

**REGULAR MEETING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
MARCH 21, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, March 21, 2011, at the Connecticut IB 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 Jeffrey Currey,  
Marcus Oladell, IV, Anita Morrison, Bryan Hall, Julie Kieras,  
Tyron Harris, Christopher Gentile, Dorese Roberts

**ALSO PRESENT** Mark Zito, Superintendent of Schools  
Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Paul Mainuli, Director of Finance  
Haley Sluboski, Student Representative

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

**MOTION** By Jeffrey Currey  
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV  
To add to this evening's agenda Consent Calendar under  
New Business, items i-l  
Motion unanimously carried.

**MOTION** By Bryan Hall  
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey  
Under New Business, move Item D after "I"  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Anita Morrison  
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Regular Meeting of March 7, 2011  
Motion unanimously carried.

**MOTION** By Jeffrey Currey  
Seconded by Anita Morrison  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Meeting of March 14, 2011 (5:30 P.M.)  
Motion unanimously carried.

**MOTION** By Anita Morrison  
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Meeting of March 14, 2011 (6:05 P.M.)  
Motion unanimously carried.

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**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

- East Hartford Garden Club is offering one \$500 scholarship for any student majoring in horticulture, landscape design, botany or other allied subjects. Applications are available in the Guidance Department and must be received by May 1<sup>st</sup> for consideration;
- Community Resource Center is opening its doors April 4<sup>th</sup> in the East Hartford Middle School to provide local and state resources to all East Hartford residents. Call Lisa McMahon, Coordinator, at 622-5635 for further information. A grand opening will take place on April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- April 1<sup>st</sup> – Kindergarten registration begins for anyone residing in East Hartford.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

**Haley Sluboski, Student Representative**

- Student Council had their State competition at Wesleyan University on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>; East Hartford was awarded the Gold Award for their achievements in 2010 and 2011. They also received recognition for the Project Swap for the Senior Citizens Prom;
- March 25<sup>th</sup> – Winter Pep Rally will be held in the EHHS gym;
- This week the Penny War begins – proceeds go to Pennies for Patients;
- Uniform Committee will meet again on Wednesday; CT Shirtman will be the vendor for our uniforms; students will be able to purchase uniforms in Room 122 from May to the beginning of the school year;
- March 25<sup>th</sup> – Juniors and Seniors will have assemblies;
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – Junior Prom will be held.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - None

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**Human Resources/Appointments/No Action Required**

**Recognition of TD Bank**

**(Penny Brice, Coordinator, SBP)**

**(T. David Constant, Manager, TD Bank)**

**(Melinda Smith, TD Bank)**

Penny Brice noted that TD Bank has contributed a mini grant of \$2,500 to the School/Business Partnership. She stated we will be using these dollars for school uniforms for those families that cannot afford to pay for uniforms. TD Bank has contributed many dollars in the past. Ms. Brice presented a plaque to T. David Constant, Manager, TD Bank. Mr. Constant stated TD Bank was happy to contribute to the East Hartford school district.

**2010-2011 Third Quarter Budget Analysis**

**(Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)**

Mr. Mainuli reviewed his third quarter financial forecast as of February 24, 2011. He anticipates having \$300,000 at the end of the year. Included in this report is \$700,000 allocated to the Town for insurance.

**Chairperson/ Superintendent Reports**

**Superintendent Mark Zito**

- We are having our second round of Open Houses re: STEM schools: Sunset Ridge tonight at 6:00 P.M., O'Brien tomorrow at 5:30 P.M. and EHMS tomorrow at 7:00 P.M.; close to 800 parents have responded to our survey;
- Elementary conference week is this week – uniforms are displayed in all schools; thanks to the vendor. A letter will go out in the fall regarding where uniforms can be purchased;
- Dr. Bremner and Paul Mainuli received 100 percent compliance on our desk audit. This is good news for East Hartford;
- I met with Penny Brice regarding the mini grant from TD Bank. I am happy that TD Bank was able to help us.

**Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes**

- We have wonderful businesses that help out the schools – thank you to all who volunteer time in their business setting;
- We are continuing with school uniforms and excited about the logo for the STEM school.

**Special Committee Reports**

**Policy & Audit – Bryan Hall-** we met last week. Next meeting will be scheduled for May.  
**Curriculum – Dorese Roberts** – we met last week – next meeting will be scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 P.M.

**Facilities – Anita Morrison** – meeting scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 P.M.

**Finance & Audit – Jeffrey Currey** – meeting scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 P.M.

**PERSONNEL**

**MOTION**

By Anita Morrison

Seconded by Bryan Hall

To approve **one Retirement:**

- 1. Marylee A. Hickey, Spec Ed Teacher, effective 6/30/11**

Motion unanimously carried.

**MOTION**

By Jeffrey Currey

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To approve **five Resignations:**

- 1. Eileen K. Gould, Elem. Teacher, effective 3/1/11**
- 2. Nadya Mujica, Bilingual Tutor, effective 3/4/11**
- 3. Judith A. Merrick, Education Manager, effective 3/25/11**
- 4. David M. Morelli, Spec Ed Teacher, effective 6/30/11**
- 5. Julie C. Burke, Speech/Language Pathologist, effective 3/11/11**

Motion unanimously carried.

**OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION**

By Julie Kieras  
Seconded by Marcus Oladell IV  
To approve the following items on  
Consent Calendar:

**Approve Non-Certified Staff Member's Use of Employee Sick Bank – EHHS**

**Approve Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Teacher - EHHS**

**(Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources)**

**Approve Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Teacher - EHHS**

**(Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources)**

**Approve Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Teacher - Elementary**

**(Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources)**

Motion unanimously carried.

**Discussion with possible action regarding Retirement Incentive for Certified Employees**

**MOTION**

By Jeffrey Currey  
Seconded by Tyron Harris  
To approve Memorandum of Agreement between the EHEA and  
Supervisory Unit with the East Hartford Public Schools regarding  
Retirement Incentive for Certified Employees.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Approve School Readiness Grant**

**(Joanne LeBeau, Principal, Willowbrook)**

**MOTION**

By Jeffrey Currey  
Seconded by Bryan Hall  
To approve School Readiness Grant Application for the 2011-2012  
school year.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Approve Request for Overnight Travel to Hartford, CT**

**(Laura White, Supervisor, Fine & Performing Arts)**

**(MOTION**

By Bryan Hall  
Seconded by Anita Morrison  
To approve Overnight Travel to Hartford, CT for one student from  
EHHS to attend the All State Music Festival April 4-9, 2011.  
Motion unanimously carried.

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**Approve Request for Overnight Travel to Hartford, CT**

**(Laura White, Supervisor, Fine & Performing Arts)**

**(MOTION**

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Jeffrey Currey

To approve Overnight Travel to Orlando, FL for approximately 120 EHHS students to travel to Walt Disney World, to participate in public performances and high quality workshops April 13-17, 2012. Motion unanimously carried.

**Approve Internship Pilot Course Proposal – EHHS**

**(Michelle Hacker, Department Head, CTE)**

**MOTION**

By Jeffrey Currey

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To approve Internship Pilot Course Proposal for the Career Technical Education Department at EHHS to be offered in the 2011-12 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

**Approve 2011-2012 School Calendar**

**(Dan Brodeur, Principal, Goodwin)**

**MOTION**

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Anita Morrison

To **table** the 2011-2012 School Calendar, pending additional information. Motion unanimously carried.

**Approve SAN Solution/Virtual Services for Information Technology**

**(Guy Collins, Supervisor, Information Technology)**

**(Ken Sayers, Network Administrator)**

**MOTION**

By Anita Morrison

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To approve SAN Solution/Virtual Services for Information Technology Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mainuli stated we will be purchasing the equipment in early May. The SAN system will allow the district a saving of \$100,000 over the next five years.

**Approve Year End Priority Technology and Other Purchases Pending Funds Availability**

**(Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)**

**MOTION**

By Jeffrey Currey

Seconded by Anita Morrison

To **table** year end priority technology and other purchases, pending funds availability.

Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mainuli was asked by Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes to prioritize the list presented. Mr. Mainuli noted the following will be at the top of the list: purchase of textbooks and special

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supplies; IT Department needs – we would like to get on a rotation basis for our technology needs); Facilities improvements – equipment needs. He further stated he would like to do as much as possible, pending funds available.

**Approve Board of Education’s Adopted Budget for FY 2011-2012**  
**(Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)**

**MOTION**

By Jeffrey Currey

Seconded by Bryan Hall

To approve Board of Education’s Adopted Budget for FY 2011-2012 of \$89,498,910.

Motion unanimously carried.

On March 8, 2011, the Town Council set the Board’s direct appropriation at \$82,498,910, which includes Town and State funds on ECS. Superintendent Zito stated we had to cut \$2 million to get to this adopted budget. He further noted we will prioritize ongoing needs. Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes thanked the Superintendent and his cabinet, administrators and Board members for their diligent work during the budget process. Mr. Currey also thanked Paul and his staff for their invaluable expertise.

**REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS -**

**Dorese Roberts** (1) visited O’Brien School; (2) received a letter from a student in the third grade at Hockanum School inviting Ms. Roberts to be a mystery reader. She was unable to accept the invite, due to her work schedule. She noted she would like to do it the future.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - None

**QUESTIONS/CONCERNS BY BOARD MEMBERS** - None

**MOTION**

By Jeff Currey

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:20 P.M.)

Motion unanimously carried.