

**REGULAR MEETING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
MAY 2, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, May 2, 2011, at the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:25 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, Bryan Hall

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

**Recognition of Joshua Dillon, EHHS Governor's Scholar Recipient**  
**(Matt Ryan, Principal, EHHS)**

The Board recognized Joshua Dillon, top junior at EHHS, who was selected as one of thirty Governor's Scholars of CT for 2011. There was an entry pool of approximately 150 top juniors in Connecticut high schools. He will be honored at the Governor's Scholars Luncheon on Thursday, May 19, 2011, at the Aqua Turf Club.

**Recognition of Tyler Carr, O'Connell Elementary**  
**(Scott Nozik, Principal, O'Connell Elementary)**

Tyler Carr, a fifth grade student at O'Connell elementary school was recognized for having his personal narrative "NYC Here I Come" selected from thousands of entries across the United States to be published by Benchmark Education. Tyler was also selected to grace the cover of the book and received a \$100 check.

**Recognition of Herb & Regina Barall, Circle of Life**  
**(Donna Kehoe, Executive Director, ChildPlan)**  
**(Circle of Life Board of Directors)**

The Board recognized Judge Herb Barall and his wife Regina, Circle of Life, for their continued efforts to the students and community of East Hartford. Chairperson, Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, presented a plaque to the Baralls in appreciation.

**Ballroom Dancing Exhibition**

The Baralls presented two dance teams to perform for the Board of Education. The students continue to be inspired by the Baralls.

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA** - None

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION**

By Anita Morrison  
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Regular Meeting of April 4, 2011  
Motion unanimously carried.

**MOTION**

By Anita Morrison  
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Meeting of April 6, 2011 (5:35 P.M.)  
Motion unanimously carried.

**MOTION**

By Jeffrey Currey  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Meeting of April 6, 2011 (6:40 P.M.)  
Motion unanimously carried.

**MOTION**

By Anita Morrison  
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Meeting of April 14, 2011  
Motion unanimously carried.

**MOTION**

By Julie Kieras  
Seconded by Anita Morrison  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Meeting of April 27, 2011 (5:33 P.M.)  
Motion unanimously carried.

**MOTION**

By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Meeting of April 27, 2011 (6:35 P.M.)  
Motion unanimously carried.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

- Jeffrey Currey – Kindergarten registration for the 2011-12 school year began April 1<sup>st</sup> for anyone residing in East Hartford. Please be sure to register your child. For all East Hartford schools, registration is ongoing at Central Registration, 1110 Main Street;
- Dr. Zito noted Summer School registration will be held in the East Hartford High School cafeteria at a time to be announced at a later date;
- May 14<sup>th</sup> is Main Street Clean-up – volunteers are needed and welcomed.

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**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

**Kim Tran, Student Representative**

- Two events were held recently: Bunny Breakfast and the Senior Citizens Prom. Both events were very successful;
- May 25<sup>th</sup> – Spring Pep Rally will be held to recognize spring sports;
- AP testing is taking place this week and next week.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

1. Ginny Lynch, past President of Paraprofessionals Union – thanked the Board for allowing her to do labor and management work. She noted many people do not believe that combining labor with management can actually work. East Hartford has proven this can be done successfully. She further stated she feels it is time to step down and allow others to carry on. Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes stated she is sorry to lose Ginny and thanked her for her many years of dedication as President of the Paraprofessionals Union;
2. Ruth Pelletier, 20 Cannon Road – re: prices for uniforms. Ms. Pelletier stated the uniforms are too expensive to purchase from the supplier contracted with the East Hartford Board of Education; families should have other options to purchase uniforms from other stores. Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes stated we must adhere to the uniforms selected by individual schools in order to have continuity with colors. She further stated, if families are having difficulty in purchasing the uniforms, they should contact the Superintendent's Office to see if they would qualify for assistance;
3. Bob Carr, 252 Woodmont Drive – re: asbestos at O'Connell School – Mr. Carr wanted to share EPA's fact sheets regarding safe removal of asbestos. Mr. Costa, Director of Facilities, acknowledged Mr. Carr's remarks and stated we are aware of the EPA guidelines; however, Connecticut does not have actual standards. He assured all that asbestos removal in our schools is and has been very effective and safe.

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

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

**Update on EHHS World Language Students Trip to France**

**(John Bacon, EHHS)**

Mr. Bacon noted those EHHS World Language students who went on the trip to France could not be here this evening due to the AP exams. He will arrange for the students to be present at a future Board meeting for an update on the trip.

**Strategic School Profiles (SSP)**

**(Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent)**

Assistant Superintendent Debbie Kaprove stated we have received from the State the Strategic School Profiles for 2009-10. Release of the data was delayed by the State due to the Connecticut State Department of Education changing over to a new system. Hopefully, this will not occur in the future. The purpose of the SSP's is to reduce ethnic, racial and economic isolation. Each school provides input to the Plan.

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A question was asked of the Assistant Superintendent regarding identifying gifted and talented property. Assistant Superintendent Kaprove responded we do have a process in place and it is being followed.

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes noted both EHHS and CIBA have a higher percentage of students going on to colleges than the State average.

**Chairperson/ Superintendent Reports**

**Superintendent Mark Zito**

**Friday was a busy day for the Superintendent:**

- Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, Arbor Day celebration was held at O'Brien School in the A.M.
- Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, the grand opening of the Community Resource Center took place in the P.M. They have served over 200 families to date. A myriad of services are provided. Thank you to Lisa McMahon and Nancy Testa.

**Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes**

- Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes also attended the grand opening of the Community Resource Center;
- School Governance Councils will be in most of our schools. We will be reaching out to families and parents asking them to volunteer. Per the State Department of Education, we must have these Councils ready by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Special Committee Reports**

**Policy & Audit – Bryan Hall**- meeting scheduled for May 4th, 5:00 P.M.

**Curriculum – Dorese Roberts** – meeting scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 P.M.

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

**Finance & Audit – Jeffrey Currey** – meeting scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 P.M.

**PERSONNEL**

**MOTION**

By Anita Morrison

Seconded by Jeffrey Currey

To approve **Nine (9) Retirements:**

- 1. Patricia . Rauchle, SPED Para, effective 4/13/11**
- 2. Barbara W. Angelo, Health & PE teacher, effective 6/30/11**
- 3. Carol Damaschi-Bolduc, Elem. Teacher, effective 6/30/11**
- 4. Steven Konopka, Health & PE Teacher, effective 6/30/11**
- 5. Paul C. Makarewicz, Science Teacher, effective 6/30/11**
- 6. Ruth E. Maroon, Gifted & Talented Teacher, effective 6/30/11**
- 7. Barbara Oman, Elem. Teacher, effective 6/30/11**
- 8. Karen L. Radding, Math Specialist, effective 6/30/11**
- 9. Christine Tracey, Literacy Coach, effective 6/30/11**

Motion unanimously carried.

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**MOTION**

By Jeffrey Currey

Seconded by Anita Morrison

To approve **Five (5) Resignations:**

- 1. Dominic J. Russo, Priority Tutor, effective 4/15/11**
- 2. Linda J. Iverson, Supv. Elementary Curric. & Assess., Effective 5/6/11**
- 3. Vivian A. Murdock, Instr. Para, effective 4/8/11**
- 4. Angiolina A. Cotoia, Asst. Secretary, effective 4/29/11**
- 5. Debra N. Megquier, SPED Para, effective 5/6/11**

Motion unanimously carried.

**OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**To Remove from Table and 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 remove from table and approve year end priority technology and other purchases pending funds availability.

Motion unanimously carried.

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes stated she would not encourage approval of anything but curriculum textbooks at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approve Request for Overnight Travel to Spain**

**(John Bacon, EHHS)**

**(Art Arpin, Principal, CIBA)**

**MOTION**

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Tyron Harris

To approve request for overnight travel to Spain April 13 – April 20, 2012 for EHHS and CIBA students.

Motion unanimously carried.

**Approve Bid #1668-11 Asbestos Floor Tile Replacement – O’Connell School**

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

**MOTION**

By Anita Morrison

Seconded by Dorese Roberts

To approve Bid #1668-11 Asbestos Floor Tile Replacement at O’Connell School and award to Moto Brothers LLC for \$23,551.

Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Costa noted funds shall be from the FY 2011- 2012 or FY 2010 - 2011, if available.

**Approve State Head Start Grant**

(Joanne LeBeau, Principal, Willowbrook)

(Nancy Moriarty, Supervisor, Willowbrook)

MOTION By Bryan Hall  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve State Head Start Grant application for 2012-2013  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Approve Request to Purchase Write Source 2011-2012 Textbooks for EHHS Grades 11 and 12**

(Michelle Eckler, English Department Head)

MOTION By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV  
To approve request to purchase Write Source 2011-2012 Textbooks for EHHS Grades 11 and 12.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Approve Request to Purchase Student Planners/Agendas**

(Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent)

MOTION By Julie Kieras  
Seconded by Christopher Gentile  
To approve request to purchase student planners/agendas

**Amendment**

By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Bryan Hall  
To approve request to purchase student planners/agendas  
**for grades 3-10**  
Motion unanimously carried, as amended.

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

(Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources)

MOTION By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Anita Morrison  
To approve Non-Certified staff member's use of Employee Sick Bank.  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Rescind Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Teacher**

(Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources)

MOTION By Anita Morrison  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To rescind non-renewal of non-tenured teacher.  
Motion unanimously carried.

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**To Approve Bus Contract with First Student  
(Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)**

**MOTION** By Anita Morrison  
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey  
To approve bus contract with First Student for FY 2011/2012 through  
FY 2113-2014.  
Motion carried. **Abstain:** Marcus Oladell, IV

Mr. Mainuli noted we will save approximately \$180,000 in student transportation costs for the 2011-2012 school year. He also noted we are exploring opportunities with CREC for a regional contract, if CREC receives this contract.

**To Approve Bus Contract with ACCESS Transportation for Out of Town Student Transportation**

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

**MOTION** By Anita Morrison  
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey  
To approve bus contract with ACCESS Transportation for out of town  
student transportation for FY 2011-2012 through FY 2113-2014.  
Motion carried. **Abstain:** Marcus Oladell, IV

Mr. Mainuli noted we will save approximately \$180,000 in student transportation costs for the 2011-2012 school year. He also noted we are exploring opportunities with CREC for a regional contract, if CREC receives this contract.

**REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

- **Dorese Roberts** – (1) attended the grand opening of the Community Resource Center on Friday – she noted they have many resource offerings; (2) visited Hockanum School recently and received a beautiful thank you note from a student at the school
- **Anita Morrison** - attended performance of Guys & Dolls – it was an enjoyable event.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - None

**QUESTIONS/CONCERNS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

**Anita Morrison** – would like to hear from Superintendent and Principals re: the topic of in-school suspensions at the elementary schools and EHMS. Dr. Zito stated this will be discussed Wednesday night at the Policy & Audit Committee meeting. Ms. Morrison noted she will attend.  
**Marcus Oladell, IV** would like to include discipline on busses at this meeting.

**MOTION** By Jeffrey Currey  
Seconded by Anita Morrison  
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (9:15 P.M.)  
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald