

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 2, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, November 2, 2015, in the Lecture Hall of the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Chairman Bryan Hall

PRESENT Chairman Bryan Hall, Secretary Tyron Harris, Shelby Brown, Marilyn Pet, Valerie Scheer, Tom Rup, Dorese Roberts, Stephanie Watkins

ABSENT Christopher Gentile

ALSO PRESENT Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools
Cynthia E. Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Curriculum
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 – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tyron Harris
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Board of Education Meeting, October 5, 2015 at 7:00 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tyron Harris
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting, October 13, 2015 at 5:02 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tyron Harris
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Board of Education Meeting, October 19, 2015 at 7:00 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tyron Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting, October 26, 2015 at 6:00 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

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WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tyron Harris

- Tuesday, November 3, 2015, 6:30 PM- CIBA PAC
- Friday, November 6, 2015, 9:00 AM – Hockanum PTT
- Monday, November 9, 2015, 6:00 PM – East Hartford High School Governance Council Meeting, East Hartford High School/869 Forbes Street/Media Center
- Monday, November 9, 2015, 7:00 PM – EHHS PTO
- Thursday, November 12, 2015, 8:30 AM – Willowbrook Policy Council Meeting Willowbrook School/ Multi-Purpose Room
- Saturday, November 14, 2015, 5:30 PM – EHHS Cabaret Dinner & Performance, Grades 9-12, East Hartford High School/ Auditorium, Music Wing, Cafeteria
- Monday, November 16, 2015, 6:45 PM – Reception for CAPSS Award Recipients & Families Connecticut IB Academy/Rotunda

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Natalya Robinson & Jazmin Rampassard

- Spirit Week success and school spirits efforts (Culminating w/football game & dance)
- EHHS had over 95% attendance for the 2nd month in a row.
- End of First Quarter 10/31
- NHS induction 11/5 @ CIBA
- Boys soccer in top 5 for LL and will have home game on 11/10 @ 2:00 pm
- Football is 5-2 (Best start in over 10 years)
- Winter athletics begin 11/30
- Sports awards night is 12/1 for Fall season
- SAT Day was a success.
- Community Awareness Day on 11/25
- DECA Food Drive 11/4-11/24 – Looking for cans or donations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/No Action Required

Recognition of 2016 Paraprofessionals and Teachers of the Year –

The following 2016 Paraprofessionals and Teachers of the Year were introduced by their respective Principals. Each received plaques from the East Hartford Board of Education:

2016 Paraprofessionals of the Year

Willowbrook School Eileen Alamprese
Goodwin School Elizabeth Micale
Hockanum School Marilyn Albert
Langford School Deborah Russo
Mayberry School Lindsay LeClair
Norris School Lois Robinson
O'Brien School Jane Piccoli
O'Connell School Eileen Harris

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Pitkin School Jackeline Marrero
East Hartford Middle School Sandra Gondek
East Hartford High School Matthew Fleming
Stevens School/Synergy Gayle Dallas
District Paraprofessional of the Year – Keri Renner –Silver Lane School

2016 Teachers of the Year

Willowbrook School Tracie Boroczky
Goodwin School Susan Lavigne
Hockanum School Kathleen McCarter
Langford School Lynn Peck
Mayberry School Erin McKinney
Norris School Robin Russotto
O'Brien School James Galluzzo
O'Connell School Brittany Johnson
Pitkin School Danielle Donahue
Silver Lane School Lauren Petrucci
Sunset Ridge School Kathy Neri
East Hartford Middle School Linda Smith
East Hartford High School Brian Verrastro
Woodland School Amanda Lewin
District Teacher of the Year – Ryan Campbell – CIBA

Chairman's Report – Bryan R. Hall

A Few Quick Congrats:

- EHHS Football Team with a win over Hall High School 28-19. We are proud of our boys and a remarkable season- keep up the hard work!
- A thank you to all the families who joined the Superintendent at the parent forum at O'Connell school last week. I sincerely appreciated the thoughtful and insightful praise and feedback...know that we will keep working hard.

Updates:

Chairman Hall noted: Educators have that special and enviable role of being those individuals who get to make a difference every day. The late and great Andy Rooney said it best when he said, "Most of us end up with no more than five or six people who remember us. Teachers have thousands of people who remember them for the rest of their lives." Paraprofessional, certified staff...you are all teachers-thank you for what you do.

Well, tonight, we remember you; we honor you and we thank you for your service to our kids.

Superintendent's Report – Nathan Quesnel

- Status of the Schools

- Updates from the District:

- Updated schedule for Reconfiguration Decision
- **11/16/15:** BoE will be presented with the results from the Reconfiguration study including at least 4 potential options for reconfiguration.

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- **11/23/2015:** A public meeting will be held by the BoE at our Board Office (1110 Main St) where the BoE will vote to select a reconfiguration option.
- **Good News Report:**
 - **SPED Resource Fair Wednesday 11/4/15 at 5:00-7:00 @ EHMS**
 - **Professional Development 11/3/15 Day of Choice**
- **Next Steps:**
 - November 3rd: O'Connell SGC Meeting to Review Extended Day;
 - November 16th: Reconfiguration Presentation;
 - November 19th: Parent Forum@ Hockanum School;
 - November 23rd: BoE vote for reconfiguration;
 - School Year 2015-2016 – ALL IN

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

Resignations:

MOTION By Tyron Harris
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve Four (4) Resignations
Motion unanimously carried.

2015-2018 Paraeducators Contract:

MOTION By Tyron Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve 2015-2018 Paraeducators Contract
Motion unanimously carried.

First Quarter Appropriation Transfers FY 2015-16:

MOTION By Tyron Harris
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve First Quarter Appropriation Transfers FY 2015-16
Motion unanimously carried.

Head Start Grant:

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve Head Start Grant
Motion unanimously carried.

Food Service Second Amendment with Sodexo, Inc.:

MOTION By Tyron Harris
Seconded by Marilyn Pet
To approve Food Service Second Amendment with Sodexo, Inc.
Motion unanimously carried.

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Board Member Representative Reports –

Marilyn Pet- Attended the After School Garden Club at O'Brien School this past Wednesday.

Shelby Brown – Attended the CIBA Inauguration Ceremony along with Board member Roberts. Board member Brown visited Norris School and spent time with Norris's Teacher of the Year.

Valerie Scheer- Attended the Parent Forum on October 28th at O'Connell School West Media Center.

Questions and Concerns by Board Members – None

Topics for Future Agendas – None

MOTION By Tyron Harris
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (9:23 PM)
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Octavia L. Moore

APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION