ALSO PRESENT Dr. Marion H. Martinez, Superintendent of Schools
Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services
Al Costa, Director of Facilities
Jody Lefkowitz, Director of Pupil Personnel
Chris Wethje, Director of Human Resources

**SPECIAL MEETING FOR BUDGETARY PURPOSES WITH POSSIBLE ACTION
BUDGET WORKSHOP**

(Dollar amounts noted after each program represent the Superintendent's Request for FY 2007-08)

226 – External Placements - \$3,321,624 – Mr. Mainuli noted we have spent close to \$2 million in this account. Offsetting revenue comes from Woodland School, Medicaid, transportation, out of nexus schools. Ms. Lefkowitz reported 47 students are attending magnet schools. We are responsible for paying for the special education. Dr. Martinez reported, as the LEA, it is our responsibility to hold the PPT's.

227 Home Instruction – \$64,090 – Ms. Lefkowitz noted there are eight students presently on homebound for medical reasons.

230 – Special Education/Resource Program - \$8,407,635 – It was requested that details be provided on the "Conferences" line item. It was noted that approximately 189 students attend Woodland School.

260 – English as a Second Language (ESL) - \$677,521 – No proposed changes. Dr. Martinez noted that we will have a proposal for ESL to present to the Board at the next budget workshop scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2006.

270 – IDEA Gifted/Talented - \$200,525 – Ms. Lefkowitz noted there is a Gifted and Talented Committee in place, and we are in the process of looking at the program and services.

313 – Social Work Services - \$396,722 – There is funding available from the federal government which our new grants administrator can pursue.

320 – Guidance /Career Education - \$1,115,438 – No proposed changes.

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325 – Research & Testing - \$56,496 – No proposed changes. Ms. Yamamoto suggests putting a footnote explaining why we have not spent allocated dollars to object 3105 – Strategic Planning.

330 – Health Services - \$905,706 – Mr. Mainuli noted additional dollars are requested in the “Supplies General” line item; otherwise, no proposed changes.

340 – Psychological Services - \$852,963 – No proposed changes. In response to a request for information on statistics of psychologists and social workers, Ms. Lefkowitz provided a detailed chart outlining such information.

350 – Speech/Language/Hearing - \$751,277 – No proposed changes. Additional dollars are being requested for instructional supplies.

The next Budget Workshop will be held on Tuesday, December 12th, 6:30 at Hockanum School.

MOTION

By Hank Pawlowski, Jr.

Seconded by Ram Aberasturia

To adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board (7:25 P.M.)

Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by:
Donna Fitzgerald