

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
MAY 17, 2010**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, May 17, 2010, at the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes.

PRESENT Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Secretary Ram Aberasturia, Robert Damaschi, Dorese Roberts, Marcus Oladell, IV, Bryan Hall, Anita Morrison, Jeffrey Currey, Tyron Harris

ALSO PRESENT Mark Zito, Superintendent of Schools
Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel
Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources
Paul Mainuli, Director of Finance
Kim Barrington, Student Representative

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Bryan Hall
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of April 26, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Tyron Harris
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey
To approve the following Minutes
Special Meeting of April 28, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey
To approve the following Minutes
Special Meeting of May 3, 2010 (4:40 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve the following Minutes
Special Meeting of May 3, 2010 (5:45 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Jeffrey Currey
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes
Special Meeting of May 3, 2010 (6:43 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

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MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To approve the following Minutes
Regular Meeting of May 3, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey
To approve the following Minutes
Special Meeting of May 6, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

- **Reminder:** East Hartford Public Schools Summer Registration – All registration paperwork must be completed on or before August 6, 2010 for a student to start on the first day of school – August 31st. Registration at BoE office now through August 5th, 8:00-4:00 P.M. Monday-Friday (Friday 8/6 closing at 1:00 P.M.); at EHHS, August 9-20, Mon., Wed., and Fri., 8:00-3:00 P.M., Tues. & Thurs. 10:00-6:00 P.M., again at the BOE office 8/23-9/3 8:00-1:00 P.M. Mon.-Fri.
- **Reminder:** Project Graduation, Annual Golf Tournament is May 22nd at Longhill Country Club, 130 Long Hill St., Further information can be obtained from Mike Walsh (860) 568-9168;
- Mr. Aberasturia asked for a moment of silence in memory of Elizabeth Foran, former registered nurse with the Board of Education.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Kimberly Barrington

- May 20th – Awards Night;
- May 22nd – Project Graduation – Golf Tournament
- May 25th – Top Twenty Dinner at Marco Polo Restaurant;
- May 27th – Taste of Pride Night – concert – 7:00 P.M.;
- June 2nd – Senior Picnic;
- June 3rd – Scholarship Breakfast;
- June 4th – Senior Prom
- June 7th – Yearbooks will be distributed;
- June 9th – Senior Night;
- June 14th -18th - Final Exams;
- June 23rd – Graduation
- **18 Days Left!**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Chelsey Humphrey, Concerned Parents Group Advocate – re: requests the BOE appropriate \$75,000 from its 2010-2011 budget for secular materials at St. Christopher School, and to continue to include St. Christopher School in the budget at the same amount.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/Appointments/No Action Required - None

School Business Partnership/Pratt & Whitney

(Penny Brice, SBP, Community Coordinator)

(Heather Summerer, Community Relations Manager, P&W)

The East Hartford Board of Education "Spotlight Award" was given to Heather Summerer, Community Relations Manager, Pratt & Whitney for their outstanding support for the past 21 years. Ms. Summerer noted Pratt & Whitney has donated over \$100,000 to the East Hartford Board of Education as well as \$100,000 to the community of East Hartford. She further noted contributions have been made to Goodwin College.

Report on Continuation of Program Improvement Project

(PIP Grant FY 2009-2010)

(Pat Perrone, Coordinator, Adult Education)

Ms. Perrone noted this is the third year applying for the Program Improvement (PIP) grant. For FY 2010-2011, we are applying for \$77,000. This will allow the continuation of providing a third high school completion option – the National External Diploma Program as well as the Transitions to College and Careers Program for Credit Diploma, and GED and ESL for students.

NEASC Report

(Matt Ryan, Principal, EHHS)

Mr. Ryan noted he has recommended that East Hartford High School receive continued accreditation in the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). A review was done in November 2009. Mr. Ryan also noted since that time the Follow-Up Committee has done self-study and recommendations from the Commission's visiting committee to ensure our continuation for further improvements. Areas of focus from the Commission's visiting committee are as follows: School Wide Rubrics, Curriculum, Parent Contact and Professional Development. The Follow-Up Committee will issue a progress report in February 2011.

Superintendent Zito stated we have full accreditation. The report is pretty standard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson/ Superintendent Reports

Superintendent Mark Zito

- Superintendent Zito noted this is an exciting time of year for Seniors. Enjoy, but make positive and good choices to ensure safety.
- Thank you to Debbie Kaprove for her involvement with the Michael Abelon Walk on May 15th. The event was well attended.
- Congratulations to Jill Wnuk for receiving the States Exemplary Middle Elementary Teacher of the Year – for excellence in teaching and leadership in the profession.
- Superintendent Zito provided enrollment numbers re: Sunset Ridge School – 350 families have applied and 38 are on a waiting list; EHMS had 99 students registered, with a waiting list of 25. A copy of this report will be distributed to Board members.

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Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes

- Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes also stressed safety during the senior activities and wished all seniors an enjoyable time.

Special Committee Reports

Policy & Audit – Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes – meeting scheduled for May 19th;

Curriculum – Dorese Roberts – meeting scheduled for June 7th;

Facilities – Bryan Hall – meeting scheduled for May 20th, 5:00 P.M.;

Finance & Audit – Ram Aberasturia - meeting scheduled for June 2, 5:30 P.M.

PERSONNEL

MOTION

By Dorese Roberts

Seconded by Anita Morrison

To approve six **Resignations:**

1. Kwame A. Hammond, SPED/Para, effective 4/30/10;
2. Colleen Schmelter, Title I Tutor, effective 5/13/10;
3. Lourie E. Martinez, Elementary Teacher, effective 6/30/10;
4. Jessica A. Aglieco, Priority Tutor, effective 5/21/10;
5. Melissa Longo, SPED/Teacher, effective 6/30/10;
6. Brian A. Holmes, Behavior Manager, effective 5/12/2010

Motion unanimously carried.

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Bid #1662-10 School Uniforms

(Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)

(Nate Quesnel, EHMS Principal)

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To approve Bid #1662-10 School Uniforms and award to Connecticut Shirt Man.

Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Hall suggested having students march in the Memorial Day Parade wearing the new uniforms. They do have float. Ms. Morrison suggested the importance of getting the word out regarding uniforms. A scavenger hunt is being held on May 25th – may be able to have merchandise available at the school. Superintendent stated, as he suggested in the past, forms for uniforms will be available at Central Registration.

To Approve Request for Overnight Travel June 27, 2010 – June 30, 2010 to Northfield, MA

(John Karzar, Principal, Synergy)

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Anita Morrison

To approve request for overnight travel to Northfield, MA
June 27, 2010 – June 30, 2010 for students from Stevens

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Alternative High School.
Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Karzar noted there will be four chaperones and ten students. The trip is paid for by grant dollars.

To Approve Request for Overnight Travel July 17, 2010 – July 24, 2010 to Northfield, MA
(John Karzar, Principal, Synergy)

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve request for overnight travel to Northfield, MA
July 17, 2010 – July 24, 2010 for students from Stevens
Alternative High School.
Motion unanimously carried.

There will be twenty 8th graders on this trip. This also is paid for by grant dollars. Superintendent Zito stated this program has real value.

To Approve State of Connecticut Healthy Food Certification
(Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)

(Marc Nogueira, Sodexo)
MOTION By Jeffrey Currey
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve State of CT Healthy Food Certification, complying
with Connecticut Section 10-21 certification that food meets
nutrition standards.
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Anita Morrison
The East Hartford Board of Education is authorized to “exclude
from such certification the sale to students of food and beverage
items as identified in Section 10-215f and Section 10-21q and
detailed in Section 3(b) – Exemption Statement; provided (1) such
sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of a regular
school day or on a weekend, (2) such sale is at a location of the
event, and (3) such food is not sold from a vending machine or
school store.
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Anita Morrison
The East Hartford Board of Education will allow the sale to
students of beverages not listed in the state statute provided
that the following conditions are met: (1) the sale is in
connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular
school day or on the weekend; (2) the sale is at the location of

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the event; and (3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store.

Motion unanimously carried.

To Approve Year End Fleet and Other Equipment Purchases, Pending Funds Availability
(Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)

(Al Costa, Director of Facilities)

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

Seconded by Anita Morrison

To approve year-end fleet and other equipment purchases, pending funds available and having vehicles on the lot by June 30, 2010.

Motion carried. Nay: Robert Damaschi

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Jeffrey Currey – (1)attended concerts and noted how talented the students are; (2) thank you to Administration for sending out Social Workers to the recent tragedy site on Nutmeg Lane. Superintendent Zito stated Dr. Bremner coordinated this effort.

Anita Morrison – Child Plan sponsored a Parent Information Night at Norris School. The Superintendent attended. Ms. Morrison encouraged all schools to sponsor such a night.

Dorese Roberts – attended the Awards Ceremony and noted Nate Quesnel was wonderful!

Ram Aberasturia – thanked Administration for notifying Board members of the recent tragedy on Silver Lane. Superintendent Zito stated we will continue to monitor the Silver Lane/Mercer Avenue area.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Bryan Hall – re’’: thanked Guy Collins for allowing parents at EHHS and EHMS to be able to connect to the e-School Plus program.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Dorese Roberts – suggested that representatives of MADD come to the schools to present a program regarding safety and drunk driving.

MOTION

By Tyron Harris

Seconded by Jeffrey Currey

To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:45 P.M.)

Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald