

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
APRIL 16, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, April 16, 2012, 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, Secretary Bryan Hall, Tyron Harris, Christopher Gentile, Dorese Roberts, Stephanie Watkins, Tom Rup, Marilyn Pet, Marcus Oladell, IV

ALSO PRESENT Dr. Mark Zito, Superintendent of Schools
Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Paul Mainuli, Director of Finance
Al Costa, Director of Facilities
Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources
Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To place on Consent Calendar under New Business,
Items 2-11
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the following Minutes, as amended:
Regular Meeting of April 2, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes, as amended:
Special Meeting of April 9, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To approve the following Minutes, as amended:
Special Meeting of April 9, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Reminder: Kindergarten Registration for school year 2012-2013 begins April 2nd for East Hartford Public Schools at the Administration Building, 1110 Main Street, East Hartford from 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. daily in Central Registration. Central Registration is open year-round.

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For further information, please call (860) 622-5080, or visit the East Hartford Public School's website.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT - None
(Joshua Dillon and Cindy Tran)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Strategic School Profiles

Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent

Ms. Kaprove noted The Strategic School Profiles (SSP) are completed annually. The report presently being reviewed is for 2010-11. We receive this information in the fall from the State Department of Education. The SSP provides a myriad of information about the schools and the district, including student performance, discipline, district expenditures, school improvement plans and other information. Ms. Kaprove stated we look at trends over the years. It also gives a comparison to other school districts. Disciplinary issues have gone down in our district. Due to East Hartford's transient population, the graduation rate of our students is not as high as we would like it. Mr. Hall asked if we have summer remediation reading program. Ms. Kaprove responded we have several for K-3, and EHMS and EHHS have summer school programs. We also have special education programs for the summer. Mr. Hall also requested a report regarding the demographics of high school drop-outs and the number of graduates for 2011.

Chairman's Report

- April 28th, 10:00 A.M. -2:00 P.M. – Pre-school/Kindergarten Fair at the Cultural Community Center – ChildPlan will review summer programs;
- We are still awaiting further information from the State regarding the education bill;
- Chairman Currey noted he attended the “Invention Convention” through the IDEA program – eight students will represent East Hartford at the State Convention on April 28th. Students will be present at the next Board meeting;
- Graduation dates have been finalized. Jason Rojas will be the keynote speaker at the EHHS graduation.

Superintendent's Report

- Happy Spring Break;
- Regarding graduation dates: Synergy and CIBA will both have the same graduation date of June 21st; however, Synergy will commence at 5:30 P.M. and CIBA at 7:30 P.M. to allow Board members to attend both, if they so desire.

OLD BUSINESS

Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 5141.4 – Reporting of Child Abuse

MOTION	By Bryan Hall	By Bryan Hall
	Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV	Seconded by Dorese Roberts
	To remove from table with possible action	To approve Policy 5141.4
	Policy 5141.4 Reporting of Child Abuse	Reporting of Child Abuse
	Motion unanimously carried.	Motion unanimously carried.

Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 5141.41 – Reports of Suspected Abuse and/or Neglect of Adults with an Intellectual Disability

<p>MOTION By Bryan Hall Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV To remove from table with possible action Policy 5141.41 Reports of Suspected Abuse and/or Neglect of Adults with an Intellectual Disability Motion unanimously carried.</p>	<p>By Bryan Hall Seconded by Tyron Harris To approve Policy 5141.41 Reports of Suspected Abuse and/or Neglect of Adults with an Intellectual Disability Motion unanimously carried.</p>
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Year End Closeout with Possible Action

MOTION By Tyron Harris
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To approve the Year End Closeout priority list of purchase for textbooks, technology equipment and other critical items for elementary schools, EHMS and EHHS, pending availability of funds at year end.
Motion unanimously carried.

Capital Improvement Plan

MOTION By Christopher Gentile
Seconded by Bryan Hall
To approve the Capital Improvement Plan as submitted.
Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Costa noted the reimbursement rate from the State on construction projects is 74.29 percent.

EHMS Window Replacement Project

CORRECTED 04-23-13

MOTION By Christopher Gentile
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve *State Grant Application and Educational Specifications for East Hartford Middle School Window Wall Replacement* and refer ~~the capital project~~ to the Mayor and Town Council for their consideration.
Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Costa noted with authorization of local share funding, the State Department of Education Grant application will be submitted for approval to the State Legislature during the 2013 session.

Barnes Elementary School Roof Bid #1679-12

MOTION By Christopher Gentile
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the Barnes Elementary School Roof Bid #1679-12 and award to C&M Roofing, South Windsor for a total cost of \$63,500.
Motion unanimously carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

Resignation:

MOTION

By Dorese Roberts

Seconded by Tyron Harris

To approve (4) **Resignations:**

1. Brandon E. Knight, Priority Tutor, effective 6/21/12;
2. Ralph R. Federico, SPED/Para, effective 4/13/12;
3. Brian J. White, Assistant Principal, effective 6/27/12
4. Milagros Cajigas, Teacher, effective 6/29/12

and

To approve (1) **Retirement:**

1. Betty S. Seidman, SPED, Para, effective 6/29/12

Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Tom Rup

To **table** the following items 2-11 placed under New Business on Consent Calendar:

Referral to Finance & Audit, Bid #1677-12 Replacement of Core Routing Equipment at EHHS

Referral to Finance & Audit, Year End Transfer of General Budget Funds to the Town of East Hartford's Reserve Fund for Building Improvements

Referral to Policy & Audit, Policy 6164 – Individual Services and Diagnostic Counseling

Referral to Policy & Audit, Policy 6164.3 – Student Psychological Services

Referral to Policy & Audit, Policy 6164.4 – Identification of Special Needs and Abilities

Referral to Policy & Audit, Policy 6164.5 – Speech, Hearing and Language Services

Referral to Policy & Audit, Policy 6164.6 – Social Work Services

Referral to Policy & Audit, Policy 6171.1 – Special Education/Inclusion

Referral to Policy & Audit, Policy 6171.2 – Special Education/Preschool Special Education

Referral to Policy & Audit, Policy 6171.3 – Special Education/Placement of Special Education Students (Out-of-District)

Motion unanimously carried.

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Delete Policy 0521 – Nondiscrimination (Mission – Goals – Objectives)

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To **delete** Policy 0521 – Nondiscrimination (Mission – Goals – Objectives)
Motion unanimously carried.

Delete Policy 3511 – Compliance with 504 Regulations

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To **delete** Policy 3511 – Compliance with 504 Regulations
Motion unanimously carried.

Delete Policy 6121 – Nondiscrimination in the Instructional Program

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To **delete** Policy 6121 – Non-discrimination in the Instructional Program
Motion unanimously carried.

Delete Policy 6159 – Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To **delete** Policy 6159 – Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program
Motion unanimously carried.

Delete Policy 6171 – Special Education

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To **delete** Policy 6171 – Special Education
Motion unanimously carried.

Table Policy 5145.41 – Compliance with 504 Regulations

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To **table** for first read Policy 5145.41 – Compliance with 504 Regulations
Motion unanimously carried.

Table Policy 6142.101 – Student Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Wellness Policy

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To **table** for first read Policy 6142.101 – Student Nutrition, Physical Activity and Wellness Policy
Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Hall noted policies can be reviewed at libraries, schools and the Board office.

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Board Member Representative Reports

Tyron Harris noted Finance & Audit Committee will hold a meeting on Wednesday, April 18th at 5:30 P.M.

Dorese Roberts (1) Curriculum Committee held its meeting this evening. The IB curriculum was reviewed; (2) attended the Willowbrook Policy Committee meeting; (3) attended the “Invention/Convention”; (4) re: Silver Lane School Readiness Program – parent complaint; parents are not allowed to enter building until 8:30 A.M. with child – Superintendent Zito will review this concern.

Bryan Hall – re: resignation of Brian White, Vice Principal, Sunset Ridge – did a great job and we wish him well in his new position outside our district.

Public Participation - None

Questions and Concerns by Board Members

Marcus Oladell (1) to Mr. Mainuli: what happened with the oversized wheel chair situation – Mr. Mainuli stated he will ask First Student to see if they can find one; (2) re: new roof at Barnes School – Dr. Zito stated we already have an enrollment of 500 to attend O’Connell School next year for 6th grade program and can use a wing at Barnes, if needed.

Debbie Kaprove noted letters will go out to families informing them of where their child will be attending school next year. Dr. Zito thanked Ms. Kaprove and her staff for compiling this information.

Topics for Future Agendas

Dr. Zito noted he will ask Lisa McMahon and Nancy Testa to give a report on the ELL Parent Resource and Community Center at a future Board meeting.

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:20 P.M.)

Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald