

**SPECIAL MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 4, 2017**

A Special Meeting – Public Hearing- of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, December 4, 2017 in the Lecture Hall of the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Bryan R. Hall.

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –**

1. **Annie Irvine, President EHEA**  
Ms. Irvine expressed concerns about the proposed budget cuts and the 0% budget proposal in the Superintendent's FY 2018-19 Proposed Educational Plan & Budget. Ms. Irvine would like the BoE to reconsider proposing a 0% budget increase. The EHEA appreciates the consideration with these concerns.
2. **Lindsay Gay, 39 Lexington Road, East Hartford**  
Mrs. Gay expressed her concerns with eliminating the Department Head in the Career & Technical Education Department. Mrs. Gay is a proud parent of two East Hartford graduates.
3. **Mary Symkowicz, 805 Tolland Street, East Hartford**  
Ms. Symkowicz expressed her concerns with eliminating paraprofessionals in our schools. Ms. Symkowicz mentioned losing support staff is important to us in the district.
4. **Teanna Grant, 208 Plain Drive, East Hartford**  
Ms. Grant expressed her concerns about cutting media paras in the schools and the impact it will have on the children of East Hartford. Her son loves going to the library in his school.

**MOTION** By Tyron Harris  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To adjourn the Special Meeting – Public Hearing (7:00 PM)  
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Octavia L. Moore