

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
OCTOBER 4, 2010**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, October 4, 2010, at the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes.

PRESENT Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Secretary Ram Aberasturia, Dorese Roberts, Marcus Oladell, IV, Tyron Harris, Julie Kieras, Anita Morrison, Bryan Hall, Jeffrey Currey

ALSO PRESENT Mark Zito, Superintendent of Schools
Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
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

**NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE TO FILL VACANT BOARD OF EDUCATION SEAT
LEFT BY ROBERT DAMASCHI**

MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To nominate Julie Kieras, 103 Arnold Drive, East Hartford, CT to fill the Board of Education seat vacated by Robert Damaschi.
Motion unanimously carried.

The oath of office was administered to Julie Kieras by Town Clerk Sharon Miller.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve the following Minutes,
Regular Meeting of September 13, 2010, as corrected:
Page 1: remove names of Marcus Oladell, IV and
Anita Morrison as being present;
Page 5: - under Representative Reports - remove last sentence
under remarks by Dorese Roberts.
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Jeffrey Currey
Seconded by Ram Aberasturia
To remove from table the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of September 15, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

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MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of September 20, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of September 27, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

- e-mail from Mayor Melody Currey re: October 5th 11:45 A.M. for the ribbon cutting ceremony at Governor Street (Prospect Avenue end) to honor EH Public Works Department, DOT and Governor Rell for the reconstruction of Governor Street.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Kim Tran, Student Representative to the Board

- October 8th – Homecoming Dance, 6:30 P.M. Cost for package is \$20 which includes dance, football game, pep rally and T-shirt;
- October 9th – 11:00 a.m. – tickets and shirts go on sale for the Alumni Luncheon prior to the football game;
- October 9th – 1:00 p.m., Homecoming football game against Middletown.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following spoke regarding the appointment of Julie Kieras to the Board of Education:

1. Rachel Conboy, 35 Northfield Drive, EH
2. Kasia Samsel, 140 Winding Lane, EH
3. Maca Skowronek, 84 Syracuse Drive, EH
4. Montana Kirol, 160 Holland Lane, EH
5. Frank O’Gorman, 90 Kane Street, West Hartford
6. Debra Gaudette, 22 Higbie Drive, EH
7. Esther Clark, 197 Langford Drive, EH
8. Andrea Sanchez, 1294 Tolland Street, EH
9. Katie Ross, 263 Goodwin Street, EH
10. Matt Necci, 15 Juliet Terrace, East Hampton
11. Avalon Patel, 61 Woodmont Drive, EH
12. Jillian Garcia, 76 Tremont Street, Hartford

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes stated the Board remains committed to diversity no matter who was on the Board or what their positions were. Further, no one has to feel unsafe in our schools.

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INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/Appointments/No Action Required

Educational Credit Management Corporation (ECMC) Scholars Program

(Frank Staples, Guidance Department Head)

Mr. Staples spoke regarding the two-year Scholars Program. He noted they will be selecting ten students in two weeks to participate in the 2012 program. He will report back to the Board with the names of the students.

Chairperson/ Superintendent Reports

Superintendent Mark Zito

- A Special Board Meeting will be held tomorrow, October 5th, 6:00 P.M. on internet bullying;
- Thank you to Mayor Currey, Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes and Jeffrey Currey for touring Sunset Ridge School; Superintendent Zito encourages Board members to visit Sunset Ridge School – also thank you to Emil Kopcha and the students;
- Hartford Foundation for Public Giving gave a \$500 grant to Willowbrook School for the purchase of books;
- Jill Wnuk received a 2010 Local Hero award from the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts.

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes

- At our next Regular Meeting, we will be discussing CMT and CAPT scores;
- Welcome to Julie Kieras – we are delighted to have her as a member of the Board of Education.

Special Committee Reports

Policy & Audit – Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes – meeting scheduled for October 20th, 5:15 P.M.

Curriculum – Dorese Roberts – meeting scheduled for October 18th, 6:00 P.M.

Facilities – Bryan Hall – meeting held this evening; future Facilities Committee meetings will be held one hour prior to the first Regular Board of Education monthly meeting.

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

PERSONNEL

MOTION

By Anita Morrison

Seconded by Jeffrey Currey

To approve one **Retirement:**

1. Diane E. Olinatz, Grade 4 teacher, effective 9/30/10

Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION

By Anita Morrison

Seconded by Jeffrey Currey

To approve six **Resignations:**

1. Jair Orejuela, Custodian 1, effective 9/9/10;
2. Patrick E. Thibodeau, Title 1 Tutor, effective 9/14/10;

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3. Michelle M. Tharp, Speech & Language, effective 9/22/10;
4. Meagan St. Amand, Title 1 Tutor, effective 9/21/10;
5. Bernice Garcia, Secretary, effective 10/29/10;
6. Deanna J. Fote, Title 1 Tutor, effective 9/24/10

Motion unanimously carried.

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Remove from table and approve Policy 1350 – Senior Citizens’ Benefits

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

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

Seconded by Jeffrey Currey

To remove from table and approve Policy 1350 – Senior Citizens’ Benefits

Motion unanimously carried.

Remove from table and approve Policy 5119 – Transfers and Withdrawals

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

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To remove from table and approve Policy 5119 – Transfers and Withdrawals

Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Request for Overnight Travel to Spain

(Art Arpin, Principal, CIBA)

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

Seconded by Anita Morrison

To approve request for overnight travel to Spain 4/13/10-4/21/10 for 25 students from CIBA.

Motion unanimously carried.

Approve Request for Overnight Travel to Massachusetts

(Ed Lavoie, Coach, EHHS)

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Anita Morrison

To approve request for overnight travel to Springfield, Massachusetts 1/14/2011-1/15/2011, for 14 students, members of the boys’ basketball

team to attend the Hoophall Classic to compete against regional teams at Springfield College’s Blake Arena.

Motion unanimously carried.

Coach Ed Lavoie noted the Basketball Hall of Fame provides living quarters and food to participating students.

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Approve 2010-2011 East Hartford Board of Education Subcommittees

(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Board Chair)

MOTION

By Jeffrey Currey

Seconded by Anita Morrison

To approve 2010-2011 Board of Education Subcommittees List,

In accordance with Board Policy 9132(a)

Motion unanimously carried.

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 Marcus Oladell, IV

To **table** for first read Policy 5145.22 – Use of Dogs to Search School

Property

Motion unanimously carried.

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

(Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources)

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To approve non-certified staff member’s use of Employee

Sick Bank

Motion unanimously carried.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Dorese Roberts – attended Sunset Ridge open house and was very impressed;

Anita Morrison – (1) representative on Policy Committee at Willowbrook School will be reporting back to the Board with updates; (2) toured Sunset Ridge, attended open houses at Goodwin, Langford, O’Brien, Silver Lane and Willowbrook schools. All teachers had presentations for open houses. Thank you to the teachers and parents.

Marcus Oladell, IV – attended EHMS open house.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Matthew Kieras, 103 Arnold Drive – re: thanked the Board for supporting Julie Kieras as the new Board member.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Superintendent Zito stated that at the October 20th Policy & Audit Committee meeting the committee will be looking at the uniform policy once again. The School/Business Partnership has provided a small grant to provide uniforms to those who cannot afford to purchase them.

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes to Superintendent Zito – re: SAT’s – an article stated you can take them more than once –how many students take SAT’s and PSAT’s and how many times.

Tyron Harris – Target has awarded \$500 to O’Brien School for the purchase of books.

Julie Kieras thanked the entire Board for its support of her nomination.

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TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS - None

MOTION

By Marcus Oladell, IV
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:40 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald