

**SPECIAL MEETING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2007**

A Special Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Thursday, September 20, 2007, at the Connecticut International Baccalaureate Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Chairperson Hilde Mayranen-O'Brien.

**PRESENT** Chairperson Hilde Mayranen-O'Brien, Robert Damaschi, Ram Aberasturia, Prescille Yamamoto, Karen Howe, Dorese Roberts (arrived 5:55 P.M.), Marcus Oladell, IV,

**ALSO PRESENT** Dr. Marion H. Martinez, Superintendent of Schools  
Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services  
Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources  
Al Costa, Director of Facilities

**ABSENT** Hank Pawlowski, Jr., Cynthia Reik

**OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Aberasturia believes this Special meeting is illegal because of possible violation of Bylaw 9312 as well as not allowing the public to express their concerns regarding the policies to be voted upon. Mr. Aberasturia also stated this meeting was changed from a Regular Meeting because Ms. Reik and Ms. Yamamoto thought meetings were getting over too late. Chairperson Mayranen-O'Brien stated this is not illegal. She stated no one had expressed any concern prior to this evening's meeting.

Mr. Wethje stated this meeting is not illegal to approve Policies, but Bylaws should not be voted upon this evening as stated in Bylaw 9312.

**Note: Mr. Aberasturia has voted against all of the following Motions for the following reasons: (1) there is no opportunity for the public to speak; (2) possible violation of Bylaw 9312.**

**Remove from Table and Approve Policy 1330 – Use of School Facilities**  
**(Prescille Yamamoto, Chair, Policy & Audit)**

**MOTION** By Prescille Yamamoto  
Seconded by Robert Damaschi  
Remove from table and approve Policy 1330 – Use of School Facilities  
Motion defeated. Nay: Robert Damaschi, Hilde Mayranen-O'Brien, Prescille Yamamoto, Karen Howe, Marcus Oladell, IV, Ram Aberasturia

**Remove from Table and Approve Policy 1411 – Relationship with Law Enforcement Agencies**

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

**MOTION** By Prescille Yamamoto  
Seconded by Karen Howe  
Remove from table and approve Policy 1411 – Relationship with Law Enforcement Agencies  
Motion carried. Nay: Ram Aberasturia

**Remove from Table and Approve Policy 1700 – Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property**

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

**MOTION** By Prescille Yamamoto  
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV  
Remove from table and approve Policy 1700 – Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property  
Motion carried. Nay: Ram Aberasturia

**Remove from Table and Approve Policy 2131 – Superintendent of Schools**

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

**MOTION** By Prescille Yamamoto  
Seconded by Karen Howe  
Remove from table and approve Policy 2131 – Superintendent of Schools  
Motion carried. Nay: Ram Aberasturia

**Remove from Table and Approve Policy 5131.1 – Bus Conduct**

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

**MOTION** By Prescille Yamamoto  
Seconded by Robert Damaschi  
Remove from table and approve Policy 5131.1 – Bus Conduct  
Motion carried. Ram Aberasturia, Dorese Roberts

**Remove from Table and Approve Policy 5131.111 – Conduct – Video Surveillance**

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

**MOTION** By Prescille Yamamoto  
Seconded by Robert Damaschi  
Remove from table and approve Policy 5131.111 – Conduct – Video Surveillance  
Motion carried. Nay: Ram Aberasturia, Dorese Roberts

**Remove from Table and Approve Policy 7110 – Long Range Planning  
(Prescille Yamamoto, Chair, Policy & Audit)**

**MOTION** By Prescille Yamamoto  
Seconded by Robert Damaschi  
Remove from table and approve Policy 7110 – Long Range Planning  
Motion carried. Nay: Ram Aberasturia, Dorese Roberts

**To Remove from Table and Approve Bylaw 9271 – Code of Ethics  
(Prescille Yamamoto, Chair, Policy & Audit)**

**MOTION** By Robert Damaschi  
Seconded by Prescille Yamamoto  
Remove from table and **not accept** Bylaw 9271 –  
Code of Ethics  
Motion carried. Aye: Marcus Oladell, IV, Robert Damaschi,  
Karen Howe, Dorese Roberts,  
Prescille Yamamoto, Ram Aberasturia

**To Remove from Table and Approve Policy 5123 – Promotion/Acceleration/Retention  
(Prescille Yamamoto, Chair, Policy & Audit)**

**MOTION** By Prescille Yamamoto  
Seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
Remove from table and approve Policy 5123 – Promotion/  
Acceleration/Retention  
Motion carried. Nay: Prescille Yamamoto

Ms. Roberts urged Board members to attend the Policy & Audit Committee meetings to avoid this situation that we are in this evening and to have a discussion.

Ms. Yamamoto stated the next Policy & Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited.

Mr. Oladell stated if you have questions on policies or you do not understand a particular issue, you should call the appropriate people.

Mr. Aberasturia stated he is deeply concerned that we have many people here with extensive experience on the Board and they did not understand this mistake. He further noted Mr. Wethje stated very clearly we should not address Bylaws this evening. Further, Mr. Aberasturia stated if we really want to address the public, items of importance should be placed first on the meeting agendas.

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**MOTION** By Prescille Yamamoto  
Seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
To table all New Business at this time.  
Motion carried. Nay: Robert Damaschi

**MOTION** By Ram Aberasturia  
Seconded by Prescille Yamamoto  
To adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board (6:20 P.M.)  
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by:  
Donna Fitzgerald