

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, September 21, 2009, at the Connecticut International Baccalaureate Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes.

PRESENT Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Secretary Ram Aberasturia, Robert Damaschi, Dorese Roberts, Anita Morrison, Karen Howe, Marcus Oladell, IV Bryan Hall

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
Kimberly Barrington, Student Representative

ABSENT Hilde Mayranen-O'Brien

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Bryan Hall
To add to this evening's agenda Consent Calendar under New Business to table for first read Items h-ac and ae, and add new Item af – New Sound System at EHHS
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Bryan Hall
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting, August 11, 2009
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting, August 18, 2009
Motion unanimously carried.

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MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes, as corrected:
Special Meeting, August 27, 2009
Page 1: remove name of **Anita Morrison** as being present;
Page 2: recorded by **Dr. Sharon Bremner**
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting, August 27, 2009
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve the following Minutes, as corrected:
Regular Meeting, September 8, 2009
Page 4: Ms. Howe asked what **do** we do with students...
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD - None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Kimberly Barrington, Student Representative

Homecoming:

- game is October 10th
- dance is October 9th
- theme is Welcome to the Jungle
- tickets are \$20 – package includes Class T-shirt, football ticket, dance ticket and prizes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Tom Jarish, 50 Bates Dr., East Hartford – re: son is in 10th grade at East Catholic – Please allow East Hartford residents so share transportation with Cheney Tech bus, if there are empty seats; parents should request bussing on a yearly basis;
2. Mike Morelli, EH Police Department, Secretary of Union – re: asks that building rental fee be waived for October 3rd benefit to raise dollars – this will benefit the community. The EH Police Union will provide all security.
3. Christian Cashman, 94 Rubin Rd., West Hartford, Principal, East Catholic re: Sharing busses – it will not cost additional dollars to East Hartford – we would like to use the Cheney Tech busses on a first-come, first-serve basis – seven students would use this

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service this year. Any discipline issues would be handled by East Catholic – we have never had any discipline issues.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/Appointments/No Action Required

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson/ Superintendent Reports

Superintendent Mark Zito

- Congratulations to the EHHS football team;
- Met with President of Goodwin College – EHHS students can enroll for college courses at no cost;
- Stan Staron is working with vendors to provide staff and students with hand sanitizers;
- Thank you to Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes for positive comments from parents regarding open houses at schools;
- Congratulations to the EHEA and the Town Council for adopting a three-year contract; and thank you to the Board of Education and Union.

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes

- Echoes the Superintendent's remarks regarding the contract – teachers are to be commended in helping the Board and Town. She further noted she believes next year's financial picture will be worse than this year. We have phenomenal teachers – She stated she has heard from teachers at Sunset Ridge and Pitkin schools, and they are thrilled.
- Hopes everyone has a wonderful year – if you have concerns with your child, please talk with you child's teacher first.

Special Committee Reports

Policy & Audit – Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes – had meeting this past week – we will be slowing down with policies – we did not pay CREC \$25,000 for membership this year – they were helping us with our policies

Curriculum – Hilde Mayranen-O'Brien - will be meeting before October 5th;

Facilities – Robert Damaschi – no meeting scheduled;

Finance & Audit – Ram Aberasturia - meeting scheduled for October 7th, 5:30, Board office;

Future Planning – Karen Howe – have been working with Facilities, Paul Mainuli, Stan Staron, Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes and Superintendent Zito to discuss redistricting.

PERSONNEL

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

Seconded by Anita Morrison

To approve one **Resignation**

1. Monica M. Giglio, English Dept. Head, effective 10/2/09

Motion unanimously carried.

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OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Remove from Table and Approve Energy Reduction Program and Referral to Town Council for Action

(Paul Mainuli, Business Services)

(Johnson Controls)

MOTION

By Robert Damaschi

Seconded by Karen Howe

To remove from table and approve Energy Reduction Program and refer to Town Council for action (Phase II of RFP#1532-05)

Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion with possible action regarding student transportation to East Catholic High School

(Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

Seconded by Anita Morrison

To **table** approval of student transportation to East Catholic High School for a future date for further discussion.

Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mainuli stated we have four busses that go to Cheney Tech. We like to have 50 students per bus. We need an equitable process to follow. A lottery could be conducted for all East Hartford and East Catholic students to participate. We must also consider does Cheney Tech follow East Catholic's school calendar. Regarding special education needs – if a student requires special needs; i.e., wheelchair, we would have to bear the cost (\$48,000); budgetary climate is dire, and we may have a catastrophic financial picture next year. Mr. Mainuli suggests we move slowly and cautiously.

Superintendent Zito stated we have to be considerate of other parents who elect to have their children go out of East Hartford.

Mr. Mainuli further stated, before we move forward, we need to bring all elements together. We are talking with our attorneys.

To Approve the Renewal Request for Service Agreement with New Hope Manor to provide on-site counseling services at East Hartford High School

(Brian Reynolds, EHHS)

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

Seconded by Bryan Hall

To approve request for service agreement with New Hope Manor to provide on-site counseling services at EHHS.

Motion unanimously carried.

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To Approve Federal Head Start Grant

(Nancy Moriarty, Supervisor, Willowbrook)

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To approve Federal Head Start Grant.
Motion unanimously carried.

Nancy Moriarty, Supervisor, Willowbrook School, was present to answer any questions Board members might have. She noted presently there are 216 students enrolled in the Head Start program, and there is a waiting list.

To Approve Overnight Field Trip to First Congregational Church in East Hartford, CT

(Robert Spiller, CIBA)

MOTION By Marcus Oladell, IV
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve request for an overnight field trip to First Congregational Church in East Hartford, CT
Motion unanimously carried.

To Approve Request for Building Rental Fee Waiver for East Hartford Police Officers Association

(Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To approve request for building rental fee waiver for East Hartford Police Officers Association
Motion unanimously carried.

There was discussion regarding if funds raised at the fundraiser concert exceeded expectations that possibly a scholarship could be established for an EHHS student.

Superintendent Zito stated he would be happy to meet with the Police Department regarding a scholarship for someone from East Hartford High School.

To Approve State of CT Healthy Food Beverages Exemption Under Section 10-0221q of the Connecticut General Statutes

(Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve State of CT Healthy Food Beverages Exemption Under Section 10-0221q of the Connecticut General Statutes
Motion unanimously carried.

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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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

**To Table for First Read Policy 1000 Concept, Goals, and Roles in Community Relations
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**To Table for First Read Policy 1112 News Media Relationships
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**To Table for First Read Policy 1112.2 School News Releases
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**To Table for First Read Policy 1150/1160 Communications with the Public
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**To Table for First Read Policy 1180 Memorials for Deceased Students or Staff
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**To Table for First Read Policy 1210 School Community Associations
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**To Table for First Read Policy 1221 Citizens' Advisory Committees for the Board of
Education
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**To Table for First Read Policy 1250 Visits to the Schools (During School Hours)
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**To Table for First Read Policy 1260 Educational Foundations
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**To Table for First Read Policy 1310 Relations Between Public and School Personnel
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

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To Table for First Read Policy 1311 Staff Participation in Community Life
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

To Table for First Read Policy 1312.1 Complaints concerning Categorically funded Programs
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

To Table for First Read Policy 1315 Distribution of Materials to School/Personnel
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

To Table for First Read Policy 1321 Public Performances by Students
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

To Table for First Read Policy 1323 Gifts to Students
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

To Table for First Read Policy 1340 Access to School Procedures and Materials
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

To Table for First Read Policy 1414 Relations with Welfare/Youth Services Department
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

To Table for First Read Policy 1416 Fiscal Authority
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

To Table for First Read Policy 1430/1440 State/Federal Government
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

To Table for First Read Policy 1500 Relations between Area, State, Regional & National Associations and the Schools
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

To Table for First Read Policy 1600 Relations between Non-Public and Other Education Organizations and the Schools
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

To Table for First Read Policy 5142 Student Safety
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

To Table for First Read Bylaw 9010 Limits of Authority
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Motion unanimously carried.

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To Table for First Read Bylaw 9000 Roles of the Board and Member

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

MOTION

By Robert Damaschi

Seconded by Anita Morrison

To table for first read Bylaw 9000 Roles of the Board and Member,
Including No. 6 under Duties: Expend its budget wisely and efficiently. Adopt an annual budget.

Motion unanimously carried.

Approve Sound System for EHHS Football Field

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Ram Aberasturia

To accept a \$10,000 donation from UTC to purchase a sound
System for EHHS football field.

Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mainuli noted we will be working with Penny Brice and EHHS. We would like to have the system installed by October 10th, the first Home Game. It was suggested to have the old system donated to another school or someplace where it can be used. Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes thanked UTC for their generous donation.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Dorese Roberts – Attended EHMS Open House – Principal Quesnel is doing a great job; Saturday tutoring is available for those students that may need help; also visited an English class and was very impressed with the teaching strategies used.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Anita Morrison – re: (1) to the Superintendent – what is this year's percentage for free and reduced lunches. Superintendent Zito stated of 7,300 students, about 4,000 receive free and reduced lunches. He will provide that information after the October 1st count; (2) re: PTO's/vs. PTA's – how many PTO's and PTA's have insurance policies. Mr. Mainuli noted our auditors prefer for PTO's and PTA's to have their own insurance. We can assist them but not manage them. The Superintendent stated we are here to support them but they manage their own programs.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

-Ram Aberasturia - re: service learning component for graduation requirements. Superintendent Zito stated the Assistant Superintendent can be involved in this subject.

MOTION

By Dorese Roberts

Seconded by Anita Morrison

To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (9:00 P.M.)

Motion unanimously carried.