

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
JUNE 1, 2009**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, June 1, 2009, 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 Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes.

PRESENT Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Secretary Ram Aberasturia, Robert Damaschi, Dorese Roberts, Karen Howe, Anita Morrison, Marcus Oladell, IV, Bryan Hall, Hilde Mayranen-O'Brien

ALSO PRESENT Mark Zito, Superintendent of Schools
Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources
Al Costa, Director of Facilities
Kimberly Barrington, Student Representative
Rebecca Lacosse, Student Representative

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Bryan Hall
To add to this evening's agenda: add Consent Calendar, under New Business, Items e-n.
Motion unanimously carried.

Recognition of Kimberly Barrington – Student Representative to the Board of Education

The Board recognized Kimberly Barrington for her outstanding contribution to the Board as Student Representative to the Board. The Board presented Ms. Barrington and Ms. LaCosse with gift certificates.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Rebecca LaCosse and Kimberly Barrington

- Senior Picnic at High Meadow was a great success;
- June 5th – Senior Prom will be held;
- June 4th – MS Walk at EHHS; proceeds will support the MS Foundation;
- June 3rd – National Honor Society inductions will be held at 6:30 at the Community Cultural Center;
- Top 20 Seniors were honored at a dinner at the Marco Polo in May, sponsored by the Exchange Club. Many thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Sylvestro for 50 years of service to the EHHS students and community;
- June 8th – Year Books will be distributed;
- Pops Concert was held in May – songs from the musicals Footloose and Mamma Mia were presented. Thanks to all the seniors.
- June 20th – graduation will be held at the First Cathedral Church in Bloomfield; rehearsals will be held on June 17th 12-2, June 18th 12-3 and June 19th 12-4;
- June 10th – Senior Night will be held at 5:00 P.M.
- 2008-09 Teacher of the Year was selected – Mr. Matthew Brodeur;
- Exams begin on June 15th

Recognition of East Hartford High School Top Twenty Students

(Matt Ryan, Principal, EHHS)

The following top twenty students of East Hartford High School, Class of 2009, were recognized by the Board:

Valedictorian

Nicole Wallace

Merrill Bajana
Thelma Boamah
Ruth Boansi
Serra Borawski
Thomas Brinley
Molly Callahan
Kelly Geoghegan
Andrew Jackwin
Catherine Lam

Salutatorian

Julia Harris

Arianna Larson
Jimmy Nguyen
Rachael Nystrom
Rebecca Poretz
Malessa Rodrigues
Michael Ryan
Timothy Shea
Andrew Sime
Amanda Townsend

Each Top Twenty student received a gift card from the Board.

Recognition of Recipients of the Thirteenth Annual CABA Student Leadership Awards

Recognition of Carla Ochoa and Zachary Kessler, CIBA

(Art Arpin, Principal, CIBA)

(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair)

Principal Art Arpin spoke of the many accomplishments of both Carla Ochoa and Zachary Kessler. Each received gift cards from the Board.

Recognition of Arianna Larson and Emmanuel Baffour-Siaw, EHHS

(Matt Ryan, Principal, EHHS)

(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair)

Principal Matt Ryan spoke of the many accomplishments of both Arianna Larson and Emmanuel Baffour-Siaw. Each received gift cards from the Board.

Recognition of Volunteers of the Year and District PTO Presidents

(Elementary, Middle and High School Principals)

The following volunteers were recognized by the Board and Principals of their respective schools. The Board presented the volunteers with a framed certificate in appreciation of the countless hours spent volunteering in the East Hartford Public Schools:

Kathleen Bernaiche	CIBA
Stanley Staron	EHHS
Linda Futtner	EHMS
Liz Nardella	Goodwin
Al Leonard	Hockanum
Rachel Gomes	Langford
Diana Carrasquillo	Mayberry

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Shevonne Browne-Sims	O'Brien
Ann Meglin	O'Connell
Maria Guzman	Silver Lane
Elby Gonzalez-Schwapp	Stevens

East Catholic High School Social Action Club:
Abigail Stevenson & Chivelle Blissett, Representatives – Woodland

PTO Presidents

Marianne Barton	CIBA
Darlene Bryant	EHHS
Jennifer Garcia	EHMS
Tracy Robillard	Goodwin
Dottie Marks	Hockanum
Carmen Holley	Langford
Leslie Weber	Mayberry
Carol Plourde	O'Brien
Lisa Carr & Cheryl Kelly (Co-Presidents)	O'Connell
Eric Jurado	Silver Lane
Sharon Harris	Stevens

PTO Presidents & Volunteer of the Year

Brenda Murdzek, Acting PTO & VOY	Norris
Alicia Merza, PTO & VOY	Pitkin
Mark & Katherine Callahan, PTO & VOY	Sunset Ridge
David Arburr, PTO & VOY	Willowbrook

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting, May 18, 2009 (5:43 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Marcus Oladell, IV
Seconded by Bryan Hall
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Meeting, May 18, 2009
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

- EHPS summer registration deadline is August 14th. Registration paperwork must be completed on or before August 14th for a student to be able to start school on the first day September 1, 2009;

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- The Board will recognize 2009 retirees and staff with 25 years of continuous service in the rotunda of CIBA prior to the June 15th Board meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Dr. Pauline Fusco – will be retiring in June, 2009, after 35 years of service, thanked the administration and Board of Education;
2. Ginny Lynch, 77 Chapel Street – thanked the Board for allowing the establishment of the donated sick bank.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/Appointments/No Action Required

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson/ Superintendent Reports

Superintendent Mark Zito

- This was a tremendous evening. Superintendent Zito thanked all parents and students who attended;
- Superintendent Zito recognized Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer for her participation in the Memorial Day Parade, as well as other Board members; he also thanked the EHHS Color Guard for its participation;
- Superintendent Zito thanked the Exchange Club for hosting the Top 20 dinner at the Marco Polo;
- Attended the EHMS Spring Concert – it was a wonderful performance;
- June 15th – we will honor retirees and employees with 25 years of service;
- A report will be given on July 6th regarding schedule changes at EHMS.

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes

- Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes encouraged people to participate as volunteers in the school district; she also thanked all who attended this evening's meeting.

Special Committee Reports

Policy & Audit – Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes – no meeting scheduled for June;

Curriculum – Hilde Mayranen-O'Brien - will try again to schedule a meeting soon;

Facilities – Robert Damaschi – meeting scheduled for June 3rd, 6:30 P.M.;

Finance & Audit – Ram Aberasturia – meeting scheduled for June 3rd, 5:30 P.M.

Future Planning – Karen Howe – no meeting scheduled until after the budget is firmed up.

PERSONNEL

MOTION

By Robert Damaschi

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To approve two **Retirements:**

1. Pauline T. Fusco, Principal, effective 7/31/2009

2. Richard E. Larson, Gr. 5 Teacher, effective 5/22/2009

Motion unanimously carried.

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MOTION By Robert Damaschi
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve two **Resignations:**
1. Yolanda Lemasurier, Bilingual Tutor, effective 5/29/09
2. Pamela D. Peckrul, Nurse, effective 5/26/09
Motion unanimously carried.

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

To Approve Bid # 1626-09 Boiler Replacements Hockanum and Woodland Schools
(Al Costa, Director of Facilities)

MOTION By Robert Damaschi
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve Bid #1626-09 Boiler Replacements Hockanum and
Woodland Schools and award to Crest Mechanical Services for
\$313,200.
Motion unanimously carried.

Funding source is from the 2008 Bond Referendum. Mr. Costa noted work will begin in mid-June and will be completed by mid-August. Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes asked if any rebates are available from the State. Mr. Costa will investigate the possibility of receiving rebates.

To Approve Bid #1627-09 Resurfacing Outdoor Athletic Track, EHHS
(Al Costa, Director of Facilities)

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Bryan Hall
To approve Bid #162-09 Resurfacing Outdoor Athletic Track, EHHS
and award to All American Tracks for \$93,600.
Motion unanimously carried.

Funding source is from the 2008 Bond Referendum. Work will begin in mid-June and will be completed within 35-45 days. Mr. Aberasturia thanked the voters of East Hartford for approving this on the bond referendum.

To Approve Revised 2008-09 Board of Education Subcommittee List
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Robert Damaschi
To approve revised 2008-09 Board of Education Subcommittee List
Motion unanimously carried.

Due to the appointment of Bryan Hall to the Board, the subcommittee list was revised.

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**To Approve Non-Certified Staff Member's Use of Employee Sick Bank
(Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources)**

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To approve non-certified staff member's use of employee sick bank
Motion unanimously carried.

(Ms. Howe left meeting at 8:10 P.M.)

CONSENT CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To place the following policies on Consent Calendar to table for first read:

**To Table for First Read Policy 0000 Mission and Functions for State/District
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**To Table for First Read Policy 0300 Policies for East Hartford Public Schools
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**To Table for First Read Policy 0420 Evaluation: Achievement Assessment/Needs
Identification for School Operations
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**To Table for First Read Policy 0500 Comprehensive Improvement Plans/Schedule
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**To Table for First Read Policy 0522 Racial Balance in the East Hartford Public Schools
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**To Table for First Read Policy 2250 Monitoring of Product and Process Goals
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**To Table for First Read Policy 4118.5/4218.5 Employee Use of Computers, Computer
Networks, Internet Access, Telephones, and E-Mail Systems
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**To Table for First Read Policy 5131.92 Reasonable Physical Force/Corporal Punishment
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**To Table for First Read Policy 6141.324 Posting of Student Work/Photographs
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**To Table for First Read Policy 6141.326 Electronic Resources
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**
Motion unanimously carried.

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REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Ram Aberasturia (1) thanked the Exchange Club and Mr. & Mrs. Sylvestro for hosting the Top 20 Dinner at the Marco Polo; (2) thanked the marching band for its participation in the Memorial Day Parade.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Dorese Roberts – congratulated Dr. Fusco on her retirement and thanked her for a job well done;

Marcus Oladell, IV – stated Dr. Fusco will be missed.

Anita Morrison – re: residency requirements for enrollment – have they changed. The Superintendent stated the requirements are more strict;

Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes – she is happy the Superintendent will be addressing the schedule changes at EHMS.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS - None

MOTION

By Robert Damaschi

Seconded by Bryan Hall

To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:25 P.M.)

Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald