

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13, 2010**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, September 13, 2010, at the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes.

PRESENT Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Secretary Ram Aberasturia,
Dorese Roberts, Tyron Harris, Bryan Hall, Jeffrey Currey

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

ABSENT Marcus Oladell, IV (attending Republican Town Committee)
Anita Morrison (attending Republican Town Committee)

Introduction and Swearing in of Student Representatives to the Board of Education

Haley Sluboski, Student Representative

Kim Tran, Student Representative

The oath of office was administered by Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes.
Congratulations to our new student representatives.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

MOTION By Tyron Harris
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey
To place Item D – To approve contract for Local 818, in
Executive Session.
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Jeffrey Currey
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the following Minutes,
Special Meeting of July 6, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey
To remove from table the following Minutes:
Regular Meeting of August 16, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

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MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Meeting of August 16, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Jeffrey Currey
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of July 25, 2010 (12:00 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Jeffrey Currey
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of July 25, 2010 (5:10 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Tyron Harris
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of September 1, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

- The East Hartford Mentor Program is looking for mentors for a child in East Hartford. If interested, please contact Penny Brice, 860 622-5976 or brice.ps@easthartford.org.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Haley Sluboski, Student Representative to the Board

Kim Tran, Student Representative to the Board

- August 19 – Freshmen Orientation – one hundred students volunteered their time to assist incoming freshmen;
- September 16 – parents will be able to pick up schedules in the Media Center, beginning 6:30 P.M.;
- September 23 – 5-6:30, Community Cultural Center – EHHS will be hosting a new school program, “Hornet Talk. An open-forum for parents is planned with administrators leading discussions regarding topics related to EHHS students and educational issues;
- October 8 – EHHS will hold its Homecoming Dance;
- October 9 – Alumni luncheon and homecoming game – package is \$20 which includes outdoor luncheon, ticket to the game and an EHHS T-shirt. Tickets may be purchased in advance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Robert Dodge, 38 Shaughnesy Drive – re: recent heat wave; suggests the Board investigate the option of putting in place a formal policy when a heat wave happens in the future; i.e., early dismissal;
2. Damien Humphrey, 81 Gordon Lane – representing parents from St. Christopher’s School re: book loan program. Mr. Humphrey requested the Board of Education, with the Town of East Hartford, \$70,000 to provide books for the book loan program for 2011-12.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/Appointments/No Action Required

Annual Review of EHHS Coaches Handbook

(David Caruso, Athletic Director, EHHS)

Mr. Caruso was present to discuss the Coaches Handbook. He noted considerable time was spent on the eligibility policy of the Board. He further noted there are currently six students on probation who are attending the study hall to be able to play sports. Mr. Currey asked for a report back as to how many students actually were able to reach academic standards.

Chairperson/ Superintendent Reports

Superintendent Mark Zito

- Superintendent Zito was pleased to report the uniform policy at Sunset Ridge and EHMS is going very well; he commended families and students for their support and thanked the Board members for adopting this policy;
- Visited Sunset Ridge and EHMS many times and is pleased with the climate of the schools – they are off to a good start;
- The reconfiguration has been very successful – thank you to the Board for adopting this plan;
- CBIA was ranked 22 in the nation – the school is planning an assembly on September 30th, 9:00 A.M. Board members will be invited. Please confirm your attendance with Theresa Godreau, 622-5590.

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes

- very excited with the success of the new school year; thanks to the teachers and administrators for working this summer and their dedication to the students;
- Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes asked that parents please read to your children – also, please make sure your children do their homework.

Special Committee Reports

Policy & Audit – Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Curriculum – Dorese Roberts – meeting scheduled for October 18th.

Facilities – Bryan Hall – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Finance & Audit – Ram Aberasturia - meeting scheduled for October 6th, 5:30 P.M.

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PERSONNEL

MOTION

By Jeffrey Currey

Seconded by Ram Aberasturia

To approve twelve **Resignations:**

1. Timothy C. Holmes, Priority Tutor, effective 8/8/10
2. Ryan C. Shea, SpecEd Teacher, effective 8/8/10
3. Tara L. Lynch, Speech/Language Pathologist, effective 10/29/10
4. Sheila C. Montovani, Title 1 Tutor, effective 8/16/10
5. Lisette Santiago-Cherry, SPED/Para, effective 8/14/10
6. Odell L. Crawford, Behavior Manager, effective 8/23/10
7. Scott M. Basile, Priority Tutor, effective 8/24/10
8. Christine Long, SPED/Para, effective 8/25/10
9. Ernest B. McNeil, Behavior Manager, effective 8/30/10
10. Sharon E. Ciarlo, Instructional Para, effective 8/25/10
11. Debra J. Drew, Literacy Coach, effective 10/1/10
12. Christina C. Bajonero, Title 1 Tutor, effective 8/31/10

Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Ram Aberasturia

To approve one **Retirement:**

1. Warren M. Marsh, Custodian 1, effective 8/27/10

Motion unanimously carried.

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Federal Head Start Grant

(Nancy Moriarty, Supervisor, Willowbrook)

(Joanne LeBeau, Principal, Willowbrook)

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

Seconded by Dorese Roberts

To approve renewal of the three year grant cycle for the Federal Head Start Grant.

Motion unanimously carried.

Approve Request for Overnight Travel to Discovery Center

(Greg Fox, Principal, Langford Elementary School)

(Scott Nozik, Principal, O'Connell Elementary School)

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Jeffrey Currey

To approve request for overnight travel to Discovery Center, Woodstock, CT, October 4-8, 2010 (Langford School)

Motion unanimously carried.

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By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Jeffrey Currey

To approve request for overnight travel to Discovery Center,
Woodstock, CT, October 18-22, 2010 (O'Connell School)

Motion unanimously carried.

It was noted Discovery Center is paying the cost of the busses. It was requested that the students come back to the Board and give a report on their trip. Thank you to the teachers and tutors who have made the two trips possible.

Table for First Read Policy 5145.22 – Use of Dogs to Search School Property

(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

Seconded by Tyron Harris

To **table back to Policy & Audit Committee** Policy 5145.22 – Use of
Dogs to Search School Property

Motion unanimously carried.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Dorese Roberts – Visited O'Connell School on the opening day.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Ram Aberasturia – re: area behind Langford School – who is responsible for mowing lawn?
Mr. Costa stated the Board is responsible. Mr. Aberasturia will follow up with Mr. Costa.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – None

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Tyron Harris

To go into Executive Session:

1. to approve Local 818 Contact for 2010-2013;
2. for discussion with possible action regarding Community resource
Center Position.

Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald

The Board meeting reconvened at 8:14 P.M.

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MOTION By Jeffrey Currey
Seconded by Ram Aberasturia
To approve the Local 818 Contract for 2010 – 2013.
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey
To approve revisions of ESL Parent Coordinator job description to be ELL
Parent Resource and Community Center Coordinator and increase work
day to 7.5 hours and work year to 207 days.
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:15 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Christopher Wethje