

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
DECEMBER 21, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, December 21, 2015, in the Lecture Hall of the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Bryan R. Hall

PRESENT Chairman Bryan R. Hall, Secretary Tyron V. Harris, Shelby Brown (arrived 7:02 PM), 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

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA – Create a Consent Calendar for items 3-7 (Head Start) under New Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting, December 2, 2015 at 5:48 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tyron V. Harris
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting, December 7, 2015 at 6:30 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun, Jr.
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting, December 9, 2015 at 5:35 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

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WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tyron V. Harris

- **Tuesday, December 22, 2015, 2:00-2:45 PM-** A Celebration of Writing located at EHMS Cafeteria. Come out to see the amazing growth the 6th graders have made in writing so far this year.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Jazmin Rampassard, Natalya Robinson

- Principals Bingo for Q1 Honor Roll 12/21 &12/22
- EHHS raised over 3,000 food items for DELA Food Drive
- Breakfast w/ Santa was last Saturday, December 19th, 2015
- Exams begin the week of January 11, 2016
- Holiday Safety Reminder: Be careful and have fun

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

1. Annie Irvine, President EHEA
Ms. Irvine would like the Board to continue to look for resources to preserve teaching positions amongst P.E, Art and the Music departments.
2. 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 at Synergy.
3. Elijah Boyd, Local 2727 Executive Board Member
Mr. Boyd expressed his concerns regarding the elimination of two security officers and would like the BoE to reconsider the decision.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/No Action Required

Chairman's Report

Bryan R. Hall

• **Updates:**

I wanted to speak very briefly to thank our residents, Town Council and fellow Board members for your time and attention through the budget process to date. As a Board, setting the annual school budget is one of our three primary tasks and I am very proud of the concentration, focus and questions I have seen from our Board as we have participated in this process. I believe that this budget tells the story of East Hartford- focused, lean and ready to take the next step. While we all realize that this Board adoption is just another step in the process, I hope our residents and community members watching at home can understand the deep thought, reflection

and effort that we have put into making sure every dollar of tax payer funds is planned for, accounted for and spoken for as we leverage all opportunities possible on behalf of our kids.

Superintendent's Report

Nathan Quesnel

- **Status of the Schools:**
- **Updates from the District:**
- **Good News Report:**
 - **Spotlight Award:** Two weeks ago, Human Resources Director Chris Wethje and I both delivered the staff spotlight awards to Joe Pearce and Shane Lewin who were also recognized in the Superintendent's Newsletter. These two individuals exemplify what it means to be a member of the EHPS Family Team-we are very proud of both of them. The staff spotlight award is a quarterly award from Central Office (guided by submission from the district) that celebrates and recognizes folks who go above and beyond; very impressive talent in EH. If you have not read the Newsletter, I encourage you to visit <http://www.easthartford.org/page.cfm?p=11506> I think you will find tons of good information in our internal communication system.

Next Steps:

- 12/23/15 - Half Day
- 12/24-1/1/16- Holiday Break
- 1/6/16- Three Kings Day (No School)
- 1/11/16-EHBoE Retreat (Third Floor BoE Building)
- 1/11-1/15/16- EHHS Exam Week
- School Year 2015-2016- ALL IN

Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) 2016 Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year- David Caruso

- **David Caruso, EHMS Assistant Principal:** Superintendent Quesnel and Chairman Hall presented David Caruso with the 2015-2016 CAS Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year Award. State Representative Jeffery Currey presented David with a Proclamation in honor of this award.

Middle School Choice Process-

Anthony Menard, Anne Marie Mancini, Daniel Catlin

Mr. Menard spoke about East Hartford Middle School grades 6-8 option. EHMS offers a College preparatory program with grade level and theme-based teams.

Mr. Catlin spoke about Sunset Ridge School (MYP) IB candidate school grounded in international standards. Both Schools are a great choice.

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OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Retirements and Resignations:

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Three (3) Retirements and One (1) Resignation
Motion unanimously carried.

**Head Start Policy Council Meeting Packet
Amanda Sawyer, Head Start Coordinator**

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the Head Start Policy Council Meeting Packet as submitted.
Motion unanimously carried.

Head Start By-Laws

Amanda Sawyer, Head Start Coordinator

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the Head Start By-Laws
Motion unanimously carried.

Head Start Supervision of Children Policy

Amanda Sawyer, Head Start Coordinator

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the Head Start Supervision of Children Policy
Motion unanimously carried.

Head Start Complaint Procedure

Amanda Sawyer, Head Start Coordinator

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the Head Start Complaint Procedure
Motion unanimously carried.

Head Start Policies

Amanda Sawyer, Head Start Coordinator

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve that Head Start will default to all East Hartford Public Schools
District Policies in the event that a Head Start policy is not in place.
Motion unanimously carried.

Head Start Internal Dispute Resolution

Amanda Sawyer, Head Start Coordinator

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the Head Start Internal Dispute Resolution Policy
Motion unanimously carried.

East Hartford Board of Education Budget FY 2016-2017

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve FY 2016-2017 Proposed Board of Education Budget
Motion unanimously carried.

East Hartford Board of Education Committee Assignments

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve 2015-2016 Subcommittee Assignments
Motion unanimously carried.

Board Member Representative Reports – None

Questions and Concerns by Board Members – None

Topics for Future Agendas – None

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tyron V. Harris
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (9:21PM)
Motion unanimously carried.