

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 4, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, February 4, 2013, at the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Chairman Jeffrey Currey.

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

ALSO PRESENT Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools
Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources
Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services
Al Costa, Director of Facilities
Cindy Tran and Aleya Negron, Student Representatives

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tyron Harris
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes, as amended:
Regular Meeting of January 22, 2013
Page 2: **Delete: Jacqueline Jacoby was present;**
Page 5: under Advanced Placement Environmental Science Course –
Insert: Seconded by...
Page 6: under Questions/Concerns by Board members
Re: comments by Bryan Hall – second sentence should
read...positive **move...**
Page 6: under Questions/Concerns by Board Members –
Re: comments by Dorese Roberts – attended Willowbrook Policy
Committee as a **Board Representative; STEP Team won**
\$150.00 for winning second place in a talent show at Weaver.
Motion unanimously carried, as amended.

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of January 24, 2013
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD - None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Cindy Tran and Aleya Negron

January 29th – Talent Show was held – Steve Carasquillo won first place;

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February 1st – Second Quarter was reported and distributed during Connections;
February 5th - Senior Night for Girls Basketball – 7:00 P.M. play against East Catholic;
February 8th – Boys Basketball – 7:00 P.M. at Windsor;
March 4-8 – CAPT Week – Theme is Power to Perform; flyers will be posted in the schools. Mr. Fote will provide daily motivational announcements. Students and staff will receive Power to Perform bracelets.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/No Action Required

Chairman's Report

- Security Task Force will hold its first meeting on Thursday, February 7th, 11:00 A.M.
- Above & Beyond Program- kick-off gala is being held at Goodwin College tomorrow evening at 6:00 P.M. Students can earn extra credits and college credits by participating in programs offered during school, after school and in the summer; parents and students are invited to attend.
- Budget Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 27th, 6:30 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall.

Superintendent's Report

- Good news – we received official word from CREC that the originally invoiced bills for our EH Pre-K have been voided. This will save the district almost \$120,000 in non-budgeted funds this year.
- Attended a workshop at the Connecticut Convention Center hosted by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. Pedro Noguera was keynote speaker. There may be potential funding from the Ford Foundation for the Time Collaborative Work to support our extended day. I will continue to work with the Foundation regarding potential community and school partnerships designed specifically to promote school readiness and pre-school education.
- Attended the Federal Relations Network in Washington, DC. Superintendent Quesnel was invited to attend this trip by the CT Area Urban Superintendents (paid for by them) in coordination with CABA. The Conference was led by the National Association of School Boards (NASB) and focused on sequestration, local board control and school safety measures. Superintendent Quesnel shared many East Hartford issues and the devastating impact that sequestration would have on our school budget. The data shared with them from East Hartford was a pivotal and important point to the conversation.
- Re: Alliance Plan Hiring Process – we are nearing the end of the hiring process for the Alliance Plan. We have assembled an extremely talented team of professionals to address the high need areas of ELL, Remedial Reading, Math, Literacy/Media/Technology Instruction.

Work Ahead

- Budget Meeting scheduled for February 27, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.

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- Implementation: We are planning a Synergy Audit Review/Re-design.

IGNITE – SILVER LANE ELEMENTARY – Adopt-A-Word

Mrs. Jean Ross, Literacy Coach

Mrs. Jennifer Araujo, Speech Pathologist

Both Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Araujo came up with the idea to plan a school-wide Adopt-A-Word program . During the week of November 13-17, 2012 students had the opportunity to “adopt” a word and take a pledge to use his/her word every day and teach the word to others. Every child has their word as well as a certificate of adoption.

All teachers encouraged their students to enrich their vocabularies. Letters were sent to families in November explaining Adopt-A-Word. They, too, were encouraged to “adopt” a word. Parents were given ideas as to how they could continue the program at home. This is for their vocabulary development.

Board members thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and also took part in a pledge to “adopt” a word.

Final Plans - Solar Car Ports

Mr. Costa presented the current plans of the Solar Parking structures as developed by the Town’s consultant. It calls for Solar Parking structures to be installed at CIBA, O’Connell, O’Brien and Norris schools. These projects were previously approved by the Board in April 2012. If approved by the Town Planning & Zoning, the Building Department and other appropriate Town agencies, the projects would begin in the summer of 2013.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy 3323 – Soliciting Prices

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Dorese Roberts

To approve Policy 3323 – Soliciting Prices

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Marilyn Pet

To **table** Policy 3323 – Soliciting Prices

Motion unanimously carried.

This policy was reviewed by the Policy & Audit Committee at their January 22, 2013 meeting. The policy limit of \$10,000 was reviewed and revised.

NEW BUSINESS - None

Board Member Representative Reports

Marilyn Pet - ChildPlan –Homework Club began at the end of September. ChildPlan assists students with their homework after school from 4:30-6:30.

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Public Participation None

Questions and Concerns by Board Members - None

Topics for Future Agendas - None

MOTION

By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tom Rup
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:00 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald