

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
AUGUST 20, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, August 20, 2012, at the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Chairman Jeffrey Currey.

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

ABSENT Christopher Gentile,

ALSO PRESENT Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools
Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Al Costa, Director of Facilities
Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources
Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Chairman Currey called for a moment of silence in memory of Kathleen Miskell and Thomas Andreoli who recently passed away. Both had worked for the East Hartford Board of Education.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting of June 13, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting of June 13, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marilyn Pet
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Board of Education Meeting of June 18, 2012, as corrected:
Under Topics for Future Agendas – Dorese Roberts and Tom Rup
requested a discussion take place regarding expulsions.
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the following Minutes,
Special Meeting of June 19, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

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MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve the following Minutes
Special Board of Education Meeting of June 19, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes
Special Board of Education Meeting of June 28, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes
Special Board of Education Meeting of August 7, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

- Reminder: Kindergarten Registration for school year 2012-2013 for East Hartford Public Schools is at EHHS until Thursday, August 27th. After that date, registration will be by appointment only.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT - None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Chairman's Report

- Hoped everyone had a healthy and happy summer;
- We were busy with hiring a Superintendent;
- Many changes in positions have taken place throughout the district. We welcome the following to their new assignments: EHMS, Anthony Menard as building principal; Langford School, Dr. Sharon Epple as principal; EHMS, David Caruso 12-mo. first assistant principal; Dr. Craig Outhouse, transferred to half-time position at Sunset Ridge and half-time position as a Data Analyst/School Improvement Specialist; O'Connell School, Gregg Fox, principal.
- East Hartford has submitted our application for the \$1.7 million dollars in alliance monies – Thank you to our administration for their work on this.
- Thank you to Dr. Jacoby for all of her hard work in working as Interim Superintendent and on assisting in the selection of our new Superintendent.

Superintendent's Report

- Thanks to the Board of Education, cabinet members and search committee for my appointment as Superintendent. Mr. Quesnel stated he is looking forward to continuing to move our students and the district forward. He also thanked the teachers in the district. He

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- further stated he will be committed to a long range plan regarding budgets, personnel, accountability and educational issues.
- Thank you to the staff at EHMS for putting children first.
- Thank you to Al Costa and staff for the work done at the O'Connell/Barnes School. The transformation is amazing. Also thank you to Al Costa and staff for the paving project at Woodland School.
- 8/27 – 7:45-8:45 – Breakfast for staff at EHMS
- 9:00-10:30 Convocation – Superintendent
- 8/28 - 8/29 Professional Development for staff – also listed on EHPS web site
- Regarding, registration, please note registration will be by appointment only after August 27th. Donna Sahlberg has done an outstanding job with our registration process. Parents – please register your child.
- Thank you to Dr. Jacoby for her assistance during her time as Interim Superintendent as well as serving on the search committee for Superintendent.
- 8/30 – **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Annual Review of EHHS Coaches Handbook

Frank Cipolla, Coordinator of Athletics

Mr. Cipolla recapped the Coaches Handbook with the Board. He noted several initiatives he would like to propose for consideration; i.e., start an Athletic Hall of Fame, start an Athletic League. He noted the C rule will continue. He will be meeting with Guidance Counselors to determine if the students who did not make the C rule will be eligible to return to sports programs. Coaches will have three meetings per year to discuss emergency plans.

CL&P Electric Vehicle Research Project

Al Costa, Director of Facilities

Mr. Costa discussed the installation of electric vehicle charging stations as a result of the program designed around Congress' Electric Vehicle (EV) Act. Presently, East Hartford has two sites: one at Facilities Department and the other at the Board of Education Administration Building. The EVC units are clearly marked at the two sites. This project was completed at no cost to the district.

Mr. Costa noted that charging stations are completed safe to the public. Mr. Hall suggested the locations of the EVC units be placed on our web site.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Continuation of the Primary Mental Health Program Grant

Teresa Mason, Program Director

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Tyron Harris

To continue the Primary Mental Health Program grant for
FY 2012-2013.

Motion unanimously carried.

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Funding for \$24,000 has been requested of the State Department of Education.

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

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To approve a non-certified staff member's use of Employee Sick Bank
Motion unanimously carried.

To Approve a Certified Staff Member's Use of Employee Sick Bank

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marilyn Pet
To approve a certified staff member's use of Employee Sick Bank
Motion unanimously carried.

PERSONNEL

Resignations

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To approve the following thirty-two (32) Resignations and five (5) Retirements:

1. Edgardo Figuero, Jr., Behavior Mgr., effective 6/25/12
2. Kristen D. Wright, Title 1 Tutor, effective 8/2/12
3. Scott J. Nozik, Principal, effective 7/29/12
4. Eve M. Hurley, Teacher, effective 8/2/12
5. Kristina Gallasso, Physical Therapist, effective 6/28/12
6. Anthony T. Lupacchino, Residency Investigator, effective 7/13/2012
7. Marilyn D. Brendel, Teacher, effective, 7/3/12
8. Bonnie Fineman, Teacher, effective 7/6/12
9. Christina Simonek, Teacher, effective 7/10/12
10. Amy L. Bass, Teacher, effective 7/10/12
11. Charles W. Brewer, Residency Investigator, effective 7/13/12
12. Sarah R. Lengyel, Teacher, effective 7/13/20
13. Kristie D. Bourdoulous, effective 7/18/12
14. Courtney R. Stone, Teacher, effective 7/18/12
15. Mark E. Schultz, Teacher, effective 7/23/12
16. Heather N. Sullivan, Teacher, effective 7/24/12
17. Hilary M. Stevens, Title 1 Tutor, effective 7/24/12
18. Shamim S. Patwa, School Psychologist, effective 7/27/12
19. Kristyn Treggor-Horstman, Teacher, effective 7/27/12
20. Cassandra I. Sargent, Title 1 Tutor, effective 7/27/12
21. Nicole S. Jackson, Priority Tutor, effective 8/10/12
22. Steven F. Bowen, Behavior Manager, effective 7/31/12
23. Nicole R. Criniti, Nurse, effective 8/8/12
24. Debbie A. Fiori, School Counselor, effective 8/1/12
25. Katharine A. Gaouette, Speech & Language, effective 7/29/12

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26. Monique K. Isabelle, Priority Tutor, effective 8/8/12
27. Kristen e. Lewis, Priority Tutor, effective 8/13/12
28. Nicholas R. Macellaro, Behavior Manager, effective 8/8/12
29. Gary W. Smith, Security Officer, effective 8/17/12
30. Paula A. Wirth, Priority Tutor, effective 7/31/12
31. Nancy A. Zalcman, Teacher, effective 8/8/12
32. Sarah K. Chaffin, Title 1 Tutor, effective 8/14/12

and

To approve the following five (5) Retirements:

1. Irene Savoie, General Para, effective 6/20/12
2. Jeffrey Robinson, Plumber, effective 7/18/12
3. Gary E. Herman, Teacher, effective 6/30/12
4. Robert R. Armstrong, Teacher, effective 6/30/12
5. Jerry S. Blige Custodian, effective 8/10/12

Motion unanimously carried.

Board Member Representative Reports - None

Public Participation - None

Questions and Concerns by Board Member

Tom Rup – re: questioned the process used in eliminating paraprofessional positions. Mr. Wethje responded that all have been placed within the district in other positions. Chairman Currey stated the process will be better communicated in the future.

Chairman Currey urged Board members to attend open houses next week.

Bryan Hall congratulated the Superintendent and thanked the Board and staff on the Superintendent's appointment.

Topics for Future Agendas – None

MOTION

By Dorese Roberts

Seconded by Tyron Harris.

To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (7:45 P.M.)

Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald