

**REGULAR MEETING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
JANUARY 9, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, January 09, 2017, 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, Stephanie Watkins, Dorese Roberts, Tom Rup, Marilyn Pet, Valerie Scheer, Harry Amadasun, Jr.,

**ABSENT** Shelby Brown

**ALSO PRESENT** Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools  
Cynthia Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools  
Anne Marie Mancini, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum  
Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources  
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA** – Yes, Create a Consent Calendar for items 2-26 under New Business

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Valerie Scheer  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Regular Board of Education Meeting, December 19, 2016 at 7:00 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION** – Tyron V. Harris

- Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 7:45 AM – Langford School Governance Council. Langford School/Main Office Conference Room
- Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 6:00 PM – Goodwin PTO
- Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 7:00 PM – EHMS Instrumental Concert East Hartford Middle School/Auditorium & Music Wing
- Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 6:00 PM – East Hartford Middle School Governance Council EHMS/Upper Media Center
- Monday, January 23, 2017 – East Hartford High School PTO

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS** –

**Jessica Moise, Bridget Nortey**

- EHHS Boys' Basketball team has been undefeated this season with their most recent win against E.O Smith and Wethersfield. The next game will be January 17, 2017 at 6:45 pm.
- Semester exams are from January 23-27, 2017. Students will have half days Monday-Thursdays and no school on Friday as long as all their exams are completed.

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- There will be an afterschool study session for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. The National Honors Society will be providing help for all your academic needs from after midterms to around 3:30 pm.
- EHMS 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be visiting the high school from the 25-26<sup>th</sup> of January. There they will be able to get a slice of EHHS from the upper-classmen's perspective.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**Human Resources/No Action Required**

**Chairman's Report** –

Good evening to my fellow Board Members, Superintendent, his team and our viewing public to our first official board meeting of 2017. As we kick off the New Year, I hope your holidays were restful, relaxing, reflective and filled with family and friends. Thanks for taking the time to be with us—we have a great agenda planned and I look forward to our shared actions tonight!

As our Superintendent and I planned tonight's agenda, I was particularly excited to see this informational report on our PK-12 Literacy Plan. Over the past few years, our Board has taken a deep interest in how we can support, help and improve the literacy abilities of our kids and as I reviewed the documents that came along with our agenda, I was very proud of our progress. We all know that in life, literacy is the key that unlocks learning, unlock success and provides opportunity for kids. We know that if we can get our kid's ready to read for kindergarten, reading by grade 3 and on track for high school by grade nine, we can change life outcomes for our children, our community, our state and our nation. Tonight's presentation symbolizes our shared commitment as a Board to encourage our talented school leaders to continue to move the needle forward for kids. While I know that tonight is not an end point, I am very proud of the effort and focus I see here. A special thanks to Assistant Superintendents Anne Marie Mancini and Cynthia Ritchie for their leadership in making this happen.

Finally, I am greatly looking forward to reviewing our EHPS Legislative Agenda that will be shared with our East Hartford delegates at a Legislative Breakfast over the next month. This Legislative Agenda captures the needs, focus and voices of our district and I hope I can be an important shaping voice of policy decisions in Hartford this winter.

I am looking forward to a great meeting tonight—let's get to work!

**Superintendent's Report**

**Nathan Quesnel**

• **Superintendent's Message:**

Last month we closed a successful 2016 calendar year for EHPS and took the time to reflect and share our top highlights or accomplishments. This month, as we enter a new school year, we wanted to take a brief moment to share some important projects ahead for this 2017 calendar year, previously captured in our District Improvement Plan but nonetheless worth refocusing on for the New Year. Here's our Top 5 looking forward:

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1. Student Achievement
2. Budget
3. MYP Accreditation at Sunset Ridge and CIBA
4. Social Emotional Learning
5. Cultural Competency

• **Next Steps:**

- **01/16/17: No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- **1/23/17-1/27/17: High School Exams ½ day for HS Students**
- **01/30/17: Next BoE Meeting**
- **6/12/17: Last Day of School**
- **School Year 2016-2017—ALL IN**

**East Hartford Public Schools Legislative Priorities Presentation**

**Superintendent Nate Quesnel**

Mr. Quesnel went over the vital factors centered on district financing and school funding in the 2017 Legislative Agenda. These factors are:

- School Funding
- Alliance District Grant
- Commissioner Network Grant
- Pre-School Tuition
- School Renovation Grant (2016)
- Special Education Tuition Costs of RESC Magnet Schools
- Residential Placement Costs for Outplaced Special Education Students
- School Governance Long Term Plan for Magnet Schools
- Educational Issues
- Teacher Evaluation/Student Performance Data Use
- SBAC
- Student Data Privacy Act

**PK-12 Literacy Plan -**

**Asst. Superintendents Anne Marie Mancini & Cynthia Ritchie**

Assistant Superintendents Anne Marie Mancini & Cynthia Ritchie gave a detail overview of the PK-12 Literacy Plan which included the plans Approach/Philosophy, Key Initiatives, Programming and Resources, along with Assessments, Data and Results. There are 4 core tenants in the PK-12 Literacy Plan which is:

- Strong, Standards Based Curriculum
- Interdisciplinary Approach
- On-going Professional Development
- Support for Teachers and Students

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Assistant Superintendent Ritchie gave a detail review of the PK-5 Literacy Plan which included Approach to Reading-Balanced Literacy, Academic and Enrichment Programming in Pre-K and Literacy Programming, Interventions, Enrichment Programming, and Universal Assessments in K-5.

Assistant Superintendent Mancini gave a detail review of grades 6-12 Literacy Plan which included Approach to Reading-Reading Across the Disciplines; Reading for a Purpose, Reading as a Social Process and Reading to Gain Knowledge. The Literacy Plan for grades 6-12 also includes Programming and Interventions along with Curriculum and Instructional Resources.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Retirements and Resignation**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve Four (4) Retirements and One (1) Resignation  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 1700 – Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 1700 – Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 4111/4211 – Recruitment and Selection**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 4111/4211 – Recruitment and Selection  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 4112.5-4212.5- Security Check/Fingerprinting**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 4112.5-4212.5- Security Check/Fingerprinting  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 4112.51-4212.51- Reference Checks**

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 4112.51-4212.51- Reference Checks  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 4118.235/4218.235- Drug and Alcohol- Free Workshops**

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 4118.235/4218.235- Drug and  
Alcohol- Free Workshops  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 5113 – Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal**

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 5113 – Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 5113.2 – Introduction and Definitions**

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 5113.2 – Introduction and Definitions  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 5131.601/4118.236/4218.236 – Medical (Palliative) Use of  
Marijuana**

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 5131.601/4118.236/4218.236 –  
Medical (Palliative) Use of Marijuana  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 5145.53- Gender Identity and Expression (Transgender and  
Gender Non-Conforming Youth)**

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 5145.53- Gender Identity and  
Expression (Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth)  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 6141.31 – Bilingual-Bicultural Education**

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6141.31 – Bilingual-Bicultural Education  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 6142- Basic Instructional Programs**

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6142- Basic Instructional Programs  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 6142.2- Reading/Language Arts**

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6142.2- Reading/Language Arts  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 6145- Extra Curricular Activities**

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6145- Extra Curricular Activities  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 6152 – Grouping Policy**

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6152 – Grouping Policy  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 6160 – Educational Resources and Materials**

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6160 – Educational Resources and Materials  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 6161.21- Overdue, Damaged, or Lost Instructional Materials**

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6161.21- Overdue, Damaged, or Lost Instructional Materials  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 6162.3- Testing Programs**

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6162.3- Testing Programs  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 6162.4- Community Resources**

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6162.4- Community Resources  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 6162.5- Research Testing**

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6162.5- Research Testing  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 6163 – Instructional Resources for Students**

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6163 – Instructional Resources for  
Students  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 6172.5- Pilot Programs**

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6172.5- Pilot Programs  
Motion unanimously carried.

**To Table for First Read Policy 6172.6 – Interactive Distance Learning**

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6172.6 – Interactive Distance Learning  
Motion unanimously carried

**To Table for First Read Policy 6172.12 Magnet Schools**

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6172.12 Magnet Schools  
Motion unanimously carried

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**To Table for First Read Policy 6180- Evaluation of the Instructional Program**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6180- Evaluation of the Instructional Program  
Motion unanimously carried

**To Table for First Read Policy 6180.1 – Evaluation of the Instructional Program/Student Achievement Program**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6180.1 – Evaluation of the Instructional Program/Student Achievement Program  
Motion unanimously carried

**Board Member Representative Reports-** None

**Public Participation-** None

**Questions and Concerns by Board Members** – None

**Topics for Future Agendas** – None

**MOTION** By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (9:04 PM)  
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Octavia L. Moore

APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION