

**SPECIAL MEETING- PUBLIC HEARING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
DECEMBER 15, 2008**

A Special Meeting – Public Hearing - of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, December 15, 2008 at the Board of Education Administrative Offices, 1110 Main Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M. by Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes.

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

ALSO PRESENT Debbie Kaprove, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources
Jody Lefkowitz, Director of Pupil Personnel
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services
Al Costa, Director of Facilities

Discussion of 2009-10 Budget

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes stated we began the proposed budget at \$87,742,065, or a 6.36 percent increase over the 2008-09 adopted budget. We are now at a 3.25 percent increase or \$85,178,161.

Public Participation

1. **David Arburr, 54 Shady Lane** – re: requested not to cut too much from any of the Willowbrook School programs.
2. **Elizabeth Lopez, 49 Hamilton Rd.** – re: requested not to cut teachers or academics at Willowbrook School. Ms. Lopez noted she is very involved with the Parent Committee at Willowbrook.

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes stated our priority is to maintain academic success.

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes stated approval of this recommended budget will be addressed later this evening during our Regular Meeting. It must go to the Mayor by January 5, 2009. We will have the budget on line.

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes stated we will have a better sense of what the budget will look like in late February or March. She encouraged Ms. Lopez to continue to keep involved.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To close the Public Hearing (6:43 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald