

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
JANUARY 7, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, January 7, 2013, at the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM by Chairman Jeffrey Currey.

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

ALSO PRESENT Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools
Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources
Paul Mainuli, Director of Finance
Cindy Tran and Aleysa Negron, Student Representatives

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Christopher Gentile
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of December 17, 2012 (6:00 PM)
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of December 17, 2012 (6:31 PM)
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes, as corrected:
Regular Meeting of December 17, 2012
Page 1: ...meeting called to order by **Chairman Jeffrey Currey**
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Christopher Gentile
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of December 19, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD – None

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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Cindy Tran and Aleysa Negron

- Mid-terms will take place January 14-18;
- Boys Basketball Team played Manchester last Friday – we won 77-74, with a current record of 6-2;
- Girls Basketball Team played Manchester last Friday – we won 48-37, with a current record of 7-0;
- Boys Swim Team had their first home meet last Friday – they beat E.O. Smith 97-84;
- We have raised approximately \$1,200 for the Sandy Hook tragedy.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Chairman's Report

- The proposed budget was approved. It will now go to the Town Council on February 27th. Residents and taxpayers can go on line to view the budget and leave questions;
- Mr. Costa and Mr. Moan attended a security workshop. We will be forming a task force with the Town. We welcome community members.
- EHMS will be featured on Channel 3's "Cool Schools" on January 11th;
- Congratulations to the both the Boys and Girls basketball teams.

Superintendent's Report

- Happy New Year;
- Re: Kindergarten parents – revised drop off procedures: parents must get out to the bus stop – thank you to parents for your support for this safety measure;
- We received a \$315,000 grant from the State for upgrading and renovation of the Hockanum's School Based Health Center (SBHC). The renovations will also allow us to add an additional SBHC;
- The Connecticut Literacy Initiative (CK-3LI) is part of the Alliance Plan at Norris School. We have a partnership with SDE, UCONN and EHPS. We have a full time literacy consultant and four literacy interventionists on a full time basis. SDE has provided funding. We are closely monitoring this model and working on ways to bring it to scale around the district.
- Re: recent power outages at Sunset, O'Connell, Synergy, Pitkin, EHHS and CIBA on Friday before vacation – thank you to all the students and parents for their understanding.
- We continue to hire for positions made available through the Alliance Funding. We have already hired three district level Math Coaches from within the district;
- Work Ahead: Budget Season – we have already submitted our proposed budget; Implementation – Alliance Plan Position Hires; BOE Workshop Session being held January 15th;
- Superintendent Quesnel presented a video program he is working on showing what East Hartford Public Schools offer. It was well received by the Board and audience.

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IGNITE – O’Connell Elementary – IB Candidacy School

Bea Corrado and Melissa Todd presented to the Board a “poetic” PowerPoint presentation outlining the focus areas of the IB Candidacy School. It is a very exciting undertaking and is being well received by students, parents and faculty.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy 6172.3 Home Schooling

MOTION	By Bryan Hall	By Bryan Hall
	Seconded by Tyron Harris	Seconded by Dorese Roberts
	To remove from table with possible action	To approve Policy 6172.3
	Policy 6172.3 Home Schooling	Home Schooling
	Motion unanimously carried.	Motion carried.
		Nay – Tom Rup

Bylaw 9321 – Time, Place and Schedule of Meetings

MOTION	By Bryan Hall	By Bryan Hall
	Seconded by Tyron Harris	Seconded by Tyron Harris
	To remove from table with possible action	To approve Bylaw 9321
	Bylaw 9321 – Time, Place and	Time, Place and Schedule of
	Schedule of Meetings	Meetings
	Motion unanimously carried.	Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Overnight Travel to Mystic, Connecticut

MOTION	By Marcus Oladell, IV
	Seconded by Tyron Harris
	To approve request for overnight travel to Mystic, CT for approximately
	30 fourth grade students from Pitkin School to participate in the Mystic
	Ship to Shore program 4/8/13-4/9/13
	Motion unanimously carried.

Board Member Representative Reports

Marilyn Pet – presented an update on Child Plan activities, one being Dance Forever Program which will commence in early June.

Public Participation - None

Questions and Concerns by Board Members – None

Topics for Future Agendas

Reminder: Special Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2013 – agenda to follow.

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MOTION

By Tyron Harris
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (7:45 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald

APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION