

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
JANUARY 4, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, January 4, 2016, in the Lecture Hall of the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Chairman Bryan R. Hall

PRESENT Chairman Bryan R. Hall, Secretary Tyron V. Harris, Shelby Brown, Marilyn Pet, Valerie Scheer, Tom Rup, Dorese Roberts, Stephanie Watkins, Harry Amadasun, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools
Anne Marie Mancini, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum
Cynthia E. Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Curriculum
Al Costa, Director of Facilities
Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services
Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting, December 14, 2015
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Board of Education Meeting, December 21, 2015
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tyron V. Harris

- **Monday, January 11, 2016, 6:00 PM** – East Hartford Middle School Governance Council Meeting. EHHS/869 Forbes Street/Media Center
- **Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 7:45 AM** – Langford School Governance Council Meeting. Langford School/61 Alps Drive/Main Office Conference Room
- **Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 7:00 PM** – East Hartford Middle School Instrumental Concert. EHMS/777 Burnside Ave/Auditorium & Music Wing
- **Thursday, January 14, 2016, 8:30 AM**- Willowbrook Policy Council Meeting. Willowbrook School/Multi-Purpose Room

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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Jazmin Rampassard, Natalya Robinson

- Attendance- Reminding students that credit can be lost if there are enough absences (10-1 semester & 20-full year)
- Parent Conferences February 4, 2016. Pickup report cards and Climate Surveys. Teacher meeting and Art Showcase.
- 2nd Semester starts January 19, 2016. Schedules will be distributed on this day.
- Exams Week 01/11-01/15. Cookies and cocoa will be provided 01/11-01/13
- 8th Graders visits on January 13-14, 2016.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/No Action Required

Chairman's Report

Bryan R. Hall

Updates:

As we welcome 2016, I have to acknowledge that I am filled with anticipation as we work to bring the plans we have laid in 2015 to action. As a Board, we have great things on tap for EHPS children and families and as we enter a new calendar year, I ask that one of your New Year resolutions be to continue to work together as a Board with our trademarked commitment to collaboration, cooperation and insistence on what's best for children.

2015 was a year of rollout, planning and setting the tracks in motion. 2016 is going to be a year where our ideas "take shape" and actually roll out of the station. I look forward to continuing work at ECLC, the certification Middle Years Program process at Sunset and Ciba as well as an extensive list of facility projects. In all these actions, I look forward to continuing to think together, to talk together, to plan together and finally to act together!

Happy New Year to our families and community-expect big things from your Board of Ed for 2016!

Superintendent's Report

Nathan Quesnel

- Status of the Schools:

- We return to school today after our holiday break refreshed, recharged and ready to go. I am excited about the work ahead and eager to implement the plans we have carefully set in motion for 2015. As you know our major tasks ahead include the following initiatives:
 - Budget Adoption
 - ECLC Construction/Launch
 - OFC Implementation
 - EH2020 Finalization
 - Sunset Ridge/ CIBA MYP Project

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- EHMS Window Wall Project
- EHHS Field Project
- Langford Roof Project

As always, I look forward to working with you on behalf of East Hartford children and families- good things are on deck for East Hartford for 2016-Let's go to work!

- Updates from the District:

- **Town Council Action/Potential Funding for EHMS Window Wall/Langford Roof Project.**
- **RISE Grant in Action.**
- **Updates from Previous Meetings.**
- **BOE Retreat 01/11/16**

Good News Report:

- **CIBA approved to accept International Students:** Over the holiday break we were informed that our application to accept international students through SEVIS was accepted. We look forward to continuing to develop the international community of learning at CIBA and the rich cultural experience this program provides for all our students.

• **Next Steps:**

- 01/06/16- Three Kings Day(No School);
- 01/11/16- EHBOE Retreat(9 Third Floor BOE Building);
- 01/11-01/15/16- EHHS Exam Week;
- School Year 2015-2016 – ALL IN

East Hartford Public Schools Legislative Priorities Presentation
Superintendent Quesnel

Priority:

- Magnet School Funding
- 7% Cap Language
- Magnet School Governance
- Support for inclusion of Sunset Ridge Academy within the Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) offerings
- Alliance Grant Funding
- Commissioner Network Grant(s)
- Annual Accountability Testing(SBAC)
- Window Wall Project EHMS
- Pre-School Tuition

OLD BUSINESS – None

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NEW BUSINESS

Retirement and Resignation:

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve One (1) Retirement and One (1) Resignation
Motion unanimously carried.

Board Member Representative Reports –

Valerie Scheer- Attended Pitkin's School Holiday Concert.
Marilyn Pet- Attended the EHMS Winter Writing Celebration.

Public Participation - None

Questions and Concerns by Board Members – None

Topics for Future Agendas – None

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (7:44PM)
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Octavia L. Moore

APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION