

**REGULAR MEETING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
JUNE 19, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, June 19, 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, Dorese Roberts, Marilyn Pet, Tom Rup, Stephanie Watkins

**ABSENT** Secretary Tyron V. Harris, Shelby Brown, Valerie Scheer, 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** – Yes, item #5 under New Business needs to be moved to item#4 under Procedural on the agenda due to time constraints for Congressman Larson who is presenting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Stephanie Watkins  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, June 5, 2017 at 6:35 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Regular Board of Education Meeting, June 5, 2017 at 7:00 PM  
Motion unanimously carried

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION** – None

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS** - None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**Human Resources/No Action Required**

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**Chairman's Report –  
Bryan R. Hall**

Good evening to my fellow Board members, administration and audience. It's great to be back together for the good of children in East Hartford. Tonight is a special night for all of us as this is our last official meeting of this school year.

I am going to keep my comments brief as I know we have a full agenda but I wanted to reach out and thank our community, families, kids and faculty for a great year. It's been a busy two weeks for us as a Board, but I still have the feeling I had at the Bushnell last week as we watched our class of 2017, the class of Black and 24 Karat Gold, graduate. In moments like these, I find the meaning, satisfaction and drive that continue to encourage me to volunteer my time as a Board member as I realize that I am a part of something special in the community.

As we bring our Board Meetings to a close for the summer holiday break, I want to acknowledge each of you, my fellow Board Members, who join me twice a month, who work through and study lengthy board packets and who are always willing to be interrupted by a neighbor at the supermarket. Our Board has done some big things this year and we walk away knowing that we have made a difference for the children and families we serve. Thanks for your willingness to work together on all issues, and thanks for your support of me as your Chair. It is an honor to serve together and I continue to look forward to good work ahead.

Tonight, amongst a few other things, I know our Superintendent and his team will be delivering our annual performance report. As I prepped for tonight's meeting, I could not help but get excited about what I see unfolding in East Hartford. I am looking forward to the presentation and the opportunities that are ahead for our kids—let's keep them going!

**Superintendent's Report –  
Nathan Quesnel**

**- Superintendent's Message:**

- As we pause to reflect on our top accomplishments, I thought I would list 5 major accomplishments that capture some of the success we enjoyed this year:
  1. Reading, the Key to Student Success-A focus on Literacy Instruction:
  2. Starting Earlier-Inaugural Year for the Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) at Hockanum School:
  3. Build it so they come-Improving our Facilities Infrastructure:
  4. Spend it Wisely-Managing District Resources:
  5. Community Investment=Community Engagement-Office of Family and Community Partnership (OFCP):

**- Updates from the District:**

- CIBA/Sunset Ridge receives official MYP Approval:
- SBAC Data Release:

**Next Steps:**

- **6/20/17: CIBA Graduation (5:00 EHHS Auditorium)**
- **6/20/17: Synergy Graduation (7:00 EHMS Auditorium)**

- 6/20/17: Last Day of School

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- 8/28/17: Next BoE meeting
- 8/30/17: First Day School SY2017-2018
- School Year 2016-2017—ALL IN

**Annual Report – Anne Marie Mancini, Cynthia Ritchie, Dr. Sharon Bremner & Dr. Sarah Brzozowy**

Assistant Superintendent Mancini, Assistant Superintendent Ritchie, Dr. Bremner along with Dr. Brzozowy gave a detailed overview of the Annual Report. The team explained the 4 Theories of Action steps in depth which consists of:

1. Transform Student Learning
2. Rich and Vibrant Learning Cultures
3. Talented and Diverse Workforce
4. Responsibly Invest District Resources

**IB Feasibility Study – Assistant Superintendent Anne Marie Mancini**

Assistant Superintendent Mancini gave an update on the IB Feasibility done over the past year concerning EHHS becoming an IB school. We've conducted focus groups which consist of parents and staff along with a cost analysis and came up with some recommendations for strengthening the existing programs already offered at EHHS.

**District-wide HVAC Preventive Maintenance Update – Ben Whittaker**

We were able to extend the contract for another year with the same terms as the old contract.

**Tri-generation Plant Service Contract Split - Ben Whittaker**

The Tri-generation Plant will have a 5 year contract serviced by two different contractors.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Retirement and Resignations:**

**MOTION** By Stephanie Watkins  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve One (1) Retirement and Four (4) Resignations  
Motion unanimously carried.

**School Readiness Grant:**

**MOTION** By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve School Readiness Grant  
Motion unanimously carried

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**IDEA GRANT:**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins  
To approve IDEA Grant  
Motion unanimously carried

**East Hartford Public Schools Alumni Association:**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve East Hartford Public Schools Alumni Association  
Motion carried: **Nay:** Stephanie Watkins

**Head Start COLA:**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins  
To approve Head Start COLA (Cost of Living Increase for 2017)  
Motion unanimously carried

**Non-Certified Staff Members Use of Employee Sick Bank:**

**MOTION** By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve Non-Certified Staff Members Use of Employee Sick Bank  
Motion unanimously carried

**Board Member Representative Reports –**

Board member Dorese Roberts would like to congratulate the students who made it to the Nationals. Board member Roberts's niece came in at #20.

Board member Marilyn Pet attended CABE and Woodland's school graduation.

**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 (9:18 PM)  
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Octavia L. Moore

APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION