

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
JANUARY 4, 2010**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, January 4, 2010, 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, Marcus Oladell, IV, Tyron Harris, Anita Morrison , Bryan Hall, Jeffrey Currey

ALSO PRESENT Mark Zito, Superintendent of Schools
Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel
Paul Mainuli, Director of Finance
Al Costa, Director of Facilities

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To place on this evening's agenda Consent Calendar under New Business Items b-m
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Marcus Oladell, IV
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve the following Minutes, as corrected:
Special Meeting of December 14, 2009 (5:35 P.M.)
Note: Mr. Hall was present but had to leave due to illness.
Motion unanimously carried.

Due to a question posed by Mr. Oladell re: Connecticut River Academy, Superintendent Zito noted discussion of the Connecticut River Academy will be placed on the next agenda.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of December 15, 2009 (5:38 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve the following Minutes, as corrected:
Special Meeting of December 17, 2009 (5:30 P.M.)
Note: Mr. Hall was present but had to leave due to illness.
Motion unanimously carried.

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MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of December 21, 2009 (6:35 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Meeting of December 21, 2009
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Marcus Oladell, IV
Seconded by Bryan Hall
To approve the following Minutes, as corrected:
Special Meeting of December 22, 2009
Under 1st Motion – Mr. Currey voted Nay
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

State Representative Jason Rojas presented a \$500 donation to Mayor Melody Currey from the Barbers & Books program, promoting children to read books while getting haircuts.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT - None
Kimberly Barrington

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Catherine Johnson, Connecticut Blvd., E.H. – re: graduation – please consider unifying and joining other school districts in having graduation at a place wherever students/administration choose to have graduation. Last year's graduation at First Cathedral in Bloomfield was outstanding.

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes stated the ACLU has “big pockets”; however, we will be meeting tomorrow evening to discuss graduation.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/Appointments/No Action Required

Chairperson/ Superintendent Reports

Superintendent Mark Zito

- Hopes everyone enjoyed the holidays and a Happy New Year;
- We will be meeting tomorrow evening to discuss expulsion hearings as well as graduation and other items;

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- January 19th a Facilities Meeting will be held at CIBA at 5:30 P.M., prior to the Regular Board meeting, to discuss reconfiguration;
- First Student has installed GPS systems in all its busses – we are very pleased with this.

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes

- A Happy New Year to everyone;
- Please take a Moment of Silence to honor Arden Passaro, who passed away recently; he volunteered endlessly at Sunset Ridge School. (Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes noted to the public that if they would be interested in volunteering, please call the Superintendent's office);
- Thank you to the Administration for providing books to the homeless shelter in East Hartford.

Special Committee Reports

Policy & Audit – Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes – meeting will be held January 20th;

Curriculum – Dorese Roberts – meeting scheduled for January 11th, 5:45 P.M.

Facilities – Bryan Hall – meeting scheduled for January 19th (not the 14th);

Finance & Audit – Ram Aberasturia - meeting scheduled for January 13th, 5:30 P.M.

PERSONNEL - None

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS –None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Certified Staff Member's Use of Employee Sick Bank

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve certified staff member's use of
Employee Sick Bank
Motion unanimously carried.

Consent Calendar

MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To approve the following Items under New Business
b-m under Consent Calendar

Remove from Table and Approve Policy 1100 – Communications with the Public
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Table for First Read Policy 3221 – IDEA Program/Fiscal Compliance Reporting
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

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Delete Policy 4105 – Rights, Responsibilities and Duties
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Table for First Read Policy 4145.1/4245.1 - Tax Sheltered Annuities (Voluntary Savings Program)
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Table for First Read Bylaw 9140 – Board Representatives
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Table for First Read Bylaw 9150 – Board Consultants
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Table for First Read Bylaw 9222 – Resignation/Removal from Office
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Table for First Read Bylaw 9230 – Orientation of Board Members
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Table for First Read Bylaw 9250 – Remuneration and Reimbursement
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Table for First Read Bylaw 9260 – Protection of Board Members
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Table for First Read Bylaw 9300 – Methods of Operation
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Table for First Read Bylaw 9360 – Legislative Program
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Table for First Read Bylaw 9410 – Public Announcement of Accomplishments
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Motion unanimously carried.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Bryan Hall to the Superintendent: January 11th, 8:00 A.M., the Glastonbury Board of Education will be meeting to give an update on construction of the Magnet School.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

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QUESTIONS/CONCERNS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Marcus Oladell, IV – re: update on the transportation situation at EHHS. Mr. Costa stated we received a proposal from engineers and will forward it to the Facilities Committee.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS - None

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

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

Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald