

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
JUNE 17, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, June 17, 2013, at the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Jeffrey Currey.

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

ABSENT Marilyn Pet, Superintendent Nathan Quesnel

ALSO PRESENT Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services
Al Costa, Director of Facilities
Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources
Cindy Tran, Student Representative
Alyssa Crooks and Brian Calero, Student Representatives for 2013/14

Chairman Currey mentioned the absence of Superintendent Quesnel – **Congratulations to the Quesnels on the birth of their twin boys on Father's Day.**

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

MOTION By Marcus Oladell, IV
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To place on this evening's agenda a Consent Calendar, under Old Business, Items 1-4:
1. Policy 2131 – Superintendent of Schools;
2. Policy 5113 – Attendance and Excuses
3. Policy 5113.2 – Truancy
4. Policy 5145.14 – On-Campus Recruitment
and
Remove from agenda under Informational Reports: State of the Schools to a later date.
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of June 3, 2013 (6:08 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of June 3, 2013 (6:20 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

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MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Meeting of June 3 2013, as amended:
Page 1: Under Also Present: Debbie Kaprove – remove **Acting Superintendent**/Should read, **Assistant Superintendent**
Page 4: re: Increase in Elementary School Meal Prices:
Motion should read: **Approve an Increase in Elementary School Meal Prices to Comply with the United States Department of Agriculture Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010**
Motion unanimously carried, as amended:

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV (5:01 P.M.)
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of June 10, 2013
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Meeting of June 10, 2013 (5:19 P.M.)
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. **Beginning July 1, Central Registration will relocate across the street to 1137 Main Street (Goodwin College), Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.**

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Cindy Tran

- Exams began last Friday – they will conclude on Wednesday; Thursday is make-up day;
- Graduation rehearsal will be Friday and Monday 9-12 and Tuesday 8-1;
- Graduation Day – Tuesday 7:00 P.M. at the Bushnell

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Recognition of Student Representatives: Cindy Tran and Aleya Negron

Chairman Currey thanked Cindy for her service on the Board and wished her well in college. The Board presented Cindy (and Aleya Negron, who was absent) with a plaque and gift card to Barnes & Noble. Cindy stated it was an honor to serve on the Board as Student Representative.

Recognition of Volunteers of the Year, District School Organization Presidents and School Governance Council Chairs

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Nancy Barnwell	CIBA
Christina Whitesell	EHHS
Michael Kerrigan	EHMS
Dawn Bussiere	Goodwin
Jennifer Pecott	Hockanum
Roseann Pelletier	Mayberry
Dana & Kenny Gwozdz	Norris
Jasmine Rivera-McNeill	O'Brien
Ann Meglin	O'Connell
Nicole Cumento	Pitkin
Nasreen Al Omari	Silver Lane
Roy Fabian	Stevens
Dottie Marks	Sunset
Joanne Fulk	Willowbrook

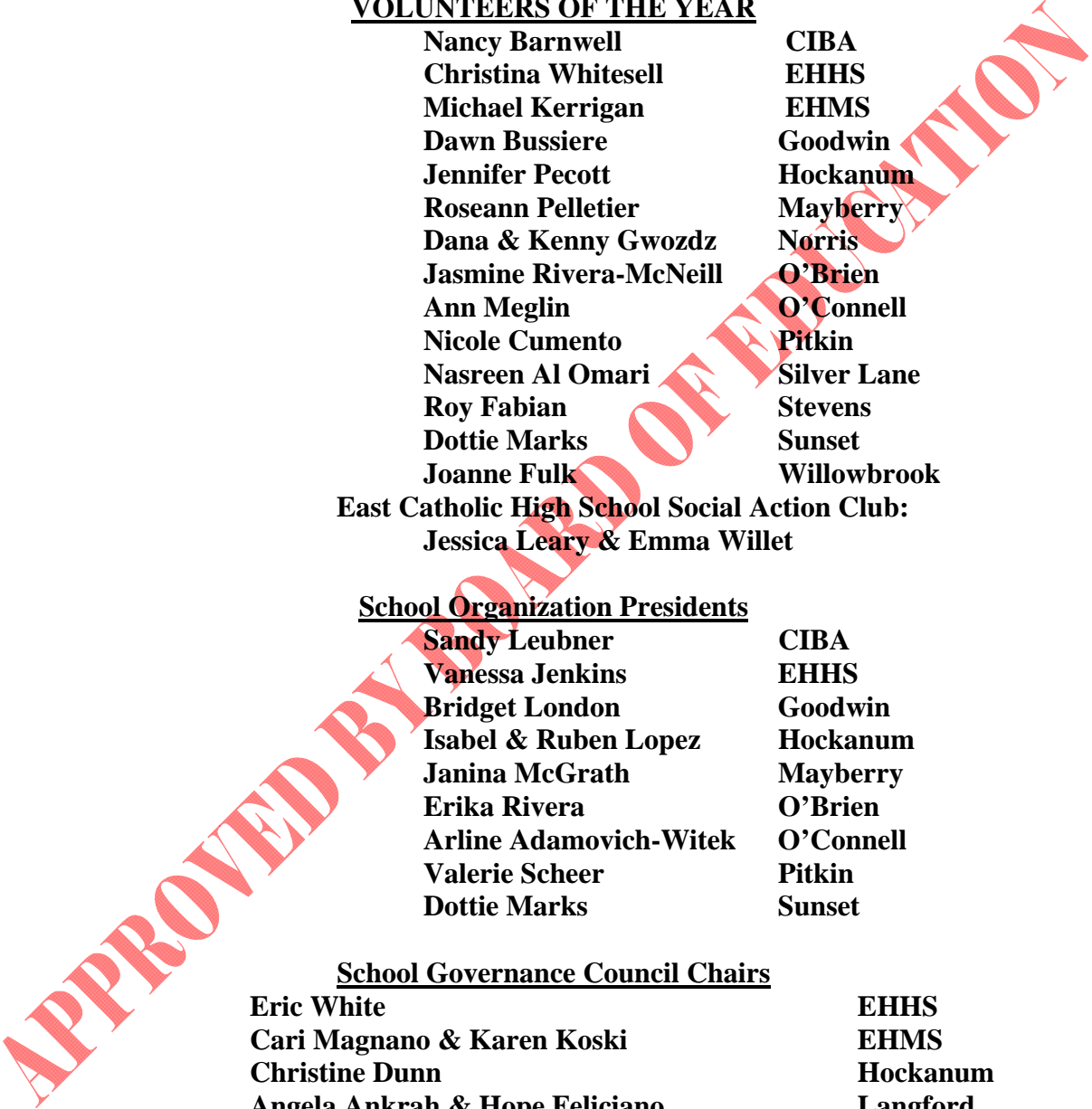
East Catholic High School Social Action Club:
Jessica Leary & Emma Willet

School Organization Presidents

Sandy Leubner	CIBA
Vanessa Jenkins	EHHS
Bridget London	Goodwin
Isabel & Ruben Lopez	Hockanum
Janina McGrath	Mayberry
Erika Rivera	O'Brien
Arline Adamovich-Witek	O'Connell
Valerie Scheer	Pitkin
Dottie Marks	Sunset

School Governance Council Chairs

Eric White	EHHS
Cari Magnano & Karen Koski	EHMS
Christine Dunn	Hockanum
Angela Ankrah & Hope Feliciano	Langford
Adam Flaherty	Mayberry
Mindy Barry	Norris
Rosemarie Lonabaugh & Cathy Ryan	O'Brien
Sarah Worley	O'Connell
Jena Ledoux	Silver Lane
Michael Pittman	Stevens
Kim Knapp	Sunset



Retirements

Stephen Bates
Jerry S. Blige
Linda Campise
Susan Chapman
Gregory Corrado
Beverly Dillon
Karen Gorman
Ralph Gray
Deborah Journalist
Lauren Keegan
Joanne LeBeau
Denise Moynihan
Charles Nystrom
Karen O'Connell
Cheryl R. Prevost
Donna Salerno
Debra Signor
Judy Silvers
Susan Underwood
Jacqueline Violette
Lois Wendus
William Wood

25 Years of Service

Lois Batchelder
Sandra Brescia
Kim Coutu-Chiger
Al Costa
Anne Haley
Sean Harrington
Erwin James
Barbara McKinney
Joan Olsen
Thelma Sablon-Tauris
Concetta Stiles

Chairman Currey thanked the Volunteers of the Year, District School Organization Presidents and School Governance Council Chairs. All were presented with certificates.

Human Resources/No Action Required

Chairman's Report

- Legislators have passed the budget – East Hartford will receive approximately \$7 million;
- Attended Adult Education Graduation – thank you to Pat Perrone and staff for a successful year;
- Attended Mayberry School talent show – we have many talented students;
- Attended meeting regarding Mission and Vision Statement;
- Will attend Town Council tomorrow evening – the first annual scholarship award will be presented;
- This is our last meeting of the year before the close of school – thank you to staff, our Superintendent and Board of Education members for all they do; thank you to parents and families – continue to read to your children throughout the summer months.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Attended Adult Education graduation;
- June 7th - Attended Woodland School Graduation ;
- June 20th, 5:30 PM Synergy Graduation at EHMS;
- June 21st, 7:00 PM CBIA Graduation at EHHS

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- June 25th, EHHS graduation at the Bushnell;
- Thank you to the staff of East Hartford Public Schools for helping our students;
- In the fall, we will be honoring our Teacher of the Year, Christine Denecour from Goodwin School;

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION

By Tyron Harris

Seconded by Dorese Roberts

To approve the following items placed on Consent Calendar this evening:

Policy 2131 Superintendent of Schools for First Read

Policy 5113 Attendance and Excuses

Policy 5113.2 Truancy

Policy 5145.14 On-Campus Recruitment

Motion unanimously carried.

Approve Bid #1688-13 Paving Renovations Pitkin School

MOTION

By Christopher Gentile

Seconded by Tyron Harris

To approve Bid #1688-13 Paving Renovations Pitkin School and award to Central Sealing & Paving for \$149,450.

