

**SPECIAL MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**THURSDAY,
APRIL 16, 2015**

A Special Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Thursday, April 16, 2015, at the Administrative Office, 1110 Main Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairman Bryan Hall.

PRESENT Chairman, Bryan Hall, Tyron Harris, Secretary, Tom Rup (arrived 6:12 PM), Dorese Roberts, Valerie Scheer, Christopher Gentile, Stephanie Watkins, Marilyn Pet, Shelby Brown

ALSO PRESENT Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools
Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources
Anthony Menard, Principal, EHMS
David Caruso, First Assistant Principal, EHMS
Deborah Houghton, Assistant Principal, EHMS
Spencer Clapp, Assistant Principal, EHMS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

Marcia Ferreira, EHEA President
Annie Irvine, Vice President EHEA

NEW BUSINESS -

Commissioner’s Network Opportunity for East Hartford Middle School

Superintendent Quesnel thanked everyone for coming to the meeting this evening and gave a brief overview of the Commissioner’s Network opportunity, the rationale for entering the Commissioner’s Network, and the need for additional resources at EHMS. Superintendent Quesnel also provided a summary of the process to date and outlined potential next steps for the Board.

MOTION By Christopher Gentile
Seconded by Tyron Harris

The Board moves to approve an application for EHMS’ participation in the Commissioner’s Network; and if EHMS is selected by the Commissioner of Education for participation in the Commissioner’s Network, it be further moved that the Board appoint Anthony Menard and a parent representative (to be appointed at a later date by the Board Chair) to serve as district representatives on the Turnaround Committee. For the sake of this motion, the Board recognizes that the administration has not received the support of the bargaining group for this process. It is the sincere hope of the Board that through continued conversations, collaborations and planning sessions that the Turnaround Committee will alleviate the ambiguities that currently exist.

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In addition, the Board notes that this motion provides the Superintendent the ability to proceed with the bargaining unit to form a Turnaround Committee and develop the Turnaround Plan upon admittance into the Commissioner's Network by the State Department of Education.
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board (6:25 PM)
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald

APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION