

**REGULAR MEETING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 19, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, December 19, 2016, 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, Shelby Brown (arrived 7:09), Harry Amadasun, Jr.,

**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** – None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, November 28, 2016 at 6:00 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Tyron V. Harris  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, November 29, 2016 at 6:00 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, December 5, 2016 at 9:30 AM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Marilyn Pet  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, December 5, 2016 at 6:30 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Marilyn Pet  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Regular Board of Education Meeting, December 5, 2016 at 7:00 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

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

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS** –

**Jessica Moise, Bridget Nortey**

- Breakfast with Santa was canceled. The toys were donated to the FBLA's Toys for Tots Drive.
- EHHS students earned two dress down days for meeting their food drive goal.
- On December 20<sup>th</sup>, CPTV 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tipoff Classic will be held at Maloney High School in Meriden, CT. EHHS will be playing against Greenwich at 7:45 pm.
- Honors assembly will be held on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> for students who made the honor roll.
- Cookies, Cocoa and cram program will be offered during midterm week in which students can receive help while studying for their midterms.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**Human Resources/No Action Required**

**Chairman's Report** –

While the weather of late has been unpredictable, I want to welcome and greet my fellow Board Members, Superintendent, his team and our viewing public to our last official board meeting of a year that has been predictably successful for our kids and schools. Thanks for taking the time to be with us--It's great to be back with the East Hartford Board of Education—we have a fantastic meeting planned and I look forward to our shared actions tonight!

Tonight, our primary focus of our meeting is to adopt our Board of Education budget that will be sent to the Mayor and Town Council for approval over the next few months. As a Board, setting the annual school budget is one of our three primary tasks and I am very proud of the concentration, focus and questions I have seen from our Board as we have participated in this process. Tonight, we will review the budget briefly as we have spent a significant amount of time in previous Board Workshops analyzing the minute details of each account and working hard to set a budget that aligns to the strategic plan of our district and provides our fantastic educators with the tools to accomplish the jobs we task them with. I believe that this budget tells the story of East Hartford—focused, lean and ready to take the next step. While we all realize that this Board adoption is just another step in the process, I hope our residents and community members watching at home can understand the deep thought, reflection and effort that we have

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put into making sure every dollar of tax payer funds is planned for, accounted for and spoken for as we leverage all opportunities possible on behalf of our kids.

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

**Superintendent's Report**  
**Nathan Quesnel**

• **Superintendent's Message:**

- As we enter our final board meeting of the year, I wanted to spend a brief moment of nostalgia to recount some of the incredible accomplishments we have had during calendar year 2016. Despite the fact that our Board Chairman often says, "We're just getting started," the last calendar year was filled with some incredible highlights and project work! Here are our top 6:

1. **Launch of the Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC):**
2. **Student Success:**
3. **Office of Family and Community Partnership:**
4. **Top Work Place Award:**
5. **EHHS Field and Stadium Renovation:**
6. **Budget, Budget, Budget:**

• **Updates from the District:**

- **Non-Tenured Review**
- **12th Annual CCJEF Meeting Next Steps**
- **RISE Network Convening**
- **Hartford Foundation**

• **Next Steps:**

- **12/5-12/8/16: Elementary Parent Conferences**
- **12/6-12/8/16: EHMS/Sunset Ridge Parent Conferences**
- **12/19/16: Next BoE Meeting (Adoption of BoE Budget)**
- **6/12/17: Last Day of School**
- **School Year 2016-2017—ALL IN**

**Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) High School Level Exemplary Educator of the Year 2016-2017**

□ **Dr. Ryan W. Campbell, EHHS:** Superintendent Quesnel and Chairman Hall presented Dr. Ryan W. Campbell with the 2016-2017 CAS High School Educator of the Year Award.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resignations**

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

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**Dattco Transportation Contract**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Tyron V. Harris  
To approve Dattco Transportation Contract  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Access Transportation Contract**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve Access Transportation Contract  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Board of Education 2016-2017 Committee Assignments**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Valerie Scheer  
To approve Board of Education 2016-2017 Committee Assignments  
Motion unanimously carried.

**East Hartford Board of Education Budget FY 2017-2018**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Valerie Scheer  
To approve East Hartford Board of Education Budget FY 2017-2018  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Board Member Representative Reports-**

Board member Scheer was really impressed by how the teachers knew their students during EHMS conference week.

Board member Brown would like families to come out to the Working Cities Challenge Forum held on Thursday, January 12, 2017 @ 6:00 PM, Silver Lane School.

Board member Pet would like to inform everyone about the next Child Plan Meeting on 12/20/2016.

**Public Participation-** None

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

**Topics for Future Agendas** – None

**MOTION** By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Marilyn Pet  
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:31 PM)  
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Octavia L. Moore