Motion unanimously carried.

Advanced Placement Environmental Science Textbooks

MOTION

By Dorese Roberts

Seconded by Tyron Harris

To approve purchase of 24 Essential Environment textbooks in the amount Of \$100-\$140 each, plus shipping.

Motion unanimously carried.

To be taken from Alliance Grant or Priority School Grant. The Advanced Placement Environmental Science Course was approved by the Board on January 22, 2013.

Student Planner/Agenda Books

MOTION

By Dorese Roberts

Seconded by Tyron Harris

To purchase student planner/agenda books for the 2013/14 school year

Motion unanimously carried.

This has been reviewed by the Curriculum Sub-Committee. Funds will come from the Priority School and Title 1 grants. Chairman Currey requested an updated list of who uses these agendas.

Approve the Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2013-14

MOTION

By Christopher Gentile

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To approve the Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2013-14.

Motion unanimously carried.

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This was previously approved by the Facilities Committee on June 4, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve CP#1695-13 - EHHS Auditorium Sound System

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded Tyron Harris
To approve CP#1695-13 EHHS Auditorium Sound System and award to Unitech Sound & Security Systems, LLC for \$63,344.41.
Motion unanimously carried.

Approve CP#1694-13 Band Instruments

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve CP#1694-13 Band Instruments and award to **Bundy Brand** through **Music & Arts** for a total of \$50,229.50 for the district.
Motion unanimously carried.

Approve Hockanum School Readiness Program Renovations

MOTION By Christopher Gentile
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve classroom renovations for the Hockanum School Readiness Program, including but not limited to a new Handicap Bathroom, pending available funds.
Motion unanimously carried.

The renovations will be done with the understanding that (1) funds are available; (2) providing the cost of renovations will not exceed \$50,000, as previously identified and approved by the Board and (3) that work shall be bid in accordance to Board Policy and the contractor selected shall be the lowest responsible bidder.

Approve Mayberry School Renovations

MOTION By Christopher Gentile
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the renovations for the School Based Health Center, including but not limited to a new Handicap Bathroom, pending available funds.
Motion unanimously carried.

Federal grant funds are already in place for the School Based Health Center. There is no impact on the general budget.

Bond Funds for School Based Health Center

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To authorize the Superintendent to sign the appropriate contracts and resolutions to secure the Bond Funds from the State of Connecticut's

Department of Public Health for School Based Health Centers.
Motion unanimously carried.

Refer to Policy & Audit, Policy 6142.101 Student Nutrition, Physical Activity and Wellness Policy

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To **refer** to Policy & Audit, Policy 6142.101 Student Nutrition, Physical Activity and Wellness policy.
Motion unanimously carried.

Refer to Curriculum Committee, English 4: Foundations for College Reading and Writing (modification of Literature 4 & Writing 4)

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To **refer** to Curriculum Committee, English 4: Foundations for College Reading and Writing (modification of Literature 4 & Writing 4)
Motion unanimously carried.

Non-Certified Staff Member's Use of Employee Sick Bank

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Christopher Gentile
To approve use of employee sick bank for non-certified staff member.
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 0000, Mission and Functions for State/District

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To **table for first read** Policy 0000, Mission and Functions for State/District
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 0100, Mission Statement

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To **table for first read** Policy 0100, Mission Statement
Motion unanimously carried.

Four Resignations and Two Retirements

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve four (4) **Resignations:**
1. Cynthia L. Gilligan, SpecEd Paraprofessional, effective 6/12/13;
2. Laura L. Alvarez, SpecEd Paraprofessional, effective 6/14/13;
3. Angelica L. Cadden, Bilingual Tutor, effective 6/21/13;

**4. Maureen E. Vint, Instructional Resource Teacher, effective 6/2/13
and**

To approve two (2) **Retirements:**

- 1. Lauren G. Keegan, SpecEd Paraprofessional, effective 6/30/13;**
- 2. Karen M. Gorman, Secretary, effective 7/5/13**

Motion unanimously carried.

Possible Action Regarding Modifications to Superintendent's Contract

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To authorize the Board of Education Chairman to execute a contract extension with the Superintendent through June 30, 2016.

Motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Currey thanked Superintendent Quesnel for all that he has accomplished.

Board Member Representative Reports

Dorese Roberts – (1) attended Willowbrook Policy Committee – discussion centered around how to engage parents in more activities at the school; attended Willowbrook Multi-Cultural night;

Public Participation None

Questions and Concerns by Board Members

Tom Rup- re: expulsion hearings – believes we are not being given enough information at expulsion hearings.

Marcus Oladell, IV – would like the Board to re-visit placement of bus numbers on student ID's.

Dorese Roberts – wished Cindy Tran good luck in college.

Chairman Currey – thanked Cindy Tran for her contribution as Student Representative of the Board.

Topics for Future Agendas - None

MOTION

By Marcus Oladell, IV

Seconded by Dorese Roberts

To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:50 P.M.)

Motion unanimously carried.