

**REGULAR MEETING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
APRIL 4, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, April 4, 2011, at the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes.

**PRESENT** Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Secretary Jeffrey Currey, Marcus Oladell, IV, Anita Morrison, 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  
Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel  
Al Costa, Director of Facilities  
Haley Sluboski, Student Representative  
Kim Tran, Student Representative

**ABSENT** Bryan Hall

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

**MOTION** By Marcus Oladell, IV  
Seconded by Anita Morrison  
To add to this evening's agenda under  
Old and Unfinished Business place Item a Approval of 2011-12  
School Calendar under New Business after Item h; also, place on  
Consent Calendar under New Business Items j – o.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Jeffrey Currey  
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Meeting of March 17, 2011 (5:40 P.M.)  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Anita Morrison  
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Meeting of March 17, 2011 (6:31 P.M.)  
Motion unanimously carried.

**MOTION** By Marcus Oladell, IV  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Regular Meeting of March 21, 2011  
Motion unanimously carried.

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**MOTION** By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Meeting of March 22, 2011  
Motion unanimously carried.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

- EHHS student, Justin Carter, received the Spirit of Life Award on March 11<sup>th</sup> by the Special Olympics Connecticut, in conjunction with the Unified Sports Program and the CT Interscholastic Athletic Conference;
- EHHS Student Council attended the State Leadership Conference at Wesleyan University at which they received the Gold Award and a Project Swap Award;
- Congratulations to Joshua Dillon, Junior at EHHS, for being selected as one of thirty Governor's Scholars of Connecticut for 2011. He will be honored at the Governor's Scholars Luncheon on May 19, 2011;

**Jeffrey Currey – For the 2011-12 school year, April 1<sup>st</sup> Kindergarten registration began for anyone residing in East Hartford. Please be sure to register your child.** For all East Hartford schools, registration is ongoing year round at Central Registration, 1110 Main Street.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

**Haley Sluboski, Student Representative**

**Kim Tran, Student Representative**

- April 9<sup>th</sup> – Junior Prom at Maneely's Banquet Hall, South Windsor;
- April 14-16 – EHHS Music Department annual production – this year it is Guys and Dolls at EHHS Auditorium;
- April 16<sup>th</sup> – Annual Bunny Breakfast, 9:00 A.M. in the EHHS Cafeteria;
- April 27<sup>th</sup> – Annual Senior Citizen Prom in the EHHS Cafeteria – theme this year is Home on the Range;
- EHHS Student Center Bullying Task Force has been created to assist students to become advocates for victims of bullying.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

1. Karen O'Connell, President, EHEA – re: Board of Education Appreciation Day - thanks to Board members, administrators, teachers, students and parents for all they do throughout the year;

**BOARD OF EDUCATION APPRECIATION**

**(Matt Ryan, Principal EHHS)**

**(Building Principals)**

Mr. Ryan stated on behalf of principals, we appreciate the support given to us by the Board of Education on a daily basis for the students of East Hartford. Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes noted that a poem was given to all Board members; also, the culinary arts students treated the Board to a wonderful dinner this evening. Ms. Roberts thanked all students for remembering her this evening. Ms. Morrison thanked all for their dedication and noted the

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dinner was lovely this evening. Ms. Kieras noted the dinner was impressive; thank you to all for reaching out to the community and district.

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**Human Resources/Appointments/No Action Required - None**

**Update on Sixth Grade at EHMS**

**(Nate Quesnel, Principal, EHMS)**

Mr. Quesnel updated the Board on the continuing success of the sixth grade students at EHMS. They are totally comfortable in their environment and have shown great strides since the beginning the school year. Mr. Quesnel thanked David Caruso and Lynda Boyle for their outstanding efforts in making the programs offered a success. He noted the goal of the program for Grades 6-8 is continuity and consistency, vigorous academic program and enriching activities. He further noted there are currently 104 students in the program. We are trying to accommodate a total of 150 students.

**Hornets Program**

**(Mary Beth Kuzoian, Program Director, Out of School Programs)**

**(Teresa Mason, Program Director, Out of School Programs)**

**(Eric Crawford, Intervention Specialist)**

Mr. Crawford gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Hornets mentoring/basketball program. He noted he works in partnership with community agencies and families so students will have the opportunity to reach their fullest potential. Four schools were selected and principals were asked to identify ten, high risk students who held some interest in basketball, noting that the program is about improving behavior/grades, not about basketball.

Students and their mentors met on a weekly basis at their schools, including time in the basketball program. Parents participate by attending a workshop every month during which time guest speakers give presentations. Principals and teachers stated the students are showing improvement in their behavior.

Mr. Crawford thanked Mary Beth Kuzoian and Teresa Mason for their support in ensuring the success of the program. Mr. Crawford is hoping that the inter-district funding grant will come forth in August.

**Chairperson/ Superintendent Reports**

**Superintendent Mark Zito**

- Thank you to parents and students who came here this evening;
- Thank you to the culinary arts students for dinner this evening;
- Thank you to Dr. Testa who worked with the Guidance Department in hosting a breakfast meeting;
- A special thank to Dr. Orszulak for helping to raise over \$400 for those in need in Japan after their recent disaster;
- Congratulations to Rachel Buck for being recognized by UCONN as an outstanding educator;

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- The Connecticut Shirtman is opening a satellite store in Room 122, at EHHS, on May 18<sup>th</sup> for the purchase of school uniforms.

**Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes**

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes stated she is very excited with the new enrollment options being offered to families/students this coming fall. Families will have several choices from which to choose for their child.

**Special Committee Reports**

**Policy & Audit – Bryan Hall-** we met last week. Next meeting will be scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 P.M.

**Curriculum – Dorese Roberts** – meeting scheduled for April 11th , 6:00 P.M.

**Facilities – Anita Morrison** – no meeting scheduled at this time.

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

**PERSONNEL**

**MOTION**

By Anita Morris

Seconded by Julie Kieras

To approve **one Resignation:**

**1. Christopher S. Zanetti, Custodian I, effective 3/15/2011**

Motion unanimously carried.

**OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Approve ERASE Student Substance Use Survey**

**(Bonnie Smith, East of the River Action for Substance Abuse Elimination (ERASE))**

**MOTION**

By Jeffrey Currey

Seconded by Tyron Harris

To approve ERASE Student Substance Use Survey

Motion carried. **Nay:** Anita Morrison, Dorese Roberts

**Remove from Table and Approve Policy 3323 – Soliciting Prices**

**(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**MOTION**

By Anita Morrison

Seconded by Dorese Roberts

To remove from table and approve Policy 3323 – Soliciting Prices

Motion unanimously carried.

**Remove from Table and Approve Policy 5112.4 Disenrollment**

**(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**MOTION**

By Dorese Roberts

Seconded by Anita Morrison

To remove from table and approve Policy 5112.4 - Disenrollment

Motion unanimously carried.

**Remove from Table and Approve Policy 5114 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process/Conduct and Discipline**

**(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

MOTION By Jeffrey Currey  
Seconded by Tyron Harris  
To **table** Policy 5114 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process/Conduct and Discipline and refer back to Policy & Audit Motion unanimously carried.

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes suggested the Board may want to invite principals of high schools to attend a Board hearing.

**Remove from Table and Approve Policy 5117 – School Attendance Areas**

**(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

MOTION By Julie Kieras  
Seconded by Anita Morrison  
To remove from table and approve Policy 5117 – School Attendance Areas  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Remove from Table and Approve Policy 5131.3 – Student Driving/Parking**

**(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

MOTION By Anita Morrison  
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV  
To remove from table and approve Policy 5131.3- Student Driving/Parking  
Motion carried. Nay: Tyron Harris, Jeffrey Currey

**Remove from Table and Approve Policy 5131.5 - Vandalism**

**(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

MOTION By Jeffrey Currey  
Seconded by Anita Morrison  
To remove from table and approve Policy 5131.5 – Vandalism  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Remove from Table and Approve Policy 5131.81 – Electronic Devices**

**(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

MOTION By Jeffrey Currey  
Marcus Oladell, IV  
To remove from table and approve Policy 5131.81 Electronic Devices  
Motion unanimously carried.

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**Remove from Table and Approve Policy 5131.911 - Bullying  
(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**MOTION** By Jeffrey Currey  
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV  
To remove from table and approve Policy 5131.911 Bullying  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Remove from Table and Approve Policy 5140 – Student Welfare  
(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**MOTION** By Anita Morrison  
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey  
To remove from table and approve Policy 140 – Student Welfare  
Motion unanimously carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approve Request for Overnight Travel to Madison, CT  
(Janice May, EHHS Outdoor Club Advisor)**

**MOTION** By Jeffrey Currey  
Seconded by Anita Morrison  
To approve request for overnight travel to Madison, CT  
5/21/11-5/22/11, for ten EHHS students, who are members of the  
Outdoor Club, to participate in a saltwater marsh program and campout.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Approve Request to Purchase Pre-Algebra Textbooks for EHMS  
(Dr. Tod Kenney, Math Department Head)**

**MOTION** By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV  
To approve request to purchase pre-Algebra textbooks for EHMS  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Approve Request to Purchase -Algebra 1 Textbooks for EHMS  
(Dr. Tod Kenney, Math Department Head)**

**MOTION** By Tyron Harris  
Seconded by Anita Morrison  
To approve request to purchase Algebra 1 textbooks for EHMS  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Approve Request for Purchase of Myers Psychology Textbooks for EHHS  
(Ed Quick, EHHS)**

**MOTION** By Jeffrey Currey  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve request for purchase of Myers Psychology Textbooks for  
EHHS  
Motion unanimously carried.

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**Approve EHHS and CIBA Graduation Dates**

**(Matt Ryan, Principal, EHHS)**

**MOTION** By Anita Morrison  
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey  
To approve EHHS and CIBA Graduation Dates  
Motion unanimously carried.

East Hartford High School graduation will be held on June 23, 2011 at the Bushnell in Hartford;  
CIBA Graduation will be held June 21, 2011 at East Hartford Middle School.

**Approve Capital Improvement Plan**

**(Al Costa, Director of Facilities)**

**MOTION** By Anita Morrison  
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey  
To approve the FY 2011 Capital Improvement Plan  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Approve Goodwin Roof Replacement**

**(Al Costa, Director of Facilities)**

**MOTION** By Anita Morrison  
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey  
To approve Goodwin Roof Replacement and award to New Britain Roofing, Newington, CT in the amount of \$1,400,000, which includes Alternate #1.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Approve Suspension of Policy 6111**

**(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Board Chair)**

**MOTION** By Julie Kieras  
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV  
To Approve suspension of Policy 6111  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Remove from Table and Approve 2011-12 School Calendar**

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

**MOTION** By Jeffrey Currey  
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV  
To remove from table and approve 2011-12 School Calendar  
Motion unanimously carried.

**MOTION** By Jeffrey Currey  
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV  
To approve the following items on  
Consent Calendar:

**To Table for First Read Policy 5118 – Non-Resident Attendance**  
(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

**To Table for First Read Policy 5123.3 – Graduation Ceremonies (Participation)**  
(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

**To Table for First Read Policy 6176 – Career and Technical Education**  
(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

**To Table for First Read Policy 6176.1 – Career and Technical Education**  
(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

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

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

Motion unanimously carried.

**REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS –**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - None

**QUESTIONS/CONCERNS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

**Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes** stated Hamden received funding from the Connecticut Energy Fund and used those funds to install solar panels. Information will be forwarded from Hamden to Mr. Costa for his review.

**Anita Morrison** noted last Friday 18 students from Hockanum School assisted with the food program at St. Mary’s Church

**Jeff Currey** – re: Article re: New London school district offering dinners for after school program. Mr. Mainuli will be exploring this idea with Sodexo.

**MOTION**

By Anita Morrison

Seconded by Jeffrey Currey

To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (9:20 P.M.)

Motion unanimously carried.