

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
JUNE 6, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, June 6, 2016, in the Lecture Hall of the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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
Cynthia 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 – Yes, Create a Consent Calendar for the Head Start Policies under New Business, items 2-12.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Marilyn Pet
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Board of Education Meeting, May 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM
Motion unanimously carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting, May 17, 2016 at 5:30 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting, May 26, 2016 at 5:16 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting, May 26, 2016 at 5:46 PM
Motion unanimously carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Marilyn Pet
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting, May 26, 2016 at 6:06 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting, June 1, 2016 at 5:30 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Jazmin Rampassard, Natalya Robinson

- Senior Prom was held at the Convention Center on Friday, June 3, 2016.
- Finals are being held this week June 6-10th, 2016.
- Summer school begins Monday, June 20 and continues through Tuesday, July 28th.
- Boys' Volleyball in state semifinals vs. Ridgefield at Kennedy High school on Tuesday, June 7th.
- Class of 2016 Graduation held on Monday, June 13, 2016 at the Bushnell.(doors open at 5:45 pm)
- Introduction of new student representative for 2016-2017 school year:
 - o Jessica Moise
 - o Bridget Nortey

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Recognition of Student Representatives: Jazmin Rampassard and Natalya Robinson

Both Chairman Hall and Superintendent Quesnel thanked the Student Representatives for their dedication and contributions throughout the year and well wishes as they embark on a new journey in the fall.

Recognition of Volunteers of the Year, District School Organization Presidents and School Governance Council Chairs

2016 VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Rinaz Mala	CIBA
Russ Balesano	EHHS
Lisa Ahern	EHMS
Lisa & Bob Handel	Goodwin
Alfred Leonard	Hockanum
Lesa Whittingham	Langford
Jamiejo Powers	Mayberry
Children's Reading Partners	
Jewish Federation of	
Greater Hartford	Norris
Elizabeth Rosa & Jasmin Baez	O'Brien
Mark Witek	O'Connell
Lisa LeBon	Pitkin
Pancheta Williams	Silver Lane
Craig Jordan & Lionel Lessard	Stevens
Linda Chamberlain	Sunset
Dorese Roberts	Willowbrook
Patrick McLaughlin, ECHS	Woodland

2016 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION PRESIDENTS

Alicia Merza	CIBA
Christie Crooks	EHHS
Michelle Paradis	Goodwin
Mindy Duval & Taysha Aponte	Mayberry
Kim Mengden	O'Brien
Arline Adamovich-Witek	O'Connell
Yuraly Rodriguez	Pitkin
Jennifer Rolfe	Sunset

2016 SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL CHAIRS

Joe Bernabucci	EHHS
Cari Magnano, Claude Mayo,	
Charmaine McBean	EHMS
Susan Ruiz & Lesa Whittingham	Langford
Victoria Marshall & Melissa Mayo	Mayberry
Katie Sullivan & Maxine Ursery	Norris
Monique Butler	O'Brien
Renee Byers	O'Connell
Jena Ledoux	Silver Lane
Christina Lessard &	
Mary Jane Cartwright	Stevens

Recognition of District Retirees and Staff of 25+ Years

RETIREMENTS

**Katherine Bartley
Pietro Cerone
Catherine Ciccomascolo
Beverly Concannon
Kathleen Cyr
Terry Dupont**

**John Frazier
Daniel Laffin
Virginia Lynch
Lise McCarthy
Michael McDermott**

**Gail Musgrave
Paula Norton
Susan Patria
Lisa Roman
Edward Tash
Virginia Winnie**

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Tracie Boroczky
Jo Ann Cassello
Sherri Frasco
Lori Gosselin
Melinda Grunert
Kundari Iannone
Walter Jennings**

**Lia Kowal
Maureen McCarthy
Gail Musgrave
Merry Oliver
Lisa Ouellette
Susan Patria**

**Elizabeth Potkaj
Worth Seeley
Sharon Smith
Raven Smith
Jeannine Sylvester
Teri Thompson
Michelle Vigue**

40 YEARS OF SERVICE

Loretta Fiengo

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

Human Resources/No Action Required

Chairman’s Report

Bryan R. Hall

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

Tonight, I also want to lend my voice to thank, acknowledge and celebrate so many people who make our schools great. As we close out the school year and attend many celebrations, graduations and events—it is easy as a Board member to fully appreciate the work that goes into these moments of success.

Thank you to our Parent Volunteers, School Governance Council Leaders and Teacher Volunteers. Thanks to our 25 Year Veterans who are being acknowledged for their service and a special goodbye to our retirees. For each of you, you come to work with a mind of service—eager to give and eager to make a difference. You didn’t sign up, raise your hand or step forward because you wanted a thank you – you wanted to make a difference. In that spirit, I want to tell

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you of the difference you have made for so many children, families, and colleagues. Your spirit of excellence has been a part of the work that is transforming our schools and we are all incredibly grateful.

On behalf of the entire Board of Education, please accept our deepest appreciation, admiration and thanks.

Superintendent's Report

Nathan Quesnel

- **Status of the Schools:**
- **Updates from the District:**
 - Principal Hires
 - District Teacher of the Year
 - Year End Closeout
 - CCJEF Testimony
 - Minority Teacher Task Force

-Good News Report:

- **Graduation Rates Press Conference:** Two weeks ago, we hosted Governor Malloy, Commissioner Wentzell and Mayor LeClerc for a press Conference at EHHS to celebrate the rising state wide graduation rates expressively reflected by OUR high school. I am so proud of the work of the High School but really the entire district as we all play a role to move our graduation rates over 94.6 %(14.5% increase from 2011). It is impressive to hear quotes from the Governor saying, "Whatever we are doing in East Hartford, we need to bottle up and spread around the state." It is really nice to hear the Commissioner state, "We want for the rest of the state what the children of East Hartford are lucky to have."
- **CAS Secondary Educator of the Year:** We were notified late last week that Ryan Campbell, our District Teacher of the Year was selected as the Connecticut Association of Schools Principal of the Year. Another incredible honor for East Hartford—More to come!

Next Steps:

- **06/9/16:** CIBA Graduation;
- **06/10/16:** Synergy Graduation;
- **06/10/16:** Last Day of School;
- **06/13/16:** EHHS Graduation;
- **School Year 2015-2016-** ALL IN

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

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Retirement & Resignations:

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Marilyn Pet
To approve One (1) Retirement & Six (6) Resignations
Motion unanimously carried.

Head Start ERSEA Policy 1:

MOTION By Stephanie Watkins
Seconded by Marilyn Pet
To approve Head Start ERSEA Policy 1
Motion unanimously carried.

Head Start ERSEA Policy 2:

MOTION By Stephanie Watkins
Seconded by Marilyn Pet
To approve Head Start ERSEA Policy 2
Motion unanimously carried

Head Start ERSEA Policy 3:

MOTION By Stephanie Watkins
Seconded by Marilyn Pet
To approve Head Start ERSEA Policy 3
Motion unanimously carried

Head Start ERSEA Policy 4:

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Head Start ERSEA Policy 4
Motion unanimously carried

Head Start ERSEA Policy 5:

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Head Start ERSEA Policy 5
Motion unanimously carried

Head Start ERSEA Policy 6:

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Head Start ERSEA Policy 6
Motion unanimously carried

Approved by Board of Education

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Head Start ERSEA Policy 7:

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Head Start ERSEA Policy 7
Motion unanimously carried

Head Start ERSEA Policy 8:

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Head Start ERSEA Policy 8
Motion unanimously carried

Head Start ERSEA Policy 9:

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Head Start ERSEA Policy 9
Motion unanimously carried

Head Start ERSEA Policy 10:

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Head Start ERSEA Policy 10
Motion unanimously carried

Head Start ERSEA Policy 11:

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Head Start ERSEA Policy 11
Motion unanimously carried

Head Start Selection Criteria 2016-2017:

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve Head Start Selection Criteria 2016-2017
Motion unanimously carried

Head Start Calendar 2016-2017:

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve Head Start Calendar 2016-2017
Motion unanimously carried

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Head Start Supplemental Grant: COLA 1.8

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve Head Start Supplemental Grant: COLA 1.8
Motion unanimously carried

Board Member Representative Reports –

Marilyn Pet attended Pop's Concert at EHHS.

Stephanie Watkins attended the EHMS Jazz Concert and also helped plant peppers and eggplants in Goodwin's school garden.

Dorese Roberts attended Willowbrook's Graduation Ceremony.

Valerie Scheer along with State Representative Jeff Currey attended UCONN Law School Kids Speak Event. Board member Scheer also attended Woodland's Graduation and the Governor's Press Conference.

Public Participation- None

Questions and Concerns by Board Members – None

Topics for Future Agendas – None

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

Recorded by: Octavia L. Moore