

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 19, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, November 19, 2012, at the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Jeffrey Currey.

PRESENT Chairman Jeffrey Currey, Bryan Hall, Marilyn Pet, Tom Rup, Dorese Roberts (arrived 7:12), Christopher Gentile, Stephanie Watkins, Marcus Oladell, IV

ABSENT Tyron Harris

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 Finance
Al Costa, Director of Facilities
Cindy Tran, Student Representative

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Christopher Gentile
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting of November 1, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Board of Education Meeting of November 5, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting of November 13, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marilyn Pet
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting of November 14, 2012
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD – None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Cindy Tran

- Today at 5:00 P.M. a Celebration of Excellence was held honoring students for their academic achievement on the 2011-2012 Advanced Placement Tests. CAPT scholars were also honored;
- 11/21 – Community Awareness Day – students will have activities, listen to speakers and learn about various ways to get involved in community service;
- 11/21 – East Hartford/Manchester football game – this is the last game of the season, beginning at 6:30 P.M.;
- Today girls’ basketball tryouts were held; other sports will begin next week.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/No Action Required

Chairman’s Report

- We will be working on short and long-term goals;
- This will be a short week – Happy Thanksgiving to all the staff, students and families.

Superintendent’s Report

- EHPS has received the Alliance Grant for \$1.7 million for student achievement. Thank you to Debbie Kaprove. The dollars will be used to apply key work and interventions throughout the district; we have revised job postings to align with this grant;
- We continue to focus on developing a long range vision for our district – where are we with staff; public relations outreach; parent interaction;
- East Hartford Workforce Development Team – we have formed a partnership with the Mayor’s office, East Hartford Chamber of Commerce and Goodwin College. We have framed a program, to be housed at Stevens School, to provide a pathway for students who have struggled in the traditional education setting to career readiness. Continued discussions and planning sessions will be ongoing;
- Regarding budget development – we have been developing a responsible budget and have maintained a focus on our number one priority – our students, throughout the process. Budget meetings will begin next week – Monday, November 26 and Tuesday, November 27th. Superintendent Quesnel stated he is looking forward to working with the Board in the BoE Budget Workshops;
- Work ahead involves putting plans in motion: a review of school improvement plans and action steps that follow achievement.

Community Resource Center

Lisa McMahan was present to discuss the success of the Community Resource Center since its inception on April 4, 2011. Approximately 700 families were provided with over 2,800 resources and referrals with only a staff of three professionals. This is an ongoing tedious task to perform but overwhelmingly successful. We are here to serve the families and children of our

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community. Two parents spoke and shared their positive experiences with the Board. Ms. McMahon continues to expand on her collaborations throughout the community.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Social Services Block Grant

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To allow the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with the State Department of Social Services for the October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013 Block Grant.
Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Brian Reynolds, Social Worker at EHHS, was present to discuss the grant. He noted this particular grant will allow East Hartford Public Schools to receive funds for East Hartford High School's Student Assistance Center. Approximately 50-60 students will be able to participate in workshops offered. The amount of the total grant is \$12,134.00.

Employee Sick Bank, Non-Certified Staff Member

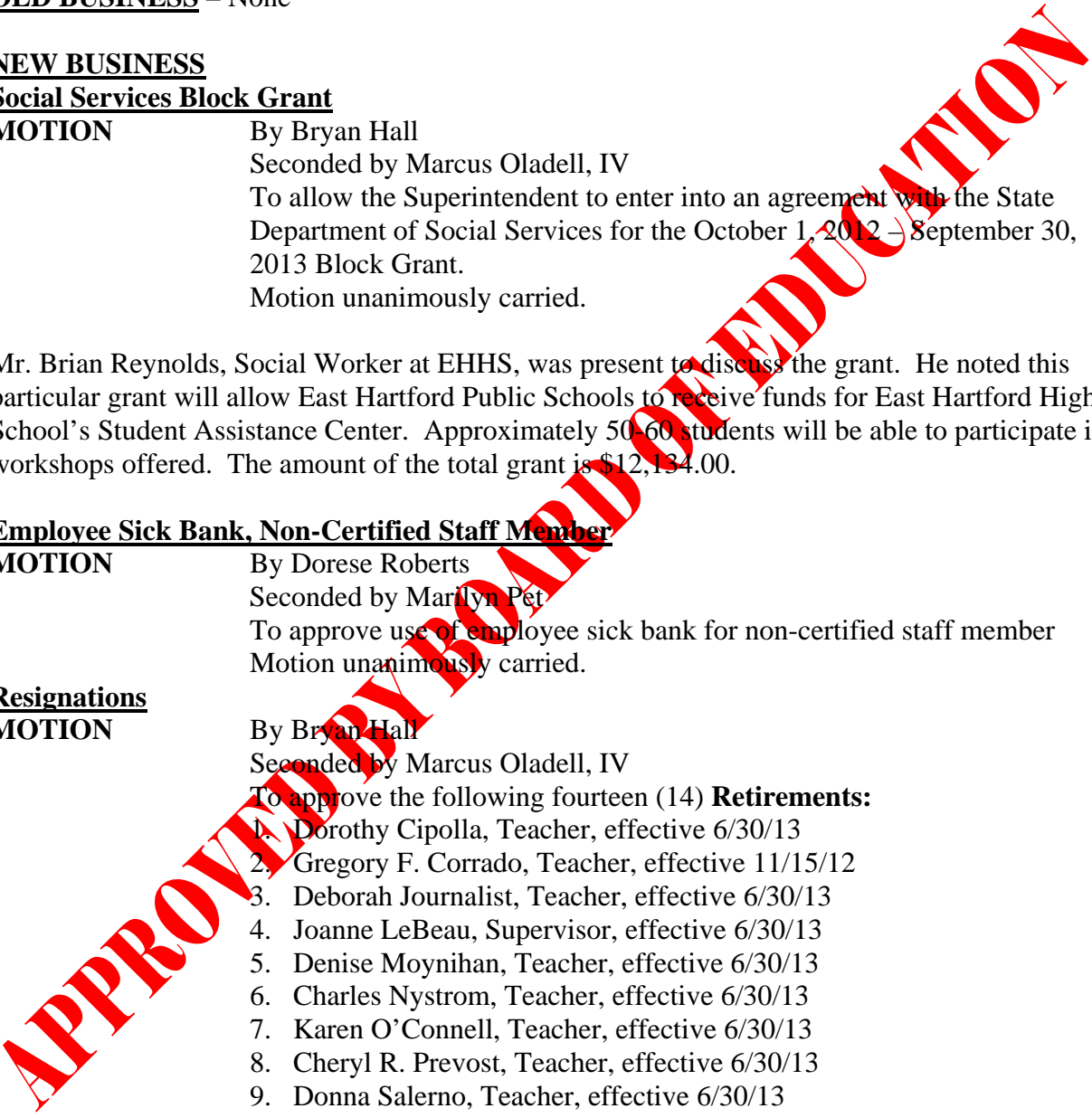
MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Marilyn Pet
To approve use of employee sick bank for non-certified staff member
Motion unanimously carried.

Resignations

MOTION By Bryan Hall
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To approve the following fourteen (14) **Retirements:**

1. Dorothy Cipolla, Teacher, effective 6/30/13
2. Gregory F. Corrado, Teacher, effective 11/15/12
3. Deborah Journalist, Teacher, effective 6/30/13
4. Joanne LeBeau, Supervisor, effective 6/30/13
5. Denise Moynihan, Teacher, effective 6/30/13
6. Charles Nystrom, Teacher, effective 6/30/13
7. Karen O'Connell, Teacher, effective 6/30/13
8. Cheryl R. Prevost, Teacher, effective 6/30/13
9. Donna Salerno, Teacher, effective 6/30/13
10. Debra Signor, Teacher, effective 6/30/13
11. Judith Silvers, Teacher, effective 6/30/13
12. Susan Underwood, Teacher, effective 6/30/13
13. Lois Wendus, Teacher, effective 6/30/13
14. William Wood, Teacher, effective 6/30/13

Motion unanimously carried.



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Retirements:

MOTION

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To approve the following two (2) **Resignations:**

1. Donna J. Walsh, Grants Coordinator, effective 11/19/2012;
2. Reginald Harris, Priority Tutor, effective 12/31/12

Motion unanimously carried.

Board Member Representative Reports

Dorese Roberts – visited Two Rivers Magnet Middle School – the Governance Committee may be disbanded as they are not allowed to make decisions. They are hoping to form an Advisory Board Committee which would allow them to make decisions, if needed.

Marilyn Pet – re: (1) ChildPlan – their recent fundraiser allowed them to get closer to their goal; Ms. Pet enjoyed the event at EHHS this evening – more than 120 students were recognized for outstanding achievement. EHHS was one of the schools selected to be an AP high school across the country 539 high schools were recognized out of 26,500 high schools in the country; (2) attended CABE meeting in Groton and was impressed with what they are doing.

Bryan Hall – also attended the event this evening and stated the diversity of students was remarkable. Congratulations to all students for their academic achievements. **Superintendent Quesnel** noted it is also a tribute to Matt Ryan.

Tom Rup – re: home schooling – offering those students the opportunity to participate in our schools' activities. Superintendent Quesnel stated he is open to having further discussions regarding this subject in the future.

Public Participation – None

Questions and Concerns by Board Members – None

Topics for Future Agendas – None

MOTION

By Christopher Gentile

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (7:40 P.M.)

Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald