

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

**TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 27, 2012**

A Special Budget Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at the Board of Education Administrative Offices, 1110 Main Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairman Jeffrey Currey

PRESENT Chairman Jeffrey Currey, Secretary Bryan Hall, 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
Joanne Zatarain, CPA, Finance Department
Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources
Al Costa, Director of Facilities

ABSENT Dorese Roberts

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

Special Meeting for Budgetary Purposes with Possible Action

Chairman Currey asked Board members for their questions/comments regarding the budget. He stated he is prepared to present the \$90.4 million budget request to the Town.

Tyron Harris asked if we have a "Plan B" in place, if needed. Chairman Currey stated he will be setting up a meeting with Mayor Leclerc and Rich Kehoe to present the Superintendent's Proposed 2013-14 Budget. At that time we hope to get an idea of what they will accept.

Superintendent Quesnel noted 65 percent of the budget is staff costs. Overall, this is a conservative budget request. We are not adding any new positions. Further, if we do need to cut the budget, we will be faced with many hard choices as a district.

Chairman Currey noted we presently have the crossing guards in our budget at a cost of \$245,000 in salaries. Mr. Mainuli proposed having the crossing guards come under the Town's Public Safety function. This would shift the costs to the Town's Public Safety budget.

Discussion took place regarding contacting our state legislators to work with us re: capping spending for magnet school tuitions. Superintendent Quesnel stated he has had conversations with Bruce Douglas, the Executive Director at CREC, which were very favorable. He also stated that other first ring towns around Hartford may also work with us in this effort.

Regarding the purchase (or loan) of musical instruments, it was suggested that the Hartt School of Music be contacted for donations. Bryan Hall will provide contact information for the Hartt School of Music to Debbie Kaprove.

Regarding building rentals: it was noted we average \$25,000/year in revenues from building rentals.

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Superintendent Quesnel noted the local NBC affiliate, TV30, will be featuring a news story on the CPEP Summer Math Program. It will be filmed at East Hartford Middle School. The CPEP Summer Math Program was selected as one of 30 non-profits nationally to receive the NBC Universal 21st Century Grant.

A Public Hearing on the Budget will be held on December 17, 2012, 6:30 P.M. at the Connecticut IB Academy, Lecture Hall.

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Marilyn Pet
To adjourn the Special Budget Meeting of the Board (7:20 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald