

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
MAY 2, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, May 2, 2016, in the Lecture Hall of the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairman Bryan R. Hall.

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

ABSENT Secretary Tyron V. Harris

ALSO PRESENT Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools
Anne Marie Mancini, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum
Al Costa, Director of Facilities
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting, April 18, 2016 at 6:00 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Board of Education Meeting, April 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM
Motion unanimously carried

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Jazmin Rampassard, Natalya Robinson

- Honors & Awards Night was held on April 27, 2016. EHHS & CIBA students were awarded for their accomplishments throughout the year.
- Junior Prom was held on April 29, 2016 at Rentschler's Field with over 150 students in attendance.
- AP Testing begins 5/2 and continues until the end of next week.
- Teacher appreciation week begins 5/2 and EHHS staff will be thanked for their hard work.
- EHHS is having their Talent Show on May 4, 2016.
- Top 20 Dinner held on May 18, 2016 at Rentschler's Field Ballroom.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/No Action Required

Chairman's Report -

Bryan R. Hall

Updates:

Good evening to my fellow Board members and administration and audience. It's great to be back together for the good of children in East Hartford.

I want to start off by recognizing our own Connecticut IB Academy as the number 1 high school in the state of Connecticut and number 40 in the country. It is pretty impressive to know that "little old East Hartford" is the home of number 1 high school in the state. As we moved to join the Sheff Partnership, many questioned our decision and insistence on not only being exclusive but rather being "exclusively inclusive." As we brought in a new principal and recently expanded the exchange program, we continue to bring CIBA to new heights. Thanks to the leadership, faculty, students and families of CIBA for making our school great—we couldn't be more proud to serve as your Board.

In tonight's meeting we will get a chance for an update on two important programs here in East Hartford that have been named as focus points in our current Strategic Plan. In reviewing tonight's documents as well as from my conversations with the Superintendent, I am very excited to see the focus placed on EVERY CHILD including the Gifted and Talented Program. I am proud of the program enhancements that the administration has delivered at the charge of the Board and how these changes will make the program continue to grow and thrive. Finally, I am very excited to get our first Board presentation from Mrs. Veronica Marion, our newly hired Coordinator for the Office of Family and Community Partnerships. In her short time in the district, Veronica has already had an impact on developing our school to home partnerships. I know that tomorrow night, Veronica is hosting a parent forum and we are very excited about where this initiative is headed.

As always in East Hartford—much great is going on! Glad I'm here; glad you are here—let's get to work.

Superintendent's Report

Nathan Quesnel

- **Status of the Schools:**
- **Updates from the District:**
 - State Budget Process
 - Goodwin Open House

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- 2016-2017 District Improvement Planning Process
- Career Day
- Silver Lane Principal Interview Process

-Good News Report:

- **Superintendent's Spotlight Award Delivery:** Last week, Mr. Wethje and I had the excellent pleasure of delivering our Superintendent Spotlight Awards to a certified and non-certified faculty member this week. We are so proud of both EHMS Math Teacher Melissa Luke as well as Langford SPED paraprofessional, Roxanne Styga. Both of these individuals exemplify the EHPS Employee Profile of "Passionate, caring and KID first." One of my favorite things to do. Check out the pictures on @EastHartfordPS.

Next Steps:

- **05/03/16:** OFCP Family Community Forum (EHMS 6-7:30);
- **05/30/16:** Memorial Day;
- **06/10/16:** Last Day of School;
- **School Year 2015-2016-** ALL IN

Office of Family & Community Partnerships-

Veronica Marion, Coordinator, Office of Family & Community Partnerships

The OFCP Mission: To Support a culture where every family is welcomed as a full partner in their child's learning and development. The programs and services offered by OFCP are:

- School-based Family Liaisons
- Teaching and Learning Academy
- Home Visiting Initiative
- Homeless Initiative
- Faith Based Partnership
- Resources/Information for Families

Gifted & Talented Program Update-

Marcia Huddy, Supervisor of Professional Development, Program Improvement and Gifted & Talented

The East Hartford Public Schools' Gifted and Talented Program is committed to delivering an individualized program that further promotes the exceptionalities of children who demonstrate evidence of higher performance capability in academics and/or the arts than their same age peers.

Gifted- Gifted students demonstrate exceptional performance and ability in academic area(s) compared to their peers:

- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Language Arts & Mathematics

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Talented- Talented students demonstrate exceptional performance and ability in a fine & performance area (s) compared to their peers:

- Music
- Art
- Music & Art

There is a seven step identification process at the end of third grade.

OLD BUSINESS

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 5118.2- Educational Opportunities for Military Children

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 5118.2-
Educational Opportunities for Military Children
Motion unanimously carried.

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 5121.3- Cheating/Academic Honesty

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 5121.3-
Cheating/Academic Honesty
Motion unanimously carried.

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 5142.1- Relations with Noncustodial Parents

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 5142.1- Relations
with Noncustodial Parents
Motion unanimously carried.

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 5142.2 – Safety: Student Dismissal Precautions

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 5142.2 – Safety:
Student Dismissal Precautions
Motion unanimously carried.

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6112 – School Day

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6112- School Day
Motion unanimously carried.

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6113 – Released Time/Early Dismissal

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6113- Released Time/Early Dismissal
Motion unanimously carried.

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6130 – Organizational Plan

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6130- Organizational Plan
Motion unanimously carried.

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6141.5 – Advanced Placement

MOTION By Stephanie Watkins
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6141.5- Advanced Placement
Motion unanimously carried.

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6141.21 – Religion in Public Schools

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6141.21 – Religion in Public Schools
Motion unanimously carried.

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6141.22 – Religion and Religious Accommodation

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6141.22 – Religion and Religious Accommodation
Motion unanimously carried.

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6142 – Basic Instructional Program

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6142 – Basic Instructional Program
Motion unanimously carried.

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6142.5 – Social Studies - Philosophy

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6142.5 – Social Studies - Philosophy
Motion unanimously carried.

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6143 – Curriculum Guides

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6143- Curriculum Guides
Motion unanimously carried.

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6144.1 – Exemption from Instruction

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6144.1- Exemption from Instruction
Motion unanimously carried.

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6145.4 – Public Performance and Exhibitions

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6145.4 – Public Performance and Exhibitions
Motion unanimously carried.

To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6145.6 – Travel and Exchange Programs

MOTION By Stephanie Watkins
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6145.6 – Travel and Exchange Programs
Motion unanimously carried.

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To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6145.7 – School Events/Meetings

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve To Remove from Table with Possible Action Policy 6145.7 – School Events/Meetings
Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Retirement & Resignation:

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve One (1) Retirement & One (1) Resignation
Motion unanimously carried.

Board Member Representative Reports –

Marilyn Pet attended the 25th Annual Town-Wide Student Art Exhibit. Mrs. Pet was very impressed by the Acapella group.

Stephanie Watkins attended the 25th Annual Town-Wide Student Art Exhibit and was impressed with the EHMS Jazz Band.

Shelby Brown enjoyed the 25th Annual Town-Wide Student Art Exhibit and appreciates all the work Laura White and the Fine Arts Department put into making a great show.

Dorese Roberts enjoyed seeing EH Students display their talent at the 25th Annual Town-Wide Student Art Exhibit.

Valerie Scheer was impressed by the face made out of pennies at the 25th Annual Town-Wide Student Art Exhibit.

Public Participation- None

Questions and Concerns by Board Members – None

Topics for Future Agendas – None

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:54 PM)
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Octavia L. Moore