

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**TUESDAY,
JANUARY 17, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Jeffrey Currey.

PRESENT Chairman Jeffrey Currey, Bryan Hall, Secretary,
Marcus Oladell, IV, Marilyn Pet, Tyron Harris,
Christopher Gentile, Dorese Roberts, Stephanie Watkins,
Tom Rup

ALSO PRESENT Dr. Mark Zito, Superintendent of Schools
Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources
Paul Mainuli, Director of Finance
Al Costa, Director of Facilities
Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Joshua Dillon, Student Representative
Cindy Tran, Student Representative

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Meeting of January 3, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of January 4, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of January 9, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of January 11, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

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MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of January 11, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD - None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT
(Joshua Dillon and Cindy Tran)

- Letter was sent home by Principal Ryan to parents on Wednesday regarding the tragic accident at EHHS; the Snow Ball dance was postponed until further notice; Mr. Ryan held an assembly on Thursday with a message to help each other during this difficult time. Mr. Ryan is forming a committee to discuss a permanent remembrance at the school. A candlelight Vigil was held on Friday at the rock at EHHS;
- National Honor Society inductions on Wednesday January 18th;
- Mid-term exams will be held next week – Monday through Thursday.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following alumni, parents and students spoke in support of having the Board of Education restore funding to the Synergy School program:

1. Luis Rohena, 142 Cannon Road
2. Johanna Dones, 353 Oak Street
3. Linda Ivelisse Correa-Oppels, 41 Brook Street
4. Angel Fontanez, 49 Cannon Road
5. Ta-Neesha Cavey, 16 Crosby Street
6. Alana Ramos, 218 Main Street
7. Nicole Daigneault, 30 Berkeley Lane
8. Donna Daigneault, 30 Berkeley Lane
9. Jess Pare', 55 Primrose Drive
10. David Bocchichio, 26 Ridgeview Terrace, New Hartford, CT
11. Aaron Wiebe, 240 North Hollow Road, East Hartland, CT
12. Joshua Lam, 106 Greenlawn Street
13. Khaley Harrison, 275 Forest Street
14. Johanna Dones, 44B Church Street
15. Jennifer Jones, 21 Glenwood Street, Manchester, CT

Chairman Currey stated this was a difficult budget year and cuts had to be made. The program (Synergy) as it exists now will no longer exist. An alternative educational opportunity will be provided to these students with the end goal of graduating.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/Appointments/No Action Required

Second Quarter Financial Report
(Paul Mainuli, Director of Finance)

Mr. Mainuli stated we are in pretty good shape at this juncture. We have held back 30 percent of our operating budget. We have a hiring freeze. Of continuing concern are the costs for students attending magnet schools. It will cost approximately \$2.5 million for tuitions that must be paid.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Currey asked for a moment of silence for the recent tragedy that occurred at EHHS. He also thanked the Superintendent and staff for their swiftness in handling this crisis.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Zito expressed deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the recent tragedy at EHHS. He thanked Mr. Ryan and staff for making grief counselors available to everyone. Dr. Zito also stated he cannot discuss the tragedy any further due to privacy restrictions involving a student.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

PERSONNEL

MOTION

By Dorese Roberts

Seconded by Tyron Harris

To approve (3) Three **Resignations:**

1. Joseph R. Riley, Behavior Manager, effective 12/15/11;
2. Elizabeth D. Marcuss, Teacher, effective 1/13/12;
3. Ryan J. Anderson, Tutor, effective 12/22/11

and

To approve (4) Four **Retirements:**

1. Ronald Tetreault, Teacher, effective 6/30/12;
2. Dorothy Barry, Teacher, effective 6/30/12;
3. Debra Goldstein, Teacher, effective 6/30/12;
4. Maureen O. Buckeley, Health & Nutrition Coordinator, effective 4/27/12

Motion unanimously carried.

Revised Board of Education List of Subcommittees

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To approve revised Board of Education List of Subcommittees

As presented to the Board 1/17/12.

Motion unanimously carried.

Policy 4112.5/4212.5 Security Check/Fingerprinting/DCF Registry Checks for First Read

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To approve Policy 4112.5/4212.5 Security Check/Fingerprinting/

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DCF Registry Checks for First Read
Motion unanimously carried.

Policy 4140.2/4240.2 Compensation and Related Benefits for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees (excluding Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Human Resources Manager, Executive Secretary to the Director of Human Resources, Purchasing Agent and Directors) for First Read

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To approve Policy 4140.2/4240.2 Compensation and Related Benefits for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees (excluding Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Human Resources Manager, Executive Secretary to the Director of Human Resources, Purchasing Agent and Directors) for First Read
Motion unanimously carried.

Bylaw 9325.2 Order of Business for First Read

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve Bylaw 9325.2 Order of Business for First Read
Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Hall stated that our libraries and the Board of Education main office have this information available to the public.

Board Member Representative Reports

Dorese Roberts attended the Willowbrook Policy Committee.

Stephanie Watkins visited the STEM school last week. She was impressed with the ideas the principal had for the courtyard garden.

Public Participation - None

Questions and Concerns by Board Members

Dorese Roberts – Ms. Roberts expressed her condolences to Chairman Jeffrey Currey on the loss of his grandmother and also to former Mayor, Melody Currey on the loss of her mother.

Bryan Hall – Mr. Hall also expressed his condolences to Chairman Jeffrey Currey on the loss of his grandmother and to former Mayor, Melody Currey on the loss of her mother.

Topics for Future Agendas - None

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:35 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald