

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
APRIL 17, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, April 17, 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 Secretary Tyron V. Harris.

PRESENT Secretary Tyron V. Harris, Dorese Roberts, Tom Rup, Marilyn Pet, Shelby Brown (arrived at 7:06), Valerie Scheer, Harry Amadasun, Jr., Stephanie Watkins

ABSENT Chairman Bryan R. Hall

ALSO PRESENT Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools
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 Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting, March 31, 2017 at 12:00 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Valerie Scheer
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting, April 3, 2017 at 3:00 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Board of Education Meeting, April 3, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Central Registration will be closed on April 24-25th, 2017 and June 26-July 7, 2017.

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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS –

Jessica Moise, Bridget Nortey

- **April 19th:** There will be a fundraiser organized by the ECE Human Rights class to provide feminine products to help homeless women in the Hartford area. These funds will also go towards dispensers for our school.
- **April 17th:** Hornets Buzz for Books will be hosting a student vs. staff basketball game on May 12th 2:30-3:45. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults.
- **April 20th:** Chorus Concert- There will be a concert featuring the chorus group from EHHS and EHMS starting at 7:00 in the auditorium. Come and support our music students!
- **April 21st: International Food Festival-** Everyone is invited to bring a dish from their unique culture to share with others who attend. There will be raffle prizes given to the 3 dishes with the most votes. Come to experience other cultures and to give people a “taste” of your own.
- **April 28th: Junior Prom-** Junior Prom will be taking place at the Rentschler Field Club room from 6-10pm. Tickets are \$40 and will be sold from Wednesday, April 19 through Friday, April 21, 2017. All accountabilities must be paid to purchase tickets.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/No Action Required

Chairman’s Report – None

Superintendent’s Report –
Nathan Quesnel

Superintendent’s Message:

We have been on school vacation last week so this update will be a bit more concise than normal. As our kids and faculty come back from a well-deserved break, we head into an important part of the year for many reasons. First and foremost, the last quarter of the year is the finishing part of the year. One of my heroes, John Wooden, the great Wizard of Westwood once said, “It’s not how you start the game, it’s how you finish that count...” For all our kids, families and faculty, this is the time of year where we need to dig deep and focus on a strong finish.

A few important components of a strong finish:

- Excellent Daily Attendance
- Review your original annual goals and make sure to make adjustments
- Know your grades, Know your needs
- Celebrate success!

Updates from the District:

- Fund for Teachers:
- Assessment Season:

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- Working Cities Update:
- Silver Lane 1003a Grant:

Dates Ahead:

- 4/27/17: Student Half Day- Faculty Professional Development
- 05/01/2017: BoE Meeting
- 6/20/17: Last Day of School
- School Year 2016-2017—ALL IN

**ECLC Progress Report – Principal Lisa Beauchamp,
Head Start Coordinator Roberto Burgos**

Principal Beauchamp gave an overview of the programs offered at ECLC which includes:

- School Readiness
- Smart Start
- Head Start
- Special Education
- Family Resources

ECLC currently serves 3 & 4 year old preschoolers in the East Hartford community with 325 students currently enrolled and 18 classrooms. We've seen great growth in assessments from the fall through the winter and look forward to seeing steady growth through spring.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

Retirements and Resignations

MOTION By Stephanie Watkins
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Seven (7) Resignations
Motion unanimously carried.

Non-Certified Staff Members Use of Employee Sick Bank

MOTION By Stephanie Watkins
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Non-Certified Staff Members Use of Employee Sick Bank
Motion unanimously carried.

Certified Staff Members Use of Employee Sick Bank

MOTION By Stephanie Watkins
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve the Certified Staff Members Use of Employee Sick Bank
Motion unanimously carried.

Board Member Representative Reports – None

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Public Participation – None

Questions and Concerns by Board Members – None

Topics for Future Agendas – None

MOTION By Stephanie Watkins
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (7:41 PM)
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Octavia L. Moore

APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION