

**SPECIAL MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 5, 2010**

A Special Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Tuesday, October 5, 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, Anita Morrison,
Marcus Oladell, IV, Dorese Roberts, Bryan Hall, Tyron Harris,
Jeffrey Currey, Julie Kieras

ALSO PRESENT Mark Zito, Superintendent of Schools
Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services
Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources
Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel
Mike Moan, Director of Security
Rich Mills, Counsel at Shipman & Goodwin
Members of the Administrative Council and BOE Administrators
Mrs. Mary Ann Nelson-Jackson, grandparent

ABSENT Ram Aberasturia

**Presentation by Richard Mills, Counsel at Shipman & Goodwin
Internet Bullying/School Discipline – Workshop**

Superintendent Zito stated the landscape for hazing and bullying has changed with advances in technology. He has had many conversations with the Board, administrators and parents. Attorney Rich Mills is with us this evening to address this serious issue.

Attorney Mills gave an in-depth presentation on the seriousness of bullying. He cited many examples of CT law. He addressed off-campus conduct and subsequent disciplinary action as well as “cyber-bullying”. Attorney Mills stressed that Board policies must be updated frequently and should include sexual harassment and Cyber-bullying policies.

**Discussion with Possible Action regarding School District Reconfiguration
Recommendations**

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes stated she is satisfied with the theme based school and would like to expand our reconfiguration.

Superintendent Zito stated the Board did a great job and the numbers worked out better than we thought. EHMS has been successful and the 6th grade option went very well.

The Superintendent shared many ideas of what could be next...possibilities for discussion follow:

- Theme-based 4-6 – possibly technology/fitness/science;
- Take an existing neighborhood school and turn it into a theme based school or an existing program in the district.

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Superintendent Zito stated we could also consider partial redistricting.

Anita shared her concerns regarding Willowbrook.

It was the consensus of the Board to keep the theme based school concept going.

Mr. Currey stated we still need to focus on basics – not just themes.

The Superintendent stated we don't know at this time what we will be getting from ECS dollars. Mr. Mainuli stated regardless of the dollars, we have to consider these options at this time and place them in the budget this coming year (consider science equipment, etc.)

Superintendent Zito stated we will come back to the Board with more information, again in a workshop setting.

Superintendent Zito stated the Policy & Audit Committee is holding a meeting on October 20th to discuss uniforms.

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Jeffrey Currey

To adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board (8:30 P.M.)

Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by:
Donna Fitzgerald.