

**SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
NOVEMBER 26, 2012**

A Special Budget Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, November 26, 2012 at the Board of Education Administrative Offices, 1110 Main Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. by Chairman Jeffrey Currey.

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

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - None

**Special Meeting for Budgetary Purposes with Possible Action**

Superintendent Quesnel stated he is excited to be here this evening for the budget workshop, noting this is the most important work we do to make sure our resources are here for the benefit of the children and families of East Hartford. Our number one priority is to provide quality instruction to the children. We are proposing a budget for FY 2013-14 of \$90,465,883 an increase of 5.48% over our Adopted Budget for FY 2012-13. Superintendent Quesnel noted significant changes proposed in his FY 2013-14 budget request.

Mr. Quesnel stated the proposed **5.48% increase** is comprised of the following:

- **Salaries** – \$1.5 million – contractual salary adjustments including the Board and Town Council approved Teacher’s contract;
- **Health Benefits/Insurance** – \$1.48 million – Health Benefits costs determined in conjunction with the Town;
- **Magnet School Tuitions** - \$481,598 – we are seeking legislative relief from the state for ever increasing magnet school costs. This has created an undue financial burden;
- **Debt Service Payment** - \$726,408 – costs related to energy management improvement projects implemented through Johnson Controls;
- **Textbooks, Instructional Supplies/Library Books** - \$480,000 – to revitalize aging and outdated collections in multiple schools.

Mr. Mainuli thoroughly reviewed all line items with the Board, noting the following:

#5111 – Pupil Trans Regular Ed – Mr. Mainuli asked for Board approval to allow expert consultants from First Student to come in to look at our bussing operations – what it costs, number of students being transported, school bell times. He noted that the current bus operations were based on a school district that was much different six years ago. There are

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too many variables that have been introduced over the past few years impacting daily bus operations. First Student has agreed to conduct a complete review of bus operations at no cost to the school district. The Board approved his request to move forward with the review.

**Facilities** - Mr. Costa reviewed his building needs over the next few years. He noted that the repair and replacement of parking lots throughout the district is the top priority. This project cannot be funded from the general operating budget. Mr. Costa will be presenting the Capital Budget request to the Board's Facilities Committee. He will prepare a priority list of projects. When asked by the Board what additional dollars he would need, Mr. Costa stated between \$400,000 - \$500,000 is needed each year to spend on priority items; i.e., paving, Langford roof, building and grounds improvements throughout the district. Mr. Costa also agreed to provide a "maintenance" schedule of several projects that need to be done in the near future.

Chairman Currey once again thanked Mr. Mainuli and Joanne Zatarain for assisting in putting this budget together. He further noted he would like to approve the budget as presented and forward to the Town. He asked Board members to review the budget again and come to the Budget Meeting tomorrow with any additional questions or comments.

Superintendent Quesnel stated this is a very conservative budget and thanked the Board and administration for their input this evening.

**MOTION** By Bryan Hall  
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV  
To adjourn the Special Budget Meeting of the Board (8:13 P.M.)  
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald