

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
MARCH 15, 2010**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, March 15, 2010, at the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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, Jeffrey Currey

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

ABSENT Bryan Hall

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To place on this evening's agenda a Consent Calendar under Old and Unfinished Business **to remove from table** **and approve items a-e**; and under New Business **approve items a-d**
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To approve the following Minutes
Special Meeting of February 25, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey
To approve the following Minutes
Special Meeting of March 1, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve the following Minutes
Regular Meeting of March 1, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

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WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

- March 24th, Special Meeting re: reconfiguration at BOE office, 6 P.M.;
- Communication from Manchester High School Principal Kevin O'Donnell to Matthew Ryan, Principal, EHHS – re: MHS was winner of two town competition and EHHS Coach, Brian Verrastro, awarded the plaque to MHS team in person and applauded both MHS and EHHS teams – good sportsmanship;
- Rotary Club is offering scholarships – application forms are available in the Guidance Department and must be completed by the first week in April;
- March 18th – Grade 6 Annual Invention Convention, sponsored by School Business Partner United Technologies Research Center, being held at Sunset Ridge School, Room 102, from 12 P.M.-5 P.M. Judging will take place 9 A.M. – 11 A.M.;
- March 31st – 23rd Annual Inter-Elementary Honors Music and Art Festival at EHMS 7 P.M.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT - None

Kimberly Barrington

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. **Karen O'Connell, President, EHEA** – re: Board Appreciation Day - on behalf on the EHEA, thanked Board members, students, staff and parents for their time, dedication and commitment.

BOARD OF EDUCATION APPRECIATION

**(Scott Nozik, Principal, O'Connell Elementary School, Coordinator of Recognition)
(Building Principals)**

Mr. Nozik noted on behalf of the General Assembly, each Board member received a signed citation from Representatives Henry Genga, Jason Rojas, Tim Larson and Senator Gary LeBeau, thanking the Board for their contribution to students, staff and parents.

Board members thanked principals, teachers and all involved for making this a very special evening.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/Appointments/No Action Required

Third Quarter Analysis

(Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)

Mr. Mainuli stated we are in good shape. We will see savings in the certified staff accounts. We have slowed down the process of hiring for non-certified staff. Of concern are health claims costs. We will need \$1.5 million to offset health claims. Also, tuitions for CREC Magnet Schools is over \$200,000. The following Facilities projects are identified: i.e., ventilator system at Langford School - \$245,000; roofing for Mayberry School - \$100,000; new equipment for

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Facilities Department. The good news is overall savings may amount to approximately \$500,000.

Mr. Mainuli stated he met this morning with the Town's technical advisor regarding leasing computers by year-end in conjunction with the Town. As we move forward with reconfiguration, we would like to add additional smart boards, computers and instruments. We may not be able to do everything this year.

Mr. Mainuli noted he will be updating forecasts every few weeks.

Chairperson/ Superintendent Reports

Superintendent Mark Zito

- Jazzapella – won a silver medal on Saturday competition in Windsor Locks;
- Congratulations to Mrs. Gustamachio, Ms. White and the East Hartford Marching Band – the band placed 1st in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Hartford;
- Good luck to the varsity boys' basketball team tonight in the State quarterfinals;
- Welcomed Peg Gallagher, who works for the Hartford Colonials,(the new United Football League team that will be based at Rentschler Field) to our community and indicated the school district would be interested in a collaboration that would be mutually beneficial;
- CMT and CAPT testing is done – thank you to all staff members and students. We will be receiving the district's scores this summer;
- Reconfiguration is going well; please be aware of the following dates:
 - March 18th – 6:00 p.m. – Sunset Ridge 6th grade orientation;
 - March 22nd – 6:00 p.m. – reconfiguration workshop @ BOE
 - March 24th – 6:00 p.m. – Public Hearing on reconfiguration @ BOE
 - March 29th – 6:00 p.m. – Special BOE meeting – reconfiguration – discussion and possible action;
- Tonight is BOE appreciation night – the cards and artwork are appreciated – thank you to the choral students, culinary students, Scott Nozik, Matt Ryan, Michelle Hacker, Emil Kopcha, Nick Diaz, Lindsay Gay and Donna Sahlberg who worked very hard putting together such a great event. I also thank BOE members for the countless hours they spend to make sure our students get a top flight educational experience. I enjoy working with each of you and want you to know I appreciate the efforts you make on a daily basis.

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes

- The Board and Superintendent are working very hard on the reconfiguration process. I encourage parents to come to the Public Hearing on March 24th, 6:00 P.M., BOE office, or find our telephone numbers listed on our Web site to call with suggestions;
- Thank you to all teachers, administrators and students who made Board Appreciation Day very special;
- Jeffrey Currey and I walked in the St. Patrick's Day Parade – the band was amazing.

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Special Committee Reports

Policy & Audit – Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes – meeting scheduled for April 14th;

Curriculum – Dorese Roberts – meeting scheduled for April 12th;

Facilities – Bryan Hall – meeting scheduled for April 14th, 5:30 P.M.

Finance & Audit – Ram Aberasturia - meeting scheduled for April 7th, 5:30 P.M.

PERSONNEL

MOTION

By Anita Morrison

Seconded by Ram Aberasturia

To approve one **Retirement:**

1. Jeanne Carabillo, Secretary, effective 3/12/10

Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION

By Anita Morrison

Seconded by Dorese Roberts

To approve one **Resignation:**

1. Vanessa Valentin, Priority Tutor, effective 3/24/10

Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

Seconded by Jeffrey Currey

To remove from table and approve the following items a-e on Consent Calendar under Old and Unfinished Business; and under New Business, approve items a-d.:

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy 5141.21 – Administering Medication

(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Policy 5141.25 Students with Special Health Care Needs

(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Policy 6172.1 – Gifted Children Program

(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Bylaw 9132/9133 – Standing Committees/Special Committees

(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Bylaw 9270 – Conflict of Interest

(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

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NEW BUSINESS

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

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

Motion unanimously carried.

**Approve Final Plans to O'Connell and Goodwin Schools Roof Replacement Project
(ED042)**

(Al Costa, Director of Facilities)

MOTION

By Jeffrey Currey

Seconded by Anita Morrison

To approve Final Plans to O'Connell and Goodwin Schools Roof Replacement Project and authorize Board Chairperson and Superintendent of Schools to sign the State ED042 form for the purpose of compliance to the State Grant process.

Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Aberasturia asked if the amount exceeds that approved, will we still get reimbursement of 75 percent with new amount. Mr. Costa stated we will, but the project would have to be completed within a two-year period. Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes stated we are saving many dollars with Mr. Costa acting as Project Manager.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Ram Aberasturia (1) visited EHHS and Sunset Ridge; (2) attended Mr. EHHS contest – Mr. Delgado was the winner. The other contestants were also very talented.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS BY BOARD MEMBERS - None

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TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS - None

MOTION

By Anita Morrison

Seconded by Ram Aberasturia

To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (7:50 P.M.)

Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald