

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
APRIL 15, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, April 15, 2013, at the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairman Jeffrey Currey.

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

ALSO PRESENT Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools
Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services
Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources
Cindy Tran and Aleysa Negrón, Student Representatives

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Christopher Gentile
Under New Business – **remove Item 2: Non-Bargaining Wage Increase from agenda.**
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Meeting of April 1, 2013
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of April 3, 2013 (5:00 PM)
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of April 3, 2013 (5:30 PM)
Motion unanimously carried.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of April 9, 2013
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

- East Hartford Public Schools Registration for 2013-14 is open all year long – Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 1110 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06108. Telephones: (860) 622-5081, 5082 or 5084.; you can also visit our web site.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Cindy Tran and Aleya Negron

- April 10 – Girls Softball beat Weaver 18-10;
- April 10 – Boys Baseball beat Weaver 20-6 and Boys Volleyball beat Bloomfield 3-1;
- April 11 – First Annual Iron Hornet was held – students and staff paid \$5 to participate in an obstacle-style race – proceeds went to Wounded Warrior Project
- April 12 – 3rd quarter report cards were distributed;
- April 24 – Senior Citizen Prom – hosted by the Student Council – 4:00-7:30 PM;
- April 24 – Sophomore Class Fundraiser – “Eat Wings, Earn Funds” – being held at Buffalo Wild Wings, Manchester – 6:00-9:00 PM;
- April 27 – Junior Prom - 6:00 PM at Maneely’s – South Windsor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/No Action Required

Chairman’s Report

- Thank you to Ram Aberasturia for helping out at Synergy School;
- May 8 – Project Graduation Golf Tournament;
- “Invention Convention” will be held in a few weeks at UConn;
- Thank you to all Board members for their participation at our Board retreat;

Superintendent’s Report

- **Time Collaborative Update:** Today we submitted our proposal and budget to the National Center on Time and Learning, as well as to the State Department of Education. Also, a survey was sent to parents. After we receive approval of our draft, we will send a draft schedule to parents and submit our completed draft schedule to the Board for its approval;
- **Security Task Force Update:** We completed our fourth Security Task Force meeting with representation from Police, Fire, Emergency Management and all three school levels. We have developed a list of commendations and expectations from these recommendations which will be reviewed at the fifth meeting. We will then submit to the BOE and Town Council;

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- **Quality Review Project: Mayberry, Norris, O'Brien, Silver Lane** – we have partnered with the CSDE for a Quality Review for the four schools listed. Each school will have a two day review/evaluation based on four standards of highly effective schools. We believe this project will open doors to many opportunities that the data from this review can provide;
- **School Choice Process:** Our Assistant Superintendent and Human Resources Director are in the final stages of determining enrollment numbers. Thank you to the families for their patience. Notification will be going out via U.S. mail to all families letting them know where they will go to school;
- **Work Ahead:**
- **Alliance Planning Round II;**
- **Summer School/Programming Development**
- **Beginning of summer work process: Hockanum School, O'Connell/Barnes, Pitkin Parking Lot and Synergy Redesign Work.**

OLD BUSINESS

Foundations of Health, Science and Technology - EHHS

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To **approve** Foundations of Health, Science and Technology - EHHS
Motion unanimously carried.

This was reviewed and approved at the Curriculum Committee and forwarded to the full Board for its approval.

Medical Mysteries – EHHS

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To **approve** Medical Mysteries - EHHS
Motion unanimously carried.

This was reviewed and approved at the Curriculum Committee and forwarded to the full Board for its approval.

Public Health – EHHS

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To **approve** Public Health – EHHS
Motion unanimously carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Professional Development and Evaluation Plan

MOTION
By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

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That the Board **approve** the East Hartford Professional Development and **Administrator** Evaluation Plan while granting the Superintendent the authority to make non-substantive adjustments and revisions to the plan and the accompanying appendices and forms.

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To **table** the East Hartford Professional Development and **Administrator** Evaluation Plan while granting the Superintendent the authority to Make non-substantive adjustments and revisions to the plan and the accompanying appendices and forms.

Motion unanimously carried.

Teacher Professional Development and Evaluation Plan

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Marilyn Pet

That the Board **approve** the East Hartford Professional Development and **Teacher** Evaluation Plan while granting the Superintendent the authority to make non-substantive adjustments and revisions to the plan and the accompanying appendices and forms.

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Marilyn Pet

To **table** the East Hartford Professional Development and **Teacher** Evaluation Plan while granting the Superintendent the authority to make non-substantive adjustments and revisions to the plan and the accompanying appendices and forms.

Motion unanimously carried.

Administrator Professional Development and Evaluation Plan

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To **remove from table and approve** the East Hartford Professional Development and **Administrator** Evaluation Plan while granting the Superintendent the authority to make non-substantive adjustments and revisions to the plan and the accompanying appendices and forms.

Motion unanimously carried.

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MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Marilyn Pet

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Superintendent Quesnel thanked Assistant Superintendent Debbie Kaprove, Chris Wethje and Cabinet members, the Board and administrators for their invaluable input. Thank you to the Union and bargaining groups for their invaluable input.

Adopted Budget for FY 2013-14

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the East Hartford Board of Education approve its FY 2013-14 Budget of \$87,266,419. Additionally, that the East Hartford Board of Education approve the general wage increase for Non-Bargaining Unit employees contained in the FY 2013-14 Budget and offer the High Deductible Health Plan as an option for Non-Bargaining Unit employees, replacing the Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried. Nay: Christopher Gentile

This represents a 1.7% overall increase. Superintendent Quesnel thanked Paul Mainuli and his staff for their continued diligence in overseeing the Board's budget on a continuing basis throughout the year. It is certainly smart accounting.

Chairman Currey thanked the Board and all involved for making this happen – we do it for the kids!

Referral to Policy & Audit – Policy on Integrated Pest Management for Ornamental & Turf Services – No Pesticides

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To refer to Policy & Audit – Policy on Integrated Pest Management for Ornamental & Turf Services – No Pesticides.

Motion unanimously carried.

One Resignation and One Retirement

MOTION

By Dorese Roberts

Seconded by Tyron Harris

To approve (1) **Resignation:**

1. Brenda R. Taylor, Kindergarten Teacher, effective 4/24/13
and

To approve (1) **Retirement:**

1. Jacqueline M. Violette, Secretary, effective 7/5/13

Motion unanimously carried.

Board Member Representative Reports

Dorese Roberts – (1) attended Willowbrook Policy Committee – they focused on self-assessment; Head Start orientation; (2) Kindergarten registration held at Cultural Center – over 48 families attended;

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Marilyn Pet – (1) attended Kindergarten registration at Cultural Center – over 48 families attended; (2) attended Synergy – they are redefining their mission;

Bryan Hall – (1) thank you to EHHS and Sunset Ridge for Board Appreciation day; (2) Board Retreat – we have some exciting things happening – thank you to Chairman Currey and Superintendent Quesnel for sharing exciting ideas;

Stephanie Watkins – (1) next Friday Mayberry and O'Brien schools are having a basketball tournament EHMS.

Public Participation - None

Questions and Concerns by Board Members

Chairman Currey called for a moment of silence for the tragic event that happened in Boston.

Topics for Future Agendas - none

MOTION

By Dorese Roberts

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (9:25 P.M.)

Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald

APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION