

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
JUNE 18, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, June 4, 2012, at the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Chairman Jeffrey Currey.

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

ABSENT Marilyn Pet

ALSO PRESENT Dr. Mark Zito, Superintendent of Schools
Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Paul Mainuli, Director of Finance
Al Costa, Director of Facilities
Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources
Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Mayor Marcia Leclerc
Lisa McMahan, ELL Parent Resource & Community Center Coordinator
Peg Byrnes, Patriotic Committee
Pat Begley, Patriotic Committee
Shari-Lynn Staeb, General Manager, Sodexo

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the following Minutes,
Special Meeting of June 4, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the following Minutes,
Regular Meeting of June 4, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the following Minutes
Special Meeting of June 6, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

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MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the following Minutes,
Special Meeting of June 6, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the following Minutes,
Special Meeting of June 7, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

- Reminder: Kindergarten Registration for school year 2012-2013 for East Hartford Public Schools is 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 - None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Dr. Aaron Lewis – has concerns over resource officers in the school district. He stated he would like the board to contact him. Chairman Jeffrey Currey noted he would be happy to arrange a date to discuss his concerns.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Presentation of American Flag Essay Contest Winners

(Peg Byrnes, Pat Begley – Patriotic Committee)

The following essay contest winners read their essays to the Board. Each received gifts from the Patriotic Committee. Mayor Leclerc presented each student with a Proclamation from her for their outstanding essays:

- Reina Pleites, Langford Elementary**
- Truc Nguyen, Mayberry Elementary**
- Jackson Bottaro, Pitkin Elementary**
- Sriram Ganesh, Sunset Ridge**

At this time, Mayor Leclerc thanked Dr. Zito for his outstanding contributions to the Town of East Hartford and, in particular, the school district. Dr. Zito thanked Mayor Leclerc for her kind words.

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Update on the Community Resource Center

**(Dr. Nancy E. Testa, Supervisor, World Languages, ELL/Bilingual, Gifted & Talented)
(Lisa McMahon, ELL Parent Resource & Community Center Coordinator)**

Ms. McMahon updated the Board with data from the Community Resource Center's First Year Anniversary. Since its inception, the Center has provided 461 families with over 2,559 referrals. The Center helps families obtain energy assistance, housing, food assistance and referrals to health agencies. The Center works directly with East Hartford Public Schools, ChildPlan, EH Health and Social Services Departments, EH Housing Authority and several other agencies and non-profits in East Hartford and the State. Translation services are also provided to families.

Chairman's Report

- Re: Superintendent's Search – interviews are being held;
- 2012-2013 budget begins in July;
- This is the final meeting of the school year – July BoE meeting has been cancelled. There will be a Special Meeting of the Board on June 28th at 5:30 P.M. in the Administration Building, 3rd floor conference room.
- Have a great summer!

Superintendent's Report

- June 21st – two graduations will be held: Synergy at EHHS and EHMS at the IB Academy;
- June 35th – 7:00 EHHS graduation at the Bushnell;
- Re: funding from the State Department of Education – Dr. Zito recently had two meetings with the Commissioner to discuss funding for East Hartford. Dr. Zito noted the Magnet School funding has had a negative impact on schools;
- Dr. Zito noted he has enjoyed his three years as Superintendent. He commended his Superintendent's Cabinet and noted they have been a solid team; he also thanked parents, families and students. He asked that the students continue to make East Hartford proud. He noted he is proud to be a resident of this Town. He thanked each of the Board members for their service and particularly thanked them for initiating the Uniform Policy; Dr. Ziti also thanked former Board members for their support – and thanked former Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes and present Chairman Jeffrey Currey for doing an excellent job in their roles.

OLD BUSINESS

To Remove from Table and Approve Policy 6142.101 - Student Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Wellness Policy

MOTION

By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To **remove from table** Policy 6142.101 - Student Nutrition, Physical Activity and Wellness Policy
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION

By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Christopher Gentile
To **approve** Policy 6142.101 - Student Nutrition, Physical Activity and Wellness Policy
Motion carried. Nay: Dorese Roberts

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Superintendent Zito commented on Physical Education/Health – Wellness Policy stating we could add time to the school day, but we would have to consider the transportation costs; expanding staff and additional P.E. teachers.

NEW BUSINESS

Referral to Facilities Bid # 1681-12 HVAC Preventative Maintenance for All District Facilities

MOTION By Christopher Gentile
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To **refer** to Facilities Bid #1681-12 HVAC Preventative Maintenance for All District Facilities.
Motion unanimously carried.

This item will be placed on the June 28th Special Board Meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding the State of Connecticut Healthy Food Certification for Fiscal Year 2012-13 under Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the State of Connecticut Healthy Food Certification for Fiscal Year 2012-13 under Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes
Motion carried. Nay: Dorese Roberts

Personnel

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To approve **Six Resignations:**
1. Eileen Davis, FRC Child Advocate, effective 6/20/12
2. Kelly C. Burnham, Title 1 Tutor, effective 6/21/12
3. Jessica-Lee M. Motulski, Teacher, effective 6/5/12
4. Donna D. Belske, Sped Para, effective 6/20/12
5. Lorraine O. Kemp, Priority tutor, effective 6/20/12
6. Sharon L. Olander, Priority Tutor, effective 7/19/12
Motion unanimously carried.

To Approve the 2013-2016 Teacher's Contract

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the 2013-2016 Teacher's Contract
Motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Currey noted the teachers ratified the contract today. He thanked Dr. Zito, Paul Mainuli and Karen O'Connell for their input in the 2013-2016 contract.

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To Approve Non-Certified Staff Member's Use of Employee Sick Bank

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve non-certified staff member's use of Employee Sick Bank
Motion unanimously carried.

Board Member Representative Reports - None

Public Participation - None

Questions and Concerns by Board Members

Accolades from Board members to Dr. Zito:

- Dorese Roberts – thanked Dr. Zito for all that he has accomplished;
- Stephanie Watkins – thank you on behalf of myself and parents;
- Tom Rup – continued best wishes to you in the future;
- Marcus Oladell, IV – thank you – you have strengthened the foundation in positive ways;
- Bryan Hall – thank you – you did everything you said you were going to do...you turned the staff around;
- Christopher Gentile – thank you – you left the school district in a great place and left the position in a great place for your successor;
- Tyron Harris – thank you – when I came on the Board, you answered all my questions – best of luck to you;
- Chairman Jeffrey Currey – you gave to students – I personally thank you – you were very easy to work with. I wish you the best of luck in Rocky Hill.

Topics for Future Agendas

Dorese Roberts and Tom Rup – requested a discussion take place regarding expulsions.

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

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald