

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
MARCH 19, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, March 19, 2012, at the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Chairman Jeffrey Currey.

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

ALSO PRESENT Dr. Mark Zito, Superintendent of Schools
Paul Mainuli, Director of Finance
Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources
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 Dorese Roberts
To have a Consent Calendar under New Business, Items 10-19
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tyron Harris
Under New Business, place Item 4 as Item 1
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of March 5, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes:
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Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Meeting of March 5, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

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MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of March 13, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of March 13, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

- Reminder: Kindergarten Registration for school year 2012-2013 begins April 2nd for East Hartford Public Schools at the Administration Building, 1110 Main Street, East Hartford, from 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. daily in Central Registration. Central Registration is open year-round. For further information, please call (860) 622-5080, or visit the East Hartford Public School's website.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

(Joshua Dillon and Cindy Tran)

- March 15th – Dodge ball tournament was held after school – 2:30-4:30 - Team Tenure won;
- March 16th – Fourteen student council members went to Wesleyan and participated in the Spring Leadership Conference;
- Spring sports began today after school;
- March 21st – Students vs. Faculty Basketball – 2:30-4:30;
- March 23rd – Senior Class Trip is going to New York to see the Medieval Times show;
- March 24th – Music Department is performing in “Once Upon a Mattress” musical, 6:30 P.M.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Review of Third Quarter Financial Report

(Paul Mainuli, Director of Finance)

Mr. Mainuli noted we have set aside funding for the MUNIS financial system. We expect a fund balance of \$776,189.01 at the end of the fiscal year. We may be able to do some of the important projects that have had to be delayed in the past. Revenues from Woodland School will amount to \$4.5 million.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Currey noted the Town Council approved the budget of \$85,766,000 for 2012-13. He thanked the Board for working together as well as the Superintendent and his staff for their preparation of the budget. He also thanked the Town Council as well as the Mayor. Thank you

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to past and present students and all supporters. Town Council has set aside \$675,000 in a contingency fund from the State.

Superintendent's Report

- Thank you to the Culinary Arts Program for the wonderful meal and the entertainment; and for Board Appreciation Night ;
- CMT and CAPT testing went very well; thank you to Debbie Kaprove, Marcia Huddy, Pam Schachter, Kim Grant and all the literacy coaches for all their help;
- Thank you to the Board– it was a very tough budget year – thank you for your dedication and serving the District as well as the Town of East Hartford.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Adjustments for FY 2012-13

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Tyron Harris

To approve the budget adjustments for the Board of Education for 2012-13 and to reinstate Head Start and Synergy programs.

Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mainuli noted we will take money from the health benefits account and adjust unemployment compensation, as costs will increase considerably.

Once again, Chairman Currey thanked Mr. Mainuli and staff, students past and present, faculty and community members and the Town Council for allowing us to put programs back in place. Thank you for coming out and speaking on behalf of the programs.

Dorese Roberts thanked parents and students for their passion.

Bryan Hall thanked Dr. Zito and his cabinet for “thinking outside the box” and all their work on the budget. Also thank you to the Town Council and Board for working as a team.

Tom Rup stated we “missed an opportunity here...there are only two towns that pay for Head Start...let’s keep it in mind for next year”.

Marilyn Pet noted it was a pleasure to watch the cooperation that took place.

Chris Gentile thanked Chairman Currey, Dr. Zito, Chris Wethje and Paul Mainuli, as well as the Council and Mayor.

Board of Education Appreciation

Greg Fox, Principal, Langford School, stated he hoped everyone enjoyed the Culinary Arts Program dinner as well as the entertainment this evening. He noted all the cards and notes presented to the Board members from students were outstanding. He thanked Donna Sahlberg,

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Pam Wentworth and Jenny Correa for their assistance to make the Board of Education Appreciation night a memorable one.

Resignations:

MOTION

By Tom Rup
Seconded by Christopher Gentile
To approve (3) Three **Resignations:**
1. Rachel K. Marcus, Social Worker, effective 4/25/12;
2. Crystal A. Maldonado, Teacher, effective 6/20/12;
3. Ghandy S. Arias, Behavior Manager, effective 3/23/12
Motion unanimously carried.

Employee Sick Bank – Certified Staff

MOTION

By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To allow certified staff member's use of employee sick bank
Motion unanimously carried.

Referral to Finance & Audit, Price Increase for School Uniforms

MOTION

By Tyron Harris
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To **refer to Finance & Audit**, Price Increase for School Uniforms
Motion unanimously carried.

Referral to Finance & Audit, Year End Closeout

MOTION

By Tyron Harris
Seconded by Christopher Gentile
To **refer to Finance & Audit**, Year End Closeout
Motion unanimously carried.

Referral to Curriculum, O'Connell IB Curriculum

MOTION

By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To **refer to Curriculum**, O'Connell IB Curriculum
Motion unanimously carried.

Policy 5141.4 – Reporting of Child Abuse for First Read

MOTION

By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Christopher Gentile
To **table for first read** Policy 5141.4, Reporting of Child Abuse
Motion unanimously carried

Policy 5141.41 – Reports of Suspected Abuse and/or Neglect of Adults with an Intellectual Disability for First Read

MOTION

By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Dorese Roberts

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To **table** Policy 5141.41, Reports of Suspected Abuse and/or Neglect of Adults with an Intellectual Disability

Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Christopher Gentile

To approve the following Referrals to Policy & Audit on Consent

Calendar:

Referral to Policy & Audit Committee, Policy 0521 - Nondiscrimination

Referral to Policy & Audit, Policy 3511 Compliance with 504 Regulations

Referral to Policy & Audit, Policy 4118.11/4218.11 Nondiscrimination

Referral to Policy & Audit, Policy 4118.14/4218.14 - Disabilities

Referral to Policy & Audit, Policy 5145.4 – Nondiscrimination

Referral to Policy & Audit, Policy 5145.41 – Compliance with 504 Regulations

Referral to Policy & Audit, Policy 6121 – Nondiscrimination in the Instructional Program

Referral to Policy & Audit, Policy 6142.101 – Student Nutrition, Physical Activity and Wellness Policy

Referral to Policy & Audit, Policy 6159 – Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program

Referral to Policy & Audit, Policy 6171 – Special Education

Motion unanimously carried.

Bryan Hall noted these policies will be available for viewing in the libraries, Town Clerk's office and Board of Education office.

Board Member Representative Reports

Dorese Roberts attended the Willowbrook Policy Committee.

Marilyn Pet attended ChildPlan Committee. They have a networking group – On Saturday, April 28th there will be a Pre-School Kindergarten Fair from 10-2 P.M. at the Cultural Center. There will also be a Health Kids Day at the “Y” on that date from 11-2 P.M.

Public Participation - None

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Questions and Concerns by Board Members – None

Topics for Future Agendas - None

MOTION

By Christopher Gentile

Seconded by Dorese Roberts

To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (7:35 P.M.)

Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald

APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION