

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
April 4, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, April 4, 2016, in the Lecture Hall of the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Bryan R. Hall.

PRESENT Chairman Bryan R. Hall, Secretary Tyron V. Harris, Dorese Roberts, Marilyn Pet (arrived 7:11PM), Valerie Scheer, Tom Rup, Harry Amadasun, Jr.

ABSENT Shelby Brown, Stephanie Watkins

ALSO PRESENT Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools
Anne Marie Mancini, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum
Cynthia E. Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Curriculum
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 5-21 under New Business. Table item #6 under Informational Reports for a future date. Move item #4 Budget Adoption under New Business to item #1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting, March 2, 2016 at 5:00 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting, March 9, 2016 at 5:16 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting, March 9, 2016 at 5:30 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tyron V. Harris

- **Wednesday, April 6, 2016-** 29th Annual Inter-Elementary Honors Music Festival and Art Exhibit at the East Hartford Middle School Auditorium. Art Ceremony begins at 6:00 PM and Concert begins at 7:00 PM.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Jazmin Rampassard, Natalya Robinson

- Choral and orchestra concert held last week.
- Spring sports begin their games/matches this week.
- 3rd quarter ended last week. Review grades/assignments on the Home Access Center. Credit will be lost for failing grades and absences.
- Spring break is next week(4/11-4/15)
- EHHS Marching band will be traveling to Florida & performing at Disney World (4/8-4/12).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Yes

1. Daisy Rodriguez, Translator for Luz S. Flores
200 Nutmeg Lane
2. Luz S. Flores, Dattco Bus Driver
166 Roosevelt ST.
Hartford, CT
Luz S. Flores would like to express her concerns relating to an incident that took place on March 8, 2016 while working the PM route at EHMS. Ms. Flores is asking for assistance from the Superintendent to come up with a solution that will allow Ms. Flores to continue to safely transport the students to and from school.
3. Annie Irvine, President EHEA
Ms. Irvine would like to show her appreciation to the Board of Education for their hard work and dedication in serving the East Hartford Community.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/No Action Required

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Chairman's Report -

Bryan R. Hall

Updates:

I want to start off tonight by thanking each of my fellow Board Members for braving these "Spring Conditions," and getting to tonight's meeting. As I watched the weather this morning, and received calls from many of you, I contacted the Superintendent anxious about being able to get tonight's meeting in. As we all know, tonight's meeting has several time sensitive important agenda items that cannot be delayed as we seek to approve the district budget. I sincerely appreciate each of you being here!

I also want to add my appreciation for each of you on Board Member Appreciation night. While I know the Superintendent is disappointed that the student catered event is necessarily canceled due to safety concerns, I am filled with appreciation for the work, team focus and energy each of you bring to the East Hartford Board of Education.

I am proud to lead a Board that is committed to working together, through each other and with each other on the behalf of our kids and community. As your chairman, I hope you know that while we can never 'repay' you, the difference you make for East Hartford kids is truly invaluable.

Happy Board Member Appreciation Day - let's keep it going.

Superintendent's Report

Nathan Quesnel

- **Status of the Schools:**
- **Updates from the District:**
 - State Budget Process
 - EH Town Council Approves Budget
 - Carnegie Summit
 - Cultural Responsive Instruction/Diversity Education Initiative
- **Updates ECLC Bids Update:**
 - We opened the bids for ECLC on Thursday 3/31/16 with 5 contractors. While the low bid for the base bid is above our original projections, we are working to evaluate all other work from a priority standpoint to move construction forward.
- **Update of EHHS Field Project:**
 - We hosted the pre-bid walkthrough for the EHHS Field Project and were pleased to see 24 contractors in attendance.
- **SPED Supervisor Hire:**
 - We are pleased to announce the hiring of our SPED Supervisor to replace a faculty member who has moved onto another district.
- **EH2020 Update: Vision 7.0:**
 - We have continued to share drafts of EH2020 plan with the BoE based on revisions from feedback received from the faculty and community.

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- Good News Report:

- **Governor and Commissioner visit to O’Connell Elementary:** On March 18th, Governor Malloy and Commissioner Wentzell visited O’Connell Elementary School. We are proud to showcase our kid Governor, Elena Tipton, host a school tour and roundtable session. This was a special opportunity to share the great work going on in EH as well as the incredible students who go to our schools!
- **Spencer Shaw Educator’s Award:** CONGRATULATIONS to our very own Mr. Fox for winning the first Spencer Shaw Educator’s Award! This honor was awarded to Greg Fox, Principal of Thomas S. O’Connell School of East Hartford, for “nurturing education through professional storytelling and storytellers in Connecticut Classrooms.”

Next Steps:

- **04/11/16-04/15/16:** April Vacation No School;
- **05/30/16:** Memorial Day;
- **06/10/16:** Last Day of School;
- **School Year 2015-2016-** ALL IN

Third Quarter Financial Report

Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services

Mr. Mainuli presented the 3rd Quarter Financial report to the Board of Education FY 2015-16. EHPS district is set to receive additional funds around \$98,000 from Medicaid and E-rate bringing in around \$86,000. The number of SPED outplaced is 282 and the cost in just under \$4 million. Also, we have acquired funding for OPEC and Debt Service.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Adoption

MOTION By Dorese Roberts

Seconded by Tom Rup

To approve the East Hartford Board of Education FY 2016 -17 Adopted Budget of \$89,266,419.

Motion unanimously carried.

Three (3) Retirements and Nine (9) Resignations

MOTION By Dorese Roberts

Seconded by Tyron V. Harris

To approve the Three (3) Retirements and Nine (9) Resignations

Motion unanimously carried.

Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Teacher

MOTION By Dorese Roberts

Seconded by Marilyn Pet

To approve the Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Teacher

Motion unanimously carried.

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Graduation Dates

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Marilyn Pet
To approve the 2016 Graduation Dates
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table MYP Progress Update Sunset Ridge/CIBA

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Table MYP Progress Update Sunset/CIBA to future date.
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 5118.2 – Educational Opportunities for Military Children

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 5118.2 – Educational Opportunities
for Military Children
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 5121.3 – Cheating/Academic Honesty

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 5121.3 – Cheating/Academic Honesty
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 5142.1 – Relations with Noncustodial Parents

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 5142.1 – Relations with Noncustodial
Parents
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 5142.2 – Safety: Student Dismissal Precautions

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 5142.2 – Safety: Student Dismissal
Precautions
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 6112 – School Day

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6112 – School Day Motion
unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 6113 – Released Time/Early Dismissal

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6113 – Released Time/Early Dismissal
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 6130 – Organizational Plan

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6130 – Organizational Plan
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 6141.5 – Advanced Placement

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6141.5 – Advanced Placement
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 6141.21 – Religion in Public Schools

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6141.21 – Religion in Public Schools
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 6141.22 – Religion and Religious Accommodation

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6141.22 – Religion and Religious
Accommodation
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 6142 – Basic Instructional Program

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6142 – Basic Instructional Program
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 6142.5 – Social Studies – Philosophy

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6142.5 – Social Studies – Philosophy
Motion unanimously carried.

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To Table for First Read Policy 6143 – Curriculum Guides

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6143 – Curriculum Guides
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 6144.1 – Exemption from Instruction

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6144.1 – Exemption from Instruction
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 6145.4 – Public Performance and Exhibitions

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6145.4 – Public Performance and Exhibitions
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 6145.6 – Travel and Exchange Programs

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6145.6 – Travel and Exchange Programs
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 6145.7 – School Events/Meetings

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6145.7 – School Events/Meetings
Motion unanimously carried.

Board Member Representative Reports –

Harry Amadasun, Jr. attended JAG’s Career and Development Conference in March.

Valerie Scheer attended O’Brien’s Invention Convention. Board member Scheer was impressed by the quality of work from the students and thought they did an incredible job.

Marilyn Pet attended The Connecticut Council for Education Reform.

Public Participation- None

Questions and Concerns by Board Members – None

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Topics for Future Agendas – None

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tyron V. Harris
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:01PM)
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Octavia L. Moore

APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION