

**REGULAR MEETING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, February 11, 2019, in the Lecture Hall of the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Chairman Bryan R. Hall.

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

**ABSENT** Ann Grabowski, Roberta J. Pratt, Chief Information Officer of Information Technology, Tam Vu, Alan Cordor

**ALSO PRESENT** Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools  
Anne Marie Mancini, Deputy Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum  
Chris Wethje, Director of Human Resources  
Elsie Torres, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Curriculum  
Ben Whittaker, Director of Facilities  
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services  
Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA** – Yes, move Item #7 under Procedural to Item #4.

**CABE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** – Donald Harris

Mr. Donald Harris congratulated EHPS Board of Education on their Bonnie B. Canary CABE Award of Excellence.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Regular Board of Education Meeting, January 28, 2018 at 7:00 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

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

- **Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 6:00 PM-** EHMS Governance Council Meeting
- **Thursday, February 14, 2019, 7:00 PM** – EHHS Mid-Winter Band Concert

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS** –

Angelo Franco

- **February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** ½ Day for students; Professional Development
- **February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** Michael Abelon Memorial Foundation @ CIBA

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**Human Resources/No Action Required**

**Chairman's Report –**

**Bryan R. Hall**

Chairman Hall expressed his excitement for tonight's meeting regarding the Mid-year Progress Report and some of the great data trends that are developing this year. We are appreciative of the work our Superintendent's team puts into these reports and the level of professionalism we have grown accustomed to and expect as a Board. We take away three things from our Mid-Year Report 1) We continue to see incredible