

**SPECIAL MEETING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**TUESDAY,  
DECEMBER 6, 2011**

A Special Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at the Board of Education Administrative Offices, 1110 Main Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M. by Chairman Jeffrey Currey

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

**ALSO PRESENT** Dr. Mark Zito, Superintendent of Schools  
Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel  
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services  
Al Costa, Director of Facilities  
Joanne LeBeau, Principal, Willowbrook Early Childhood Center  
Marcia Huddy, Supervisor/Secondary Curriculum & Assessment

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - None

**Special Meeting for Budgetary Purposes with Possible Action**

The following programs were reviewed. The Superintendent's proposed budget amounts are listed next to the program:

**1. Curriculum**

- #101 – Instruction - \$10,255,412 – reflects current services budget for FY 2012-13  
Partial funding was added for a technology Coach and coordinator of  
Assessment and Evaluation;**
- #102 – Art - \$1,506,515 – reflects current services budget for FY 2012-13**
- #103 – Business Education – \$489,971 – reflects current services budget for FY  
2012-13;**
- #105 – English/Language Arts – 2,864,891 – reflects current services budget for  
FY 2012-13 (Added \$50,000 for textbooks and \$180,000 for elementary  
reading materials);**
- #106 – World Language - \$1,139,784 – reflects current services budget for FY  
2012-13;**
- #108 – PE/Health - \$2,736,808 – reflects current services budget for FY 2012-13  
Includes \$18,500 for the Town's Youth Services ROPES program; added  
\$2,200 for library books;**
- #109 – Family and Consumer Science - \$268,554 – reflects current services budget  
for FY 2012-13;**
- #110 – Technology Education - \$609,356 – reflects current services budget for FY  
2012-13;**
- #111 – Mathematics - \$2,341,912 – reflects current services budget for FY 2012-13  
includes \$102,910 for elementary math textbooks;**
- #112 – Music - \$2,021,747 – reflects current services budget for FY 2012-13;**
- #113 – Science - \$2,251,823 – reflects current services budget for FY 2012-13  
added some instructional supplies for elementary grades;**

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- #115 – Social Studies - \$2,270,567 – reflects current services budget for FY 2012-13 added funds for replacement textbooks;**
- #270 – IDEA (Gifted/Talented) - \$205,217 – reflects current services budget for FY 2012-13;**
- #120 – Early Childhood Education - \$461,807 – this reflects a significant increase of over \$186,000 in the cash match amounts for the Head Start and Readiness programs;**
- #121 – Kindergarten - \$2,064,836 – reflects current services budget for FY 2012-13;**
- #122 – Reading/Language Arts - \$1,148,433 – reflects current services budget for FY 2012-13;**
- #129 – Alternative Education - \$607,483 – reflects current services budget for FY 2012-13;**
- #140 – Summer School - \$95,856 – reflects current services budget for FY 2012-13;**
- #411 – Program Development - \$200,465.00 – reflects current services budget for FY 2012-13;**
- #420 – Media Services - \$336,942 – reflects current services budget for FY 2012-13;**
- #421 – Educational Technology - \$76,300– reflects current services budget for FY 2012-13;**
- #119 – Magnet Schools -\$2,744,360 – program reflects significant increase for cost of student tuitions, plus transportation. Also includes tuition costs for Pre-K children;**
- #118 – Student Activities - \$759,841 – reflects current services budget for FY 2012-13;**
- #117 – Cooperative Technology - \$496,968 – reflects current services budget for FY 2012-13;**
- #260 – English as a Second Language - \$1,000,204 – reflects current services budget for FY 2012-13;**
- #130 – Adult Education - \$127,378 – reflects current services budget for FY2012-13.**

After reviewing each of the above programs, Dr. Zito presented to Board members a “Proposed Budget Reductions” list for them to review, noting \$4.7 million in proposed cuts to the budget. He stated to Board members that they will have to make the final decision concerning any budget reductions. The Superintendent agreed to re-do the proposed reductions list in the direction of the Board. He urged Board members to call in their concerns to either him or Paul Mainuli by the end of this week. Concerns will be addressed at the December 19<sup>th</sup> Regular Board of Education meeting.

Dr. Zito thanked Mr. Mainuli and Joanne Zatarain for their assistance in preparing the proposed budget.

**MOTION**

By Bryan Hall  
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV  
To adjourn the Special Meeting (8:50 P.M.)  
Motion unanimously carried.