

**SPECIAL MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 27, 2007**

A Special Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Thursday, December 27, 2007 at the Administration Building, 1110 Main Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M. by Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes.

PRESENT Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Secretary Ram Aberasturia, Robert Damaschi, Anita Morrison, Karen Howe, Marcus Oladell, IV

ALSO PRESENT No Administrators were present

ABSENT Hilde Mayranen-O'Brien, Dorese Roberts, Hank Pawlowski, Jr.

SPECIAL MEETING to Discuss 2008-2009 Budget

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes presented to the Board a list of items that Mr. Mainuli previously reviewed. Comments follows:

1. What is the percentage of contractual costs only for 08-09. Mr. Mainuli thought it was 2.5% of the Superintendent's budget;
2. What other early reading programs are there? How long have they been implemented? What isn't working with the existing programs? Board members asked what other reading programs are there. Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes stated this item should be placed on the agenda for a future Board meeting;
3. Are any of the new positions already figured into the 1110 account? Yes.
4. Concern about true need for new nursing position. Can nursing supervisor give us a breakdown of case loads for the nurses presently. Concern nurses are doing too much paperwork. Can't the system get nursing interns from area colleges to help with that? Suggestions were made to possibly have nursing interns. Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes stated we should have the nursing supervisor give a presentation on the entire program at a future Board meeting;
5. Concern about the need for new guidance counselor. Need a presentation on the guidance department as a whole. Board members not convinced it is running as efficiently as it could. Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes stated a presentation on the entire program should be given at a future Board meeting;
6. School based partnership FT. How much money (scholarships) has this department brought into the district in the last 10 years? Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes noted Mr. Mainuli stated let's see how the Foundation works. It was the consensus of the Board to not make this a full time position;
7. Has enough money been budgeted for Open Choice CREC tuition for next year? How many students from EH presently attend magnet schools out of district? Do we provide transportation to these students? We provide transportation to some of the students. Mr. Mainuli will have to clarify this issue. Mr. Mainuli noted we have \$300,000 in the budget presently. It will be a concern in the future;

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8. Where is the \$40,000 for the Youth Task Force Coordinator in the budget? It was noted this is grant money. Mr. Damaschi asked from what grant;
9. Separate line item for Sunset Ridge late buses. Why? It was noted this is for the new after school detention program. Ms. Howe noted any budget requests/cuts must be aligned to the School Improvement Plan and the Strategic Plan. Mr. Mainuli will have to provide further information.
Regarding the following items, Administration will have to provide further information:
10. Why another science and math teacher? What classes will they teach? How many students?
11. Why another secretary for Mayberry? Maybe another general para?
12. What are the duties of the General Paras requested for office work?
13. What will be the duties of the para media at Sunset Ridge? How many media workers does Sunset Ridge have now?
14. What is Project Lead the Way? Why a tech ed position for it? It was noted this is the new engineering program. Administration to clarify.

The next Special Budget meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 2, 2008, 6:15 P.M., Administration Building. There will also be a Special Budget meeting on Thursday, January 3, 2008, 6:30 P.M., Administration Building.

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board (7:45 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by:
Donna Fitzgerald