

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
AUGUST 28, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, August 28, 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, Secretary Tyron V. Harris, Dorese Roberts, Marilyn Pet, Valerie Scheer, Tom Rup, Harry Amadasun, Jr., Shelby Brown (7:10 arrived)

ABSENT Stephanie Watkins

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 Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting, June 14, 2017 at 5:05 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Dorese Roberts
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting, June 14, 2017 at 5:45 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Tyron V. Harris
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting, June 19, 2017 at 6:30 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Tom Rup
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Board of Education Meeting, June 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Tyron V. Harris
To approve the following Minutes:
Special Board of Education Meeting, July 11, 2017 at 8:00 AM
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS - None

Bridget Nortey & Tam Vu

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/No Action Required

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 children in East Hartford. As we begin a new Board season, I cannot tell you how excited I am for what is lying ahead.

This evening, I wanted to start off by playing a video the Superintendent developed to kick off our school year. I think this sets a great tone for our year and also introduces us to our District Teacher of the Year, Mr. Matthew Martucci. (PLAY VIDEO)

Tonight we come back together publically as a Board to continue to work we have collectively put in place. As we come back together, I wanted to charge and remind you of the importance of your role as an individual and collective body regarding the future of our great town. We are a Board that has publically committed to the broad and lofty vision of EH2020 and to the hard work of following through with support, policy and decision making. We are a Board who has committed to the awesome responsibility of governing an institution that will educate our neighbor's children. Thank you for always taking this seriously and for being willing to work together.

This week as we open up schools for our families fiercely committed to high quality learning experiences, equity, opportunity and academic achievement. As a Board, we will discuss our annual District Improvement Plan tonight that has been crafted in alignment with our 5 year visionary plan. The Superintendent and I have crafted a calendar of Board Meetings that brings a nice blend of operational and academic reports, holding our plan accountable and of course finding plenty of opportunities to celebrate achievement. I look forward to our year together and know that Solutions ALWAYS Matter here.

Finally, while we know the financial challenges that loom on the horizon, we buckle down to work for our kids, for our neighbors and for our community. As your chairman, I am very excited to continue our work together. I am proud to be on a Board that values the concept of TEAM and puts our kids and community first. I have no doubt that great things are in store for the future and stand ready to serve.

Let's get to work!

Superintendent's Report

Nathan Quesnel

- **Status of the Schools:**
- **Updates from the District:**
 - SBAC/SAT Data:
 - Facilities Project Updates:
 - Budget Update:
 - Central Registration:
 - Busing and School Transportation:

Next Steps:

- **08/30/17:** First Day of School;
- **09/04/17:** Labor Day- No School;
- **09/18/17:** BoE Meeting;
- **06/08/18:** Last Day of School;

2017-2018 District Improvement Plan/Targets - Anne Marie Mancini

Assistant Superintendent Mancini gave an overview of the Districts Purpose, 4 Priorities and District Targets. The 4 priorities are Math, SEL, Culture and PowerSchool. The districts targets are Star Math, Star Reading, In school Suspension, Out of school Suspension and Chronic Absenteeism. As a district we will continue to work towards our EH2020 vision.

Specialty Carpentry Services – Ben Whittaker

Mr. Whittaker explained after careful consideration he was able to secure a 5 year contract with two Carpentry Companies for services that could arise in the near future.

Landscape Construction Services - Ben Whittaker

Mr. Whittaker explained after careful consideration he was able to secure a 5 year contract with a Landscaping Company for services that could arise in the near future.

Locksmith Services - Ben Whittaker

Mr. Whittaker explained after careful consideration he was able to secure a 5 year contract with Locksmith Company for emergency or urgent services that could arise in the near future.

Year End Financial Report for FY 2016-2017 – Paul Mainuli

Mr. Mainuli gave an update on the Year End Financial report along with actions the district is taking to keep cost down.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Resignations:

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Thirty Four (34) Resignations
Motion unanimously carried.

Langford Project Completion:

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Langford Project Completion
Motion unanimously carried.

After School Grant:

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve After School Grant
Motion unanimously carried

Superintendent Goals:

MOTION By Tom Rup
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Superintendent Goals
Motion unanimously carried

Board Member Representative Reports –

Public Participation-

Martha Adams, East Hartford Resident

Martha Adams expressed concerns about EHPS preschool program not having 50/50 classrooms. Mrs. Adams would like the district to review the possibility of 50/50 classrooms amongst preschoolers in the near future.

Board member Valerie Scheer attended Pitkin School's Kickball Tournament Fundraiser.

Board member Marilyn Pet enjoyed the New Teacher Orientation bus tour. Board member Pet also attended O'Brien's Preschool Fair.

Board member Shelby Brown shared a couple of ideas she would like to see this upcoming school year.

Questions and Concerns by Board Members –

Topics for Future Agendas – None

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
Seconded by Tyron V. Harris
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:59 PM)
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Octavia L. Moore

APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION