

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
JUNE 20, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, June 20, 2011, at the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:13 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
Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services

**FLAG DAY CEREMONIES, PRESENTATION OF AMERICAN FLAG ESSAY
CONTEST WINNERS**

(Margaret Byrnes, Chair, Patriotic Commission)

(Michelle Eckler, Department Head, English)

(Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor)

Winners shared their essays with the Board of Education, family and friends. The winners include: Sandra Valerio, Langford School; Crystal Eubanks, Mayberry School; Sergio Rodriguez, Mayberry School and Kiera Dickenson, Sunset Ridge School.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

MOTION By Jeffrey Currey
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To place on this evening's agenda Consent Calendar under Old and Unfinished Business items a-c and under New Business items d-o.

Anita Morrison requested to amend and remove item o.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Jeffrey Currey
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of June 1, 2011
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Meeting of June 6, 2011
Motion unanimously carried.

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MOTION By Julie Kieras
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of June 7, 2011
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of June 9, 2011
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Jeffrey Currey
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of June 13, 2011
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Thank you cards received from a number of teachers and staff members thanking the Board of Education for the gift cards received at the last regular meeting which celebrated their retirements and years of service to the district.

Information regarding registration and school uniforms can be found on www.easthartford.org

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT - None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/Appointments/No Action Required - None

Update on EHHS World Language Students Trip to France

(John Bacon, EHHS)

(Amy Berman, EHHS)

The Board was treated to a video of the students who attended the trip to France in February. The students then shared their experiences which included the French cuisine, beautiful architecture and culture.

Chairperson/ Superintendent Reports

Superintendent, Dr. Mark Zito

Dr. Zito congratulated the District Teacher of The Year, Jaime Pitkin. Mary Meggie, Michelle Eckler and Kristie Bourdalous were recognized by the State Department of Education for serving on the State Rigorous Curriculum Design Team and Tyler Hoxley won the 2011 Presidential

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Award in Science Education. He will be the State Representative to compete for the National Award.

Dr. Zito thanked the Board Members who attended the Synergy Graduation Ceremony and also thanked them for a successful school year.

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes

Ms. Dwyer-Hughes shared that it has been a successful school year as well with the expansion of theme based schools including the O'Brien STEM School, test scores have risen, a zero budget increase (this being the third consecutive year), improved behavioral programs and that she has received positive parental feedback about the school system.

Ms. Dwyer-Hughes also advised that CIBA and East Hartford High will be holding their graduation this week.

She thanked the Administrative Team for all of the help and an informative team effort. She asked students to keep reading and have a safe summer and looks forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

Special Committee Reports

Policy & Audit – Bryan Hall – Next meeting scheduled for August 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Curriculum – Dorese Roberts – discussed new books for students.

Facilities – Anita Morrison – discussed Willowbrook changes, completion of O'Connell and Norris School roof and work to begin on Goodwin roof.

Finance & Audit – Jeffrey Currey – meetings will be scheduled as needed.

PERSONNEL

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Anita Morrison

To approve the following **Three (3) Resignations:**

Math Tutor position is grant funded and is going to be filled.

French Teacher position is warranted due to enrollment and will be filled.

The Site Substitute is paid for by the Teachers' Union which currently will not be filled.

Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Anita Morrison

To approve the following items placed on the **Consent Calendar Under Old and Unfinished Business:**

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Remove from Table and Approve Policy 5141.21 – Administering Medication

(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Remove from Table and Approve Policy 6111 – School Calendar

(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Purchase of Our Digital World: Intro to Computing Textbooks

(Michelle Hacker, Department Head, Career & Technical Education)

MOTION

By Julie Kieras

Seconded by Bryan Hall

To approve purchase of Our Digital World: Intro to Computing Textbooks

Motion unanimously carried.

Approve Purchase of Sports and Entertainment Marketing Textbooks

(Michelle Hacker, Department Head, Career & Technical Education)

MOTION

By Marcus Gladell

Seconded by Julie Kieras

To approve purchase of Sports and Entertainment Marketing Textbooks

Motion unanimously carried.

Rescind Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Teacher

(Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources)

MOTION

By Anita Morrison

Seconded by Jeff Currey

To rescind Non-renewal of Non-Tenured Teacher

Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION

By Jeff Currey

Seconded by Bryan Hall

To approve the following **Consent Calendar** items under

New Business: d-n

To Table for First Read Policy 4215 – Evaluation/Supervision

(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

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To Table for First Read Policy 5131.2 - Assault
(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

To Table for First Read Policy 5131.61 – Inhalant Abuse
(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

To Table for First Read Policy 5131.62 – Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco – Steroid Use
(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

To Table for First Read Policy 5134 – Married/Pregnant Students
(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

To Table for First Read Policy 5141.33 – Health Records
(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

To Table for First Read Policy 5143 – Student Conduct
(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

To Table for First Read Policy 5145 – Civil and Legal Rights and Responsibilities
(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

To Table for First Read Policy 5145.52 Harassment
(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

To Delete Policy 5145.7 – Due Process
(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

To Delete Policy 5145.71 – Surrogate Parent Program
(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

To Table for First Read Policy 6172.7 - Harassment
(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Amended Policy 6172.7 – Harassment is incorrect to Policy 6172.7 – Mentoring

Motion unanimously carried.

Public Participation - None

Questions and Concerns by Board Members

Concerns regarding EGEMS contract.

ChildPlan graduation at Marco Polo this Thursday June 23, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Topics for Future Agendas

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Jeff Currey

To adjourn the Regular Meeting and recess to Executive Session
(8:21P.M.) to discuss the following item:

**Discussion with possible action regarding Superintendent's
Evaluation and Contract**

Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Shelley Strattman

APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION