

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 6, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, February 6, 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, 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
Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Joshua Dillon, Student Representative
Cindy Tran, Student Representative

ABSENT Marcus Oladell, IV

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tyron Harris
Amendment due to change in order of agenda as specified in Policy 9325.2 – Order of Business
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To move items 1 and 2 under New Business to Procedural after Item 6.
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Meeting of January 17, 2012, as corrected:
Page 1: under Present, delete word Secretary, after name of Currey
Page 2: last paragraph should read: 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.**
Motion unanimously carried.

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MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of January 19, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of January 31, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

- Joe Roman, Senior at EHHS, has accepted a baseball scholarship at St. Joseph College School of Education, a four-year university, next Fall;
- February 9th – 6:30-8:30 at St. Joseph’s campus, West Hartford – policymakers will address bullying – free of charge to all. For further information, call (860) 231-5332.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

(Joshua Dillon and Cindy Tran)

- February 1st- AP students had their first of several AP meetings. These meetings are held to inform students about the AP process and for administering purposes;
- February 3rd – Student Council held the Snowball, a winter semi-formal dance, which has not been held in a number of years. The dance was success and was from 7-10 P.M.;
- February 8th – PRIDE Night – a night intended for fun and entertainment for students who had excelled during the quarter. If students are interested in attending, they should speak with their teachers. This will be held from 6-8 P.M.;
- February 10th – Students will receive their report cards during Connections;
- Saturday, February 11th – ACTS will be held at EHHS from 8-12 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

Spotlight Awards, BKM, Staples, Philip Paternostro and Rich Heon

Staples and BKM have donated numerous items to the East Hartford Public schools, presently as well as in the past. Our contact person has been Philip Paternostro, who has worked tirelessly in arranging for the donations. The process has worked out well with both Staples and BKM contacting us stating what items are being donated and we then pick up the items. Many items have been donated to O’Brien School and EHMS. The remaining items are then dispersed throughout the district. We then contact the Town to see if they can use the remaining items.

Both Staples, BKM and Mr. Paternostro were given plaques from the Board for their contributions to the East Hartford Public Schools.

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Penny High Functions Committee – George J. Penney Plaque

In memory of George J. Penney, a plaque in his honor was placed at EHHS. As Director of Public Works, Mr. Penney was instrumental in overseeing all the roads in East Hartford as well as the construction of several schools in our district. Mr. Penney's granddaughter was present this evening for the recognition.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following speakers urged the Board to approve submission of an "Application for Candidacy" for IB America's Primary Years Programme (PYP) for students ages 3-12 years. The IB academy would be located at O'Connell Elementary School as part of an expanded campus that will also include Barnes Elementary School in the near future:

1. Kim Tipton, 147 Kingston Dr., East Hartford
2. Audrey Breen, 52 O'Connell Dr., East Hartford
3. Andy Kelly, 48 Green Manor Dr., East Hartford

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/Appointments/No Action Required

Chairman's Report

- Dr. Zito, Chairman Currey and Paul Mainuli met regarding the upcoming Town/Board meeting on February 15th to discuss the budget. There will be an opportunity for the public to speak and participate in this meeting;
- Congratulations to the art scholars – there are three from EHMS and EHHS. They fared very well in the arts competition;
- To Board members – please check the Web site and update your bio, if not already done.

Superintendent's Report

- Gold Key awards in the 2012 Connecticut Scholastic Arts Competition were awarded to EHMS student – Alexis Lockwood, EHHS student – Julia Steele and EHHS student – Kaitlyn Doucette;
- Silver Key awards in the 2012 Connecticut Scholastic Arts Competition were awarded to EHHS student – Montana Kirol
- Honorable Mention in the 2012 Connecticut Scholastic Arts Competition were from EHMS – Kanaiza Martin and Daurian Franklin, from EHHS – Micaela Levesque, Ruth Collier and Kaitlyn Doucette;
- Two O'Connell Elementary School students, Shanice Bryan and Travon Givens were the recipients of an award at the Thirteen Annual Celebration of the Arts Recognition Festival;
- Sonal Muzumdar a student at CIBA, is a semifinalist for the National Merit Scholarship and was awarded a Certificate of Merit;
- Jay Cartisano donated \$5,000 to East Hartford's Future Arts Program;
- A letter was received from East Hartford resident, Captain Joseph Socolosky and the troops in Afghanistan, thanking students and staff at Langford School for donating care packages to members of his team in Bagram, Afghanistan. David W. Pendall, Lieutenant

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Colonel-Promotable, U.S. Army sent a flag and certificate to Langford School for their thoughtfulness.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Resignations:

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Dorese Roberts

To approve (5) Five **Resignations:**

1. Lisa M. Bonanno, Title I Tutor, effective 1/27/12;
2. Lindsay M. Sylvester, Priority Tutor, effective 1/27/12;
3. Michael P. Adam-Kearns, Teacher, effective 6/30/12;
4. Samantha Mitchell, Para/Instruction, effective 1/26/12;
5. Theresa L. Grimaldi, Teacher, effective 1/30/12

Motion unanimously carried.

Board of Education Business Calendar - 2014

MOTION

By Marilyn Pet

Seconded by Dorese Roberts

To approve the 2014 Board of Education Business Calendar as presented to the Board 2/6/12

Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding International Baccalaureate (IB School Application for O'Connell Elementary

Mr. Nozik, Principal, O'Connell School and Teacher Lori Stock, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed IB school.

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Dorese Roberts

To approve submission of the Application for Candidacy for IB America's Primary Years Programme (PYP), for students ages 3-12 years.

Motion unanimously carried.

The IB Academy will be located at O'Connell Elementary School as part of an expanded campus that will also include Barnes School in the near future. The application fee of \$4,000 is due by April 1, 2012, and will be paid with grant funds. Dr. Zito noted families will be notified when the application process begins. Students attending O'Connell School will be able to continue at O'Connell School. We will then accept district-wide and outside applications for the remaining slots. Mr. Nozik thanked Assistant Superintendent Debbie Kaprove for securing grant dollars for the application fee.

Refuse & Recycling Services

MOTION

By Tyron Harris

Seconded by Dorese Roberts

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To refer Bid #1676-11 Refuse & Recycling Services to the Finance & Audit Committee for review.

Motion unanimously carried.

Certified Staff Member's Use of Employee Sick Bank

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Tyron Harris

To approve certified staff member's use of Employee Sick Bank

Motion unanimously carried.

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Board Member Representative Reports

Dorese Roberts attended Willowbrook School's Policy Committee meeting.

Marilyn Pet attended Child Plan meeting.

Bryan Hall was invited to the Travelers Insurance Company, who have partnered with East Hartford Public Schools, along with 25 EHHS students through the INVEST Program. Twenty departments hosted our students to show them what careers are available at the Travelers.

Public Participation - None

Questions and Concerns by Board Members

Tom Rup thanked the culinary students for the cookies provided to the Board this evening!

Topics for Future Agendas -

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Dorese Roberts

To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:00 P.M.)

Motion unanimously carried.