

**SPECIAL MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
DECEMBER 20, 2010**

A Special Meeting – Public Hearing - of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, December 20, 2010 at the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M. by Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes.

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

ALSO PRESENT Mark Zito, Superintendent of Schools
Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services

Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes stated the purpose of this public hearing is to hear public comment regarding the Board of Education proposed budget of \$ \$82.5 million.

Comments from the Public

1. Edie Lacey, 1 Marjorie Lane, Manchester, CT – works as a certified library/media specialist – thanked the Board for all they do, especially preserving the paraprofessionals in the media centers – you have preserved \$1,244,281 for the library;
2. Katie Risley, 80 O’Connell Drive, E.H. – re: (1) lack of quality technology at Synergy and (2) re: bullying – should teach kids at a young age about bullying issues;
3. Representative Kenny Green, 223 Granby St., Hartford – re: has a grandson attending school in East Hartford – re: 10-day out of school suspension process being used in East Hartford. Mr. Green gave copies of the State guidelines regarding suspension to Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes.

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes stated the proposed budget of \$82,498,910 must be presented to the Mayor by January 5, 2011. This is a flat funded budget from last year and a zero tax increase to residents of East Hartford. No media paraprofessionals will be laid off. We will not fill new positions. No employees will be laid off.

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes thanked the Superintendent and his cabinet for coming up with alternatives for this proposed budget.

This public hearing is now closed.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To adjourn the Special Meeting – Public Hearing (6:55 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by:
Donna Fitzgerald