

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
March 7, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, March 7, 2016, in the Lecture Hall of the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM by Chairman Bryan R. Hall.

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

ALSO PRESENT Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools
Anne Marie Mancini, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary 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 – Yes, Create a Consent Calendar for items 1-6 under New Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tyron V. Harris
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Board of Education Meeting, February 1, 2016 at 7:00 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tyron V. Harris
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting, February 3, 2016 at 5:30 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Tyron V. Harris
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting, February 23, 2016 at 5:01 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

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WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tyron V. Harris

- **Thursday, March 10, 2016, 8:30 AM** – Willowbrook Policy Council Meeting. Willowbrook School/Multi-purpose Room
- **Monday, March 14, 2016, 6:00 & 7:00 PM** – East Hartford High School Governance Council & PTO Meeting. EHHS/ Library
- **Thursday, March 24, 2016, 3:00-6:00 PM**- Sodexo's Future Chef's Challenge. East Hartford High School/ Faculty Dining Room
- **Wednesday, March 30, 2016, 7:00 PM**- East Hartford High School Choral & Orchestra Spring Concert. East Hartford High School/Auditorium & Music Wing

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Jazmin Rampassard, Natalya Robinson

- SAT Day was held on March 2, 2016 with sophomores taking CAPT & juniors taking the SAT.
- On March 9, 2016, EHHS will host College Information Night for all juniors and their families at 6:30 pm in the auditorium.
- March 16, 2016 – National Honor Society will host their annual dodgeball tournament at 2:30 pm in the main gym.
- March 19, 2016 – The Annual Bunny Breakfast and Peter Cocktail Spring Egg Hunt @ EHHS Gymnasium.
- March 24, 2016 – Mr. EHHS Competition

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/No Action Required

Chairman's Report -

Bryan R. Hall

Updates:

Good evening and it's great to be back together again as a Board of Education. While we have had a brief break from our regular board meetings with only one meeting last month, the work for our Board of Education members and administration has certainly never stopped. The past few weeks have been busy ones and I am happy to report here tonight...productive ones!

When the Superintendent and I worked together over the summer to develop the schedule and agenda for Board meetings throughout the year, I have had March 7th meeting circled on my personal calendar for quite some time. Tonight, our administration is going to review the "Mid-Point" report or "90 Day Report" as we call it in East Hartford and showcase to our entire board the progress, growth, needs and next steps for the remainder of the school year.

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In East Hartford, one of the things we pride ourselves most on is our commitment to our strategic plan. However, even bigger than the plan, is the execution of the plan- tonight is our chance to look at the progress we are making and reflect on what our next steps will be- I am looking forward to the presentation.

I also want to remind the Board that the Town Council will be meeting tomorrow to adopt a town budget and finalize the Board appropriation. Over the past month, we have appreciated the work we have shared with our fellow policy leaders to develop a budget collaboration centered on the needs of our community. Following tomorrow's appropriation, we in turn will finalize our Board budget and turn out the lights on this year's budget development process. Thanks to each of you for your hard work, support and voice in our budget proposal. This has been a year where we have stayed true to maintaining the growth we all desire while remaining committed to collaboration and the "East Hartford Team," As your chairman, I thank you-

Superintendent's Report

Nathan Quesnel

- Status of the Schools:

- Updates from the District:

- EHBOE Presents Budget to EH Town Council
- Accountability Season Kick Off

- Updates from the State Department of Education:

- SDE Eliminates the ELA Performance Task
- SDE Releases the Next Generation Accountability System and listings of schools
- Equity and Diversity Initiative/Minority Teacher Task Force Meeting
- Head Start Management Changes
- Sunset Ridge/Sheff Partner
- Update on the ECLC Site and Building Renovation Project
- Food Service Bid

- Good News Report:

- **Recognition for SDE regarding SBAC Participation:** EHPS was recognized by the SDE for our efforts and accomplishments of getting over 98% of all students to participate in the state assessment. In the challenging political environment this test was delivered in, this is a real tribute to our principals and staff. I am very proud of them!

Next Steps:

- **3/8/16:** Town Council scheduled to appropriate EHBOE Budget;
- **03/14-03/18/16:** Elementary and Middle School Spring Parent Conferences;
- **03/21-03/24/16:** EHPS Team to Carnegie Summit sponsored by the Dalio Foundation;
- **03/25/16:** No School Good Friday Holiday;
- **School Year 2015-2016- ALL IN**

CTE Update- Career and Technical Education (College and Career Pathways)

Michelle Vigue – CTE Department Head

Jennifer Dedominicis – CTE Teacher

- February is CTE month and CTE is all about providing students with skills today to get into work tomorrow. CTE focus is to keep students in the classroom motivated and focus while getting them college ready. Students learn the Big 5 workplace Soft Skills which are:
 - SHOW UP EVERYDAY
 - BE ON TIME
 - BE READY FOR WORK
 - BE WILLING TO LEARN
 - MAINTAIN A GOOD ATTITUDE

College and Career Readiness at EHHS offers:

- Academy of Finance/Business
- STEM Academy
- Digital Media Pathway
- Health Occupations
- Culinary Program

Mid-Year Progress Report- January 20, 2016 Mid-Point of Year

Nate Quesnel, Superintendent

Anne Marie Mancini, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum

Our mission: To deliver a high quality learning experience for *Every Child, Every Day*.

East Hartford has 6 expectations which are:

1. Expect Student Achievement
2. Align System and Operational Efforts
3. Foster Talent and Competence
4. Nurture A Solution-Based Culture Of Safety and Engagement
5. Build Family and Community Relationships
6. Insist On Results

East Hartford Public Schools has a 90% rate for their Mid-Year Reporting Period Rating (1/20/2016).

OLD BUSINESS -

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 1110.1- Communication with the Public

MOTION

By Tom Rup

Seconded by Dorese Roberts

To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 1110.1
Communication with the Public.

Motion unanimously carried.

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 1120- Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 1120- Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings.
Motion unanimously carried.

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 1300.1 – Community Engagement

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 1300.1 – Community Engagement
Motion unanimously carried.

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 1331 – Smoke Free Environment

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 1331 – Smoke Free Environment
Motion unanimously carried.

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 3326.3 – Board of Education Credit Card

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 3326.3 – Board of Education Credit Card
Motion unanimously carried.

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 3520.12 – Data –Based Information Management System

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 3520.12 – Data-Based Information Management System
Motion unanimously carried.

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 3520.13 – Student Data Protection and Privacy/Cloud-based Issues

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 3520.13 – Student Data Protection and Privacy/Cloud-based Issues
Motion unanimously carried

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To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 4112.2- Certification

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 4112.2 -Certification
Motion unanimously carried

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 4131 – Staff Development

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 4131- Staff
Development
Motion unanimously carried

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 4133/4233 – Travel; Reimbursement

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 4133/4233 – Travel;
Reimbursement
Motion unanimously carried

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6142.101 – Student Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Wellness Policy

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6142.101- Student
Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Wellness Policy
Motion unanimously carried

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6146 – Graduation Requirements

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6146 – Graduation
Requirements
Motion unanimously carried

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6146.2- Statewide Proficiency/ Mastery Examinations

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6146.2- Statewide
Proficiency/ Mastery Examinations
Motion unanimously carried

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To Remove from Table with Possible Action Bylaw 9273- Conflict of Interest

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Bylaw 9273- Conflict of Interest
Motion unanimously carried

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Bylaw 9321 – Time, Place and Schedule of Meetings

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Bylaw 9321- Time, Place and Schedule of Meetings
Motion unanimously carried

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Bylaw 9325 – Meeting Conduct

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Bylaw 9325 – Meeting Conduct
Motion unanimously carried

Langford Roof Replacement (SCG-042)

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve The Langford Roof Replacement Project (SCG-042)
Motion unanimously carried

NEW BUSINESS

Retirement & Resignations:

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve One (1) Retirement & Eight (8) Resignations
Motion unanimously carried.

Administrative Substitute Rate of Pay

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Tyron V. Harris
To approve the Administrative Substitute Rate of Pay
Motion unanimously carried.

2017-2018 School Calendar

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve the 2017-2018 School Calendar
Motion unanimously carried.

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Revised 2017 Board of Education Business Calendar

MOTION By Marilyn Pet
Seconded by Harry Amadasun, Jr.
To approve the Revised 2017 Board of Education Business Calendar
Motion unanimously carried.

Board Member Representative Reports –

Harry Amadasun, Jr attended CIBA’s Parent Advisory Committee Meeting. Harry attended Read across America day at Goodwin school where he read to 3 Kindergarten classrooms.

Dorese Roberts attended Willowbrook’s Policy Meeting. Real Dads Forever Program will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 from 4-6 in Willowbrook School Café. Memorial Bench Dedication in Memory of Carlos N. Hernandez, Jr. Monday, March 14, 2016, 3:00 pm at O’Brien Stem Academy.

Valerie Scheer attended Silver Lane’s Presidents Day Celebration. O’Brien will be having their Invention Convention on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 from 5:30-6:30.

Marilyn Pet attended O’Brien’s Book Club during the month of February.

Public Participation- None

Questions and Concerns by Board Members – None

Topics for Future Agendas – None

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (9:46 PM)
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Octavia L. Moore