

**SPECIAL MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 1, 2010**

A Special Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, at the Board of Education Administration Building 1110 Main Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. by Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes.

PRESENT Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Secretary Ram Aberasturia, Robert Damaschi, Anita Morrison, Marcus Oladell, IV, Dorese Roberts, Bryan Hall, Tyron Harris

ABSENT Jeffrey Currey

ALSO PRESENT Mark Zito, Superintendent of Schools
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services
David Caruso, Athletic Director, EHHS)
Matt Ryan, Principal, EHHS
Roger Moss, Parks & Recreation Department
Tony Russo, Parks & Recreation Department

To Approve high School Field Use for a Limited Home Schedule of Football and Soccer Games

**(David Caruso, Athletic Director, EHHS)
(Matt Ryan, Principal, EHHS)
(Al Costa, Director of Facilities)
(Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)**

Mr. Russo gave background information as to what has transpired regarding the placement of new turf at the EHHS football field. In mid-November of last year, the field was repaired with topsoil and irrigated. Mr. Russo had recommended that we not use the field for one year in order to allow the field turf to take root and establish itself and minimize the need for expensive field maintenance repairs each year.

Further, Mr. Caruso was able to schedule home games to be played at Cheney Technical School, Dwyer Park and Rentschler Field. Board members, student athletes and parents were informed that a limited number of home games would be played at EHHS this fall. All remaining games would be played offsite at the locations indicated.

Mr. Russo noted if we use EHHS field this fall, we may have to another turf maintenance program from scratch. Regarding the use of Dwyer Field, Mr. Russo stated there is no safety hazard there. Fields 1 and 3 are being worked on and will be in good shape by the first game.

Mr. Ryan stated the Board needs to have a plan a place for all fields in East Hartford. This issue will be addressed by the Board at a future date.

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MOTION

By Tyron Harris

Seconded by Ram Aberasturia

To approve a limited schedule of home games for the high school football and soccer teams. The school administration, working closely with the Town's Parks and Recreation Department, has invested staff and financial resources to improve the general condition of the high school field. A limited schedule of home games will minimize the damage done to the field during the fall season and help preserve the field improvements already in place.

AMENDMENT

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Ram Aberasturia

Adding two football games to the original Motion on October 9th and 23rd at EHHS, contingent on field conditions.

Motion, as amended, carried. Nay: Dorese Roberts

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes suggested having the Board's Facilities Committee look at all our playing fields. Mr. Aberasturia stated he would like to have Parks & Recreation be able to work with us.

Mr. Moss, Parks & Recreation, recommended moving all field maintenance efforts under the jurisdiction of Parks & Recreation.

MOTION

By Tyron Harris

Seconded by Dorese Roberts

To adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board (6:50 P.M.)

Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by:
Donna Fitzgerald.