

**SPECIAL MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WEDNESDAY,  
MAY 14, 2014**

A Special Meeting – Public Hearing - of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM by Chairman Jeffrey Currey.

**PRESENT** Chairman Jeffrey Currey, Secretary Bryan Hall, Marilyn Pet,  
Tom Rup, Dorese Roberts, Christopher Gentile, Valerie Scheer

**ABSENT** Stephanie Watkins, Tyron Harris,

**ALSO PRESENT** Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools  
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services

**Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15**

Chairman Currey stated we are presenting the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for 2014-15, with proposed reductions. For your information, please note that we did receive an additional \$637,220 for the Alliance Grant. Unfortunately, we have to use 38% of these dollars to cover our regular operating budget. Thank you to our delegation in Hartford for working on behalf of East Hartford to secure this funding.

The following persons spoke on behalf of proposed reductions in positions and programs:

- Walter Mander (former music teacher) – re: Sunset Ridge should remain as is with its programs, especially music;
- Paul Apostalon – re: teacher layoff notices – would like all programs fully funded;
- Geoffrey Naab – Academy of Finance – re: elimination of Penny Brice's position for the School Business Partnership program – please reinstate position;
- Parent – re: eliminating extended day school schedule – keep Production Company;
- Michelle Vigue – re: retain Penny Brice's position – has done so much for us regarding securing \$140,000 in scholarships; mentoring program;
- Isabella Smith – re: Sunset Ridge – remain as is;
- Esah Ferrigno – re: Sunset Ridge – keep extended day school schedule;
- Jennifer Rolfe – retain extended day school schedule – keep Production Company;
- Dean Marchessault – American Eagle FCU re: keep Penny Brice's position – very valuable for School/Business partnerships;
- Kayla & Laurie Michaud – re: Sunset Ridge – keep as is;
- Craig Alamo – re: Sunset Ridge – keep as is;
- Rose Callahan – retain position of Health and Physical Education teacher: Mr. Martucci;
- Vanessa Daley – re: Sunset Ridge – keep as is;
- Stephen Sam – do not cut teacher positions;
- Nolan Callahan – retain position of Health and Physical Education teacher Mr. Matthew Martucci;

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- Cari Magnano – do not cut teacher positions;
- Paul Apostalon – do not cut teacher positions;
- Lexia Coleman – do not cut teacher positions;
- Nicole Hart – re: Sunset Ridge – keep as is;
- Raychel Hernandez-Jones – re: Sunset Ridge – keep as is;
- Maya Fountain – re: Sunset Ridge – keep Production Company;
- Juliana Oliveras – re: Sunset Ridge – keep Production Company;
- Zoey Alaimo – re: Sunset Ridge – keep as is;
- Stephanie & Albani Hunt – re: Sunset Ridge – keep music & arts;
- Heather, Rylie & Cody Armentrout – re: Sunset Ridge – thank you for the arts in East Hartford, keep Sunset Ridge Production Company;
- Jacqueline & Victoria McInerney – re: Sunset Ridge – keep extended day schedule – especially Production Company;
- Donneth Granston – do not cut teacher positions;
- Amanda Santana – do not cut teacher positions;
- Erika Devins – do not cut teacher positions;
- Wendy Williams – keep Sunset Ridge as is;
- Lucas Reyes – retain Sunset Ridge as is.

Chairman Jeffrey Currey thanked everyone for their support this evening. He asked that, in the future, please come out earlier to voice your concerns and opinions. It really does matter. We will present our proposed budget to the Board of Education on Monday, May 19, 2014, for its approval.

**MOTION**

By Bryan Hall

Seconded by Tyron Harris

To adjourn the Special Meeting – Public Hearing (9:15 PM))

Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by:  
Donna Fitzgerald