

**SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 14, 2015**

A Special Budget Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, December 14, 2015 at the Board of Education Administrative Offices, 1110 Main Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM by Chairman Bryan R. Hall.

**PRESENT** Chairman Bryan R. Hall, Secretary Tyron V. Harris, Shelby Brown (arrived 5:43PM), Marilyn Pet, Valerie Scheer, Tom Rup, Dorese Roberts, Stephanie Watkins, Harry Amadasun, Jr.

**ALSO PRESENT** Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools  
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  
Cynthia E. Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Curriculum

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Peter Dombrowski, President of Local 2727  
869 Forbes St. /EHHS**

Mr. Dombrowski expressed his concerns regarding the budget reduction in the Superintendent's Proposed Budget impacting 2 full-time security officers.

**Business Needing Board Action**

**Special Meeting for budgetary purposes with possible action on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.**

Superintendent Quesnel thanked everyone for being here tonight as we continue through the program details for Secondary and Pupil Personnel Service accounts which will finalize the budget and touch on grants.

**Secondary Schools – Anne Marie Mancini**

Mr. Mainuli gave a detailed overview of the Secondary Schools Department. Ms. Mancini oversees the District Secondary Schools and Programs which consist of EHHS, CIBA, Synergy, EHMS and Sunset Ridge, District K-12 Programming Music/Art, Physical Education/Health, World Languages and ESL. The Secondary School Program Budget represents 26% of the total BoE budget. The major budget drivers are Salary Increases (contractual), Realignment of staff as a result of reconfiguration and the purchase of Literacy and Math Resources. English and Language Arts represents the largest program accounts at 13% in the department. Art and Music enrichment programs in school represent 15% of the programs budget. Mr. Mainuli went through the Secondary Schools program details to outline the specific increases/decreases and realignments affecting the budget within the department.

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**Pupil Personnel – Dr. Sharon Bremner**

Dr. Bremner gave a detailed overview of the Pupil Personnel Services Department which consists of Pre-K-12 Special Education staffing, resources and programming. The Pupil Personnel Services department also oversees Woodland School and related services which include psychology/social work, speech therapy (language), occupational/physical therapy (fine motor & gross motor skills) and nursing services. The Pupil Personnel Services budget represents 16% of the total BoE budget. The major budget drivers are salary increases (contractual) and increased SPED outplacement costs. Special Education/Resources (programming & staffing) consists of 49% of the programs budget while External Placements represents 18%. Dr. Bremner went through Pupil Personnel Services program details to outline the specific increases/decreases, reductions and realignments affecting the budget within the department while also highlighting a major reduction in Medicaid reimbursement for the fiscal year.

Superintendent Quesnel stated EHPS aggressively pursues grant opportunities to fund school and district improvement initiatives. Over the past 4 years, EHPS has realized significant growth in the net value of grants within district. There are over 35+ competitive, conditional, and entitlement grants currently in process in the district. The district currently has \$27 million in grant funds which works out to around a quarter of our budget.

Chairman Hall would like to thank Superintendent Quesnel and the Cabinet for going through the program detail of the FY 2016-17 EHPS Superintendents Proposed Educational Plan & Budget. Chairman Hall stated we are moving forward with the Superintendents Proposed Budget FY2016-17.

**A recommendation has been made by the Board of Education for the Superintendent to move forward with the Superintendents Proposed Educational Plan & Budget FY 2016-17.**

**MOTION**

All those in favor of Superintendent Quesnel moving forward with Superintendent's Proposed Educational Plan & Budget FY 2016-17  
Motion unanimously carried.

**MOTION**

By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins  
To adjourn the Special Budget Meeting of the Board (7:26 PM)  
Motion unanimously carried.