

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
MARCH 20, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, March 20, 2017, in the Lecture Hall of the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:47 PM by Chairman Bryan R. Hall.

PRESENT Chairman Bryan R. Hall, Secretary Tyron V. Harris, Dorese Roberts, Tom Rup, Marilyn Pet, Shelby Brown, Valerie Scheer, Stephanie Watkins, Harry Amadasun, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools
Cynthia Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Curriculum
Anne Marie Mancini, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum
Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services
Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel
Benjamin Whittaker, Director of Facilities

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Board of Education Meeting, March 06, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION –

Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 6:00 PM – EHMS School Governance Council Meeting
East Hartford Middle School/Upper Media Center

Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 6:30 PM – Pitkin PTO

Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 3:00 – 5:00 PM – Future Chefs Competition
East Hartford High School/Faculty Dining Room

Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 7:00 PM – 30th Inter-Elementary Music & Arts Festival
East Hartford Middle School/Auditorium, Music Wing & Cafeteria

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS – Jessica Moise, Bridget Nortey

- **March 18th**: Boys Basketball faced Hill House in the class LL championship. Our team played very well but unfortunately, did not come out with a good win. Congrats on a good season boys!
- **March 21st**: The Winter Sports Night will be held tomorrow night at 6:00 PM in the auditorium. Students who participated in winter sports will be acknowledged for their great work throughout the season.
- **March 22nd**: Tri-M Music Honors Society will be hosting the annual talent show at 7:00 PM in the auditorium. Tickets will be sold for \$3 at the door. There will also be a bake sale to help support Tri-M.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/No Action Required

Chairman's Report – **Bryan R. Hall**

Good evening to my fellow Board Members and our viewing public. Old man winter came back to bite us hard over the past week and it was a baptism by snow for our new Facilities Director, Mr. Ben Whittaker. Today we celebrate the first day of Spring with hopes for warm temps ahead. We have had a busy and productive two weeks and I am looking forward to our meeting tonight.

Tonight as we get started, I wanted to make a huge “shout out” to Coach Ed Lavoie and the East Hartford Hornet's Men's Basketball Team. I have had the good fortune of seeing a few games this winter and I want to tell you what a treat it has been to watch our young men in the gym. Our East Hartford team is known for playing fast, playing hard and for being outstanding young men and students. I am so proud of our team for making the state final double L game this weekend at the Mohegan Sun Casino. I had a chance to watch our boys along with a huge following of East Hartford fans on Saturday night. I know Board Member Scheer and her family joined us and I also know we had our Mayor, State Senator and Representatives as a part of Hornet Nation. I believe I heard over 8,000 people were in attendance and while I didn't get the official count, I am pretty sure 6,000 were from East Hartford. Although the score at the end of the game was certainly not what we hoped for, I know I left the arena with my chin high in the air, proud of our boys, proud of our program and proud of our community. Thanks to the EHHS Boys Basketball team for your effort and hard work all season—you sure made us all proud!

Tonight our agenda is relatively light as we seek to approve a contract for our School Based Health Centers. Additionally, I am thrilled to announce in public for the first time that in Executive Session prior to the meeting, the EHBoE selected Kathleen Simoneau to be the next principal here at CIBA. I know that this process was extremely competitive with several deserving finalists. With all that being said, I am thrilled that Kathleen Simoneau will be our next leader and look to continue the tradition of excellence that this school stands for. Another great hire by East Hartford Public Schools!

Thanks as always to our families, faculty, students and community for your support to make our schools great places.

Time to get to work!

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Superintendent's Report – Nathan Quesnel

Superintendent's Message:

A great couple of weeks for EHPS since our last Board meeting! Last week Assistant Superintendent Anne Marie Mancini and I visited the University of Chicago with seven East Hartford High School faculty members as part of the RISE Network. This was an incredible learning experience for us as we participated in the Urban Labs Institute. It was truly amazing to see that under the disturbing national narrative of Chicago what is actually going on in schools—a powerful story of growth that we have much to take away from. This conference was maybe the best conference I have ever attended in terms of my own learning. As you know, I am pretty inspired all the time...I am super inspired right now!

- Town Budget Process:
- Meeting with SBOE Accountability and Support Committee:
- EHHS Boys Basketball:

Dates Ahead:

- 6/20/17: Last Day of School
- School Year 2016-2017—ALL IN

Third Quarter Financial Report – Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services

Mr. Mainuli gave an update regarding the Third Quarter Financial Report including Outplaced Student Tuition and Outplaced Student Transportation still being the main cost drivers in the budget at this time. Even with the reduction of our Alliance Grant and CIBA Grant, we have additional monies from E-rate and Medicaid coming in.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Retirement and Resignations

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

School Based Health Center Contract Approval

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve School Based Health Center Contract
Motion unanimously carried.

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Board Member Representative Reports-

Board member Shelby Brown read “The Butter Battle Book” to Mrs. Fernandez 4th grade class in honor of Dr. Seuss’s birthday.

Board member Dorese Roberts attended ECLC’s Policy Meeting.

Board member Valerie Scheer would like to invite everyone to Pitkin vs. O’Connell school March Madness on Tuesday, March 21 @ 6:00 in the EHMS gym.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

- 1. Debbie Poerio, President and CEO of Integrated Health Services**
Dr. Poerio expressed her gratitude with School Based Health Centers.

- 2. Mark Scheinberg, President of Goodwin College**
Mr. Scheinberg expressed his opinion about changes with School Based Health Centers.

Questions and Concerns by Board Members – None

Topics for Future Agendas – None

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:26 PM)
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Octavia L. Moore