

**REGULAR MEETING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
JUNE 5, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, June 5, 2017, in the Lecture Hall of the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Bryan R. Hall.

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

**ALSO PRESENT** Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools  
Anne Marie Mancini, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum  
Cynthia Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Curriculum  
Benjamin Whittaker, 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** – None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, May 15, 2017 at 5:32 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Regular Board of Education Meeting, May 15, 2017 at 7:00 PM  
Motion unanimously carried

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

Central Registration will be closed to the public on Wednesday, June 21st and Monday, June 26th through Friday, July 7th and will re-open on Monday, July 10th at 8:00 AM.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

**Jazmin Rampassard, Natalya Robinson**

- **June 6<sup>th</sup>: Spring Sports Night** – Starting at 6pm Spring Sports Night will be held to give out various awards to teams and individuals for their contributions to their sports throughout the year. It will take place in the EHHS auditorium.
- **June 7<sup>th</sup>: Instrumental Concert** – The concert Band, Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, and Orchestra will all be performing at this concert. EHHS auditorium at 7 PM.
- **June 8- June 16<sup>th</sup>: Final Exams** – Seniors will start their exams this Thursday, taking their last exam on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Underclassmen will start their exams on Tuesday and take their last exam on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Makeup exams will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**Recognition of Student Representatives: Jessica Moise and Bridget Nortey**

- Jessica Moise –Chairman Hall thanked Student Representative Jessica Moise for her dedication and contributions throughout the year and wished her well as Jessica embarks on a new journey in the fall.
- Bridget Nortey – Chairman Hall thanked Student Representative Bridget Nortey for her dedication and contributions throughout the year and welcomes Bridget back in the fall as a Student Representative to the Board.

**Recognition of Volunteers of the Year, District School Organization Presidents and School Governance Council Chairs**

**2017 VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR**

Kevin Nguyen	CIBA
Karen Koski	EHHS
Nasreen Al Omari	EHMS
Elizabeth Roberts	ECLC
Bob Howes	Goodwin
Jennifer Lopez	Langford
Stephanie Watkins	Mayberry
Zarin Kapur	Norris
Raiza Diaz & Veronica Rosario	O'Brien
Sarah Rojas	O'Connell
Don LaPenta	Pitkin
Alice Stout	Silver Lane
Lynn Raicik	Stevens
Linda Chamberlain	Sunset
Roseanne Bischoff & Stacey Boisselle, ECHS	Woodland

**2017 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION PRESIDENTS**

Alicia Merza	CIBA
Christie Crooks	EHHS
Kim Norige	Goodwin
Mindy Duval & Taysha Aponte	Mayberry
Elizabeth Rosa	O'Brien
Becky Johansen	O'Connell
Teanna Grant	Pitkin
Heather Carter	Sunset

**2017 SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL CHAIRS**

Amy Bryan (Family Engagement Council)	EHHS
Claude Mayo, Charmaine McBean	EHMS
Cindi Roberson & Tom Donato	Langford
Victoria Marshall & Melissa Mayo	Mayberry
Katie Sullivan	Norris
Monique Butler	O'Brien
Renee Byers	O'Connell
Jena Ledoux	Silver Lane
Christina Lessard & Mary Jane Cartwright	Stevens

**Recognition of District Retirees and Staff of 25+ Years**

**RETIREMENTS**

Annmarie Bradley (18)	Christine Kelley (14)	Audrey Schiller (23)
Linda Carlson (41)	Susan Lavigne (33)	George Sime (20)
Albert Costa (29)	Leonard Mailloux (14)	Zdzislw Siuda (18)
Candis Guastamachio (17)	Candace Morgester (25)	Kent Smith (43)
Kundari Iannone (27)	Jeffery Nogas (12)	Caryn Stedman (3)
Donna Karotkin (17)	Catherine Ryan (32)	Carolyn Kibbe-Wagner (20)

**25 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Karan Bycholski	Kristen Gianacopolos	Wendy Oakes
Anna Cairnduff	Catherine Jiminez Iretta	Amy Puebla
Francisco Chavez	Michael Moan	Tim Reid
Lyn Douville		Mary Symkowicz
Carolyn Elmore		

**40 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Cynthia Roberson  
Pamela Sisson

**Human Resources/No Action Required**

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**Chairman's Report –**

**Bryan R. Hall**

Good evening to my fellow Board members and administration and audience. It's great to be back together for the good of the children in East Hartford.

Tonight, I also want to lend my voice to thank, acknowledge and celebrate so many people who make our schools great. As we close out the school year and attend many celebrations, graduations and events—it is easy as a Board member to fully appreciate the work that goes into these moments of success.

Thank you to our Parent Volunteers, School Governance Council Leaders and Teacher Volunteers. Thanks to our 25 Year Veterans who are being acknowledged for their service and a special goodbye to our retirees.

For each of you, you come to work with a mind of service—eager to give and eager to make a difference. You didn't sign up, raise your hand or step forward because you wanted a thank you—you wanted to make a difference. In that spirit, I want to tell you of the difference you have made for so many children, families, and colleagues. Your spirit of excellence has been a part of the work that is transforming our schools and we are all incredibly grateful.

On behalf of the entire Board of Education, please accept our deepest appreciation, admiration and thanks.

**Superintendent's Report**

**Nathan Quesnel**

- **Status of the Schools:**
- **Updates from the District:**
  - CIBA/Sunset Ridge Assistant Principal Hire:
  - District Teacher of the Year:

**Next Steps:**

- **06/09/17:** Woodland Graduation (12:00pm Woodland School);
- **06/15/17:** EHHS Graduation (7:00pm Bushnell);
- **06/19/17:** BoE Meeting;
- **06/20/17:** CIBA Graduation (5:00 EHHS Auditorium);
- **06/20/17:** Synergy Graduation (7:00 EHMS Auditorium);
- **06/20/17:** Last Day of School;
- **School Year 2016-2017- ALL IN**

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Retirements:**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve Three (3) Retirements  
Motion unanimously carried.

**2018 East Hartford High School Graduation Date:**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve 2018 East Hartford High School Graduation Date  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Head Start Grant:**

**MOTION** By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Marilyn Pet  
To approve Head Start Grant  
Motion unanimously carried

**Head Start Grant; New Position:**

**MOTION** By Marilyn Pet  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve Head Start Grant; New Position  
Motion unanimously carried

**RISE Grant:**

**MOTION** By Marilyn Pet  
Seconded by Tyron V. Harris  
To approve RISE Grant  
Motion unanimously carried

**Capital Reserve Transfer:**

**MOTION** By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Valerie Scheer  
To approve Capital Reserve Transfer  
Motion unanimously carried

**Board Member Representative Reports –**

Board member Shelby Brown was touched by the students at the Adult ED graduation. Board member Brown also visited the Museum of African American History in Washington, D.C.

Board member Stephanie Watkin's daughter attended the trip to Washington, D.C. Museum of African American History.

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Board member Dorese Roberts attended the Top 20 Dinner.

Board member Valerie Scheer attended the Adult Ed graduation and the Memorial Day Service. Gifted and Talented 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students took a trip to The Museum of Natural History in NYC.

**Public Participation-** None

**Questions and Concerns by Board Members** – O’Connell solar panels are repaired and operating.

**Topics for Future Agendas** – None

**MOTION** By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Tyron V. Harris  
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:51 PM)  
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Octavia L. Moore

**APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION**