

**REGULAR MEETING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 5, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, December 5, 2011, 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, Secretary, Bryan Hall  
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  
Paul Mainuli, Director of Finance  
Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel Services  
Cindy Tran, Student Representative

**RECOGNITION OF CAPSS AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**(Matt Ryan, Principal, EHHS)**

**(Art Arpin, Principal, CIBS)**

**(Helene Marchese, Principal, Woodland)**

**(Nathan Quesnel, Principal, EHMS)**

**(John Karzar, Principal, Stevens)**

The following students were recognized by the Board as recipients of the CAPSS Award:

**East Hartford High School**

Jashira Perez Grade 11

Luis Revilla Grade 12

**Connecticut IB Academy**

Nicole Damaschi Grade 12

Nikicha Nieto Rosas Grade 12

**East Hartford Middle School**

Frantz Innocent Grade 8

Adriana Sowell Grade 8

**Woodland School**

Shayne Davidson Grade 11

**Stevens School**

Angel Fontanez Grade 11

Each student received a certificate and a Barnes & Noble gift card.

**RECOGNITION OF CAPT SCHOLARS**

**(Matt Ryan, Principal, EHHS)**

**(Art Arpin, Principal, CIBA)**

The following students were recognized by the Board for their achievement at the advanced level of all CAPT Subtests:

Rachel Forte Diego Spitia

Rainer Humphries Justin Swan

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Amy Lee  
Jessica Murdzek  
Andrew Secker

Matthew Whitesell  
Tyler Whitesell

Each student received a certificate and Barnes & Noble gift card.

Superintendent Zito congratulated each student that was recognized this evening. Mr. Hall stated “good teachers produce good students”. Thank you to our teachers. Chairman Currey congratulated all students and their families.

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA** - None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Marcus Oladell, IV  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Meeting of November 17, 2011 (5:40 P.M.)  
Motion unanimously carried.

**MOTION** By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Meeting of November 17, 2011 (6:27 P.M.)  
Motion unanimously carried.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD** - None

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

**(Cindy Tran and Joshua Dillon)**

- 12/3 – AP Saturday Session – A total of 250 students participated including East Hartford and other schools across the state;
- Fall Newsletter has been published and can be found on-line as well as the main office;
- 12/6 – Sports Night at 6:00 P.M. in the auditorium – awards in performance and grades will be acknowledged;
- 12/8 – Latin Dinner will be held at CIBA at 6:00 P.M. – this is sponsored by students going to Spain in the spring;
- 12/13 – Winter Concert will be held in the auditorium at 6:00 P.M.
- 12/15 – Talent Show will be held in the auditorium

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - None

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**Human Resources/Appointments/No Action Required**

**Annual Adult Education Report**

**(Pat Perrone, Coordinator, Adult Education)**

Ms. Perrone reviewed with the Board the Annual Adult & Continuing Education Report for 2010-2011. She noted the number of students enrolled showed a slight decrease from last year. However, the number of GED applications processed maintained their numbers. Ms. Perrone noted we offer ESL to students in over thirty countries. Student demographics show an average age of 25-44. The programs offered continue to be successful. This program is 61.52% reimbursable from the State.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**Chairman Currey** noted the following:

- Budget talks continue. He urged the public to come out and be a part of the budget deliberations;
- Congratulations to students who received awards this evening;
- Congratulations to Nate Quesnel and East Hartford Middle School being ranked 10<sup>th</sup> on ConnCAN's list for the most improved middle schools in the state;
- Happy Birthday to Tyron Harris;
- Chairman Currey urged everyone to visit our Winter concerts;
- A moment of silence was offered for Bonnie Armentrout, paraprofessional at Norris School for many years, who recently passed away.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Dr. Mark Zito, Superintendent,** noted the following:

- Anna Norris School received a grant of \$3,750 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to be used in their music program;
- At the next Regular Meeting, the Board will be asked to consider scheduling school for Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>;
- Congratulations to Nate Quesnel and East Hartford Middle School for being on ConnCAN's list of most improved middle schools in the state.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**FIVE RESIGNATIONS:**

**(Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources)**

**MOTION**

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To approve the following **five (5) Resignations:**

1. Marcy A. Gaedke, Priority Tutor, effective 11/16/11;
2. Sylvia Velez, Para/Instruction, effective 12/2/11;
3. Wandy Martoral-Solis, Bilingual Tutor, effective 11/23/11;
4. Dana M. Lyons, Teacher, effective 12/31;
5. Eric P. Arcisz, Tutor, effective 12/16/11

Motion unanimously carried.

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**BID#1676-11 REFUSE & RECYCLING SERVICES**

**(Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)**

**MOTION**

By Tyron Harris

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

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

Motion unanimously carried.

**DONATIONS FROM BKM TOTAL OFFICE IN EAST HARTFORD**

**(Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)**

Mr. Mainuli noted that Stan Staron has a very close working relationship with BKM and they have been very generous with many donations presently and in the past. We have distributed donations, such as desks, chairs, tables, etc., to many of our schools. Thank you immensely to BKM for their continued support of the East Hartford Public Schools.

**DONATIONS FROM THE STAPLES DISTRIBUTION CENTER IN PLAINFIELD, CT**

**(Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)**

Mr. Mainuli noted that Stan Staron has been working very closely with Staples Distribution Center and would like to continue accepting donations from them. They have recently donated office equipment and supplies. They have done this on a monthly basis. All supplies and office equipment have been distributed throughout the district and are most appreciated.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 2011**

**(Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)**

Mr. Mainuli stated a monthly financial statement is submitted to the Finance & Audit Committee. This report includes year-to-date expenditures and estimated projections through the end of our fiscal year. Of concern is the additional unbudgeted tuition increase for magnet schools of over \$300,000. Staff is working with Ms. Marchese to ensure we are on track in receiving revenue from Woodland School. Revenue projections are holding at this juncture. We will be sending out invoices to school districts in the near future. Revenues could exceed \$4.7 million.

**2011-2012 BOARD OF EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEES LIST**

**(Jeffrey Currey, Board Chairman)**

**MOTION**

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Tyron Harris

To approve the 2011-2012 Board of Education Sub-committees list.

Motion unanimously carried.

**BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS** - None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

**Bryan Hall** – urged Board members to visit our schools, especially during this holiday season.

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**Dorese Roberts** – re: subcommittees of the Board not being scheduled. It was noted that meetings of subcommittees will be scheduled on an “as needed” basis. Concerns will be directed to the subcommittee and come back to the Board for final approval.

**TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** - None

**MOTION**

By Marcus Oladell, IV  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:00 P.M.)  
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald

**APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION**