

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
OCTOBER 3, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, October 3, 2011, at the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes.

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

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
Cindy Tran, Student Representative
Joshua Dillon, Student Representative - Absent

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

MOTION By Jeffrey Currey
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To place on this evening's agenda a Consent Calendar under New
Business, items a – f.
Anita Morrison requested to amend and remove item e for further
discussion.
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Jeffrey Currey
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Meeting of September 6, 2011.
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of September 12, 2011.
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of September 15, 2011.
Motion unanimously carried.

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MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of September 15, 2011.
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marcus Oladell
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of September 26, 2011.
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Jeffrey Currey
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of September 26, 2011.
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

- Car and motorcycle show at Saturday, October 8, 2011 at Goodwin College. Proceeds will go to the MOVE Program. All East Hartford students are free and are requested to bring a donation of a canned good for area food shelters.
- East Hartford High School Football vs. South Windsor Football at Rentschler Field on Friday, October 21, 2011 with pre-game activities for Grades K-6 beginning at 4:00 PM, Kick off at 6:00 PM. Tickets can be pre-purchased at the schools for a discounted rate or at the door.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

(Cindy Tran)

- Open House on September 5, 2011 was a success.
- Homecoming will be on October 14, 2011 from 7:00 PM – 10:30 PM, theme: Under The Moon.
- Pep Rally will be on November 23, 2011, theme: Hornet Pride
- PSAT & Community Awareness Day will be on October 12, 2011. Sophomores and Juniors will be taking the PSATs.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Shonda Rosetta (parent of three students in the district) raised concerns over the cost of the fleece logo jackets. Ms. Rosetta requested that the Board look into allowing parents to purchase plain fleece jackets for cost savings.
- Stephanie Watkins (parent of student in district) having issues with back ordered uniforms and is having issues contacting the provider. As current PTA President she is requesting help in securing an evening at East Hartford Middle School for Sumo Wrestling Family Night.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/Appointments/No Action Required

Update on the Connections Program at EHHS

(Michelle Marion, Assistant Principal, EHHS)

(Cathy Barry, EHHS Guidance)

(Sarah Barry, EHHS)

(Daniel Pichette, EHHS)

(Christopher Sparks, EHHS - Absent)

- Ms. Marion along with Cathy Barry, Sarah Barry and Dan Pichette discussed the three main goals of the Connection Program (Personalization, Academic Achievement and Community Awareness) then presented a video of students and staff in the Connections Program.

First Quarter Financial Report

(Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)

- Budget concerns regarding the cost of East Hartford students attending magnet schools at the cost of the district. Currently over 209 students attending Two Rivers Magnet School and an additional 31 students attending Connecticut River Academy for a total of \$438,452.00 in tuition cost not allocated in the current budget. When including preschool enrollment there is a total of over half a million dollars shortfall.
- Looking for alternate ways to help the budget shortfall including re-routing/shifting bus routes; 30% holdback on supplies, maintenance accounts; possible CL&P credit; Johnson Control Rebate.

Annual Secondary Summer School Report

(Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent)

(Marcia Huddy, Supervisor, Secondary Curriculum and Assessment - Absent)

(Pat Perrone, Coordinator, Adult Education)

- Summer School was held from June 27, 2011 – July 29, 2011. There were 324 East Hartford High students and 84 out of district students.
- 42 students lost credit due to absence.
- Highest grade allowable is a B-; up from a C+ in previous years.
- Cost for out of district student is \$120 per ½ credit; no charge for in district students.
- Certified staff and student teachers co-taught the program.
- Will not be following the uniform policy for Summer School Students.

Special Committee Reports

Policy & Audit – Bryan Hall – meeting held this evening; next meeting 11/7/11 at 6:00 PM at CIBA.

Curriculum – Dorese Roberts – next meeting 10/17/11 6:00 PM at CIBA.

Facilities – Anita Morrison – next meeting not scheduled.

Finance & Audit – Jeffrey Currey – next meeting 10/12/11 at the Board of Education Offices at 5:30 PM.

PERSONNEL

MOTION

By Jeffrey Currey

Seconded by Bryan Hall

To approve the following **two (2) Retirements:**

1. Rose Gottfried, Music Teacher, effective 10/1/11
2. Marilyn Cummings, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective 11/28/11.

Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION

By Jeffrey Currey

Seconded by Bryan Hall

To approve the following **three (3) Resignations:**

1. Sarah Atkins, Tutor, effective 9/21/11.
2. Mitchell Gardner, Custodian I, effective 9/19/11.
3. Denise Beaudoin-Brown, Instructional Paraprofessional, effective 11/28/11.

Motion unanimously carried.

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Remove from Table and Approve the Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School Contract (Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)

MOTION

By Jeffrey Currey

Seconded by Bryan Hall

To remove from table and approve the Glastonbury-East Hartford Magnet School Contract.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION

By Jeffrey Currey

Seconded by Bryan Hall

To approve the following **Consent Calendar** items under New Business: items a – d and f:

**Table for First Read Policy 5120 – Progress/Reports
(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**Table for First Read Policy 5121- Examination/Grading/Rating
(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**Table for First Read Policy 5122 – Assigning Students to a Teacher and Classes in Grades K-12
(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

**Table for First Read Policy 5122.3 – Assignment of Former Home-Schooled Students to Classes
(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

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**Table for First Read Policy 5131.911 - Bullying
(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 5124 – Reporting to Parents
(Bryan Hall, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

MOTION

By Anita Morrison

Seconded by Bryan Hall

To **table** for first read Policy 5124 – Reporting to Parents

Motion unanimously carried.

Representative Reports

- CREC – Dr. Zito reported that the number of students attending Two Rivers Magnet School has increase and recommends that a Board Member attend meetings.
- Dorese Roberts advised that she is an alternate and will try to attend the next meeting.

Public Participation – None

Questions and Concerns by Board Members

- Bryan Hall commended Mr. Kopcha and Mr. White for a very successful Open House at Sunset Ridge Academy with a very positive atmosphere. The staff went above and beyond the call of duty and also thought it was a win-win with the uniform policy.
- Jeff Currey discussed minutes from the Student Transportation Meeting. At East Hartford High School, under the guidance of First Assistant Principal John Fote, they will try a pilot program to have student ID's include bus number for a few of the buses.
- Jeff Currey discussed the new Dinner Program at East Hartford Middle School under the Crossroads Program. This evening was the opening that included a ham dinner for approximately 50 students.
- Marcus Oladell discussed the possibility of having students from Synergy School also adhere to the uniform policy. Dr. Zito advised that the Security Team at East Hartford High School prefers that the students remain non-dress code as they are easily recognizable.

Topics for Future Agendas

- Bryan Hall will bring to Policy and Audit uniform guidelines pertaining to outerwear, footwear and sweat wear for physical education classes as recommended by Dr. Zito.
- T-shirts and sweat wear with the East Hartford Logo samples are being processed by CT-Shirt Man for review.
- Anita Morrison requested an update as to the Out of School Program with the YMCA. Dr. Zito advised that the Y is to take the lead on the grant application and Mr. Mainuli will find out what East Hartford's financial responsibility would be.

MOTION

By Jeffrey Currey

Seconded by Marcus Oladell

To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:43 PM)

Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Shelley Strattman