

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
JANUARY 3, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, January 3, 2011, at the Connecticut IB 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, Dorese Roberts, Marcus Oladell, IV, Tyron Harris, Anita Morrison, Bryan Hall, Jeffrey Currey, Julie Kieras

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
Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources
Kim Tran, Student Representative

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of December 20, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Meeting of December 20, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD - None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Kim Tran, Student Representative

- Sports Week – both **Basketball** teams play in the CCC this week – Weaver on Tuesday and East Catholic on Friday; **Swimming** – Newington & Platt/Maloney; **Wrestling** – away at Berlin & South Windsor; **Track** at Glastonbury;
- January 18-24 – mid-term exams – students will receive additional information on January 10th;
- During exam week, EHHS students will be meeting with one team of 8th graders per day from EHMS to familiarize the students with courses offered at EHHS. The program is being sponsored by the Guidance Department.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/Appointments/No Action Required

Chairperson/ Superintendent Reports

Superintendent Mark Zito

- Superintendent Zito thanked the Board members for their participation in the budget workshops. He noted Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes has signed off on a letter to the Mayor submitting the proposed budget. Superintendent Zito also thanked Mr. Mainuli and his staff for their assistance in preparation of the budget;
- New England Federal Credit Union has donated \$250 to the EHMS Uniform Fund for those who cannot afford to pay for uniforms. McDonalds and many others in the community have also made contributions to the Uniform Fund.
- Happy and Safe New Year to everyone;
- Congratulations to Mayor Melody Currey on her appointment as Commissioner of Motor Vehicles;
- Special Board Meeting on January 26th will focus on Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics (STEM) in our schools.

- **Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes**
- Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes thanked the Business Department and rest of the Superintendent's cabinet for the help the Board received in presenting a zero-based budget to the Mayor;
- Regarding the Uniform Fund, thanks to all that contributed. Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes noted the Board is seriously considering having a uniform policy throughout the district;
- To the Board members, welcome back from the holiday recess, I look forward to working with you.

Special Committee Reports

Policy & Audit – Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes – meeting scheduled for 1/19/11, 5:15 P.M.

Curriculum – Dorese Roberts – meeting scheduled for 1/10/11, 6:00 P.M.

Facilities – Bryan Hall – meeting scheduled for 2/7/11, 6:00 P.M.

Finance & Audit – Ram Aberasturia - meeting scheduled for 1/12/11, 5:30 P.M.

PERSONNEL

MOTION

By Anita Morrison

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To approve one **Retirement:**

1. Judith Petrofsky, Teacher, effective 6/30/2011

Motion unanimously carried.

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MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve one **Resignation:**
1. Mildred A. Victor, Sped/Para, effective 1/2/2011
Motion unanimously carried.

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Remove from Table and Approve Policy 4118.232/4218.232 – Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace

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

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To remove from table and approve Policy 4118.232/4218.232 –
Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace
Motion unanimously carried.

Remove from Table and Approve Policy 5000 – Goals and Objectives

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

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Ram Aberasturia
To remove from table and approve Policy 5000 – Goals and Objectives
Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve 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 certified staff member’s use of Employee Sick Bank
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 4112.5/4212.5 – Security Check/Fingerprinting

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

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To **table** for first read Policy 4112.5/4212.5 – Security Check/
Fingerprinting
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 6162.6 – Use of Copy Devices and Copied Materials

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

MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Ram Aberasturia
To **table** for first read Policy 6162.6 – Use of Copy Devices and
Materials
Motion unanimously carried.

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REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS - None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS BY BOARD MEMBERS - None

MOTION By Jeffrey Currey
 Seconded by Anita Morrison
 To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (7:12 P.M.)
 Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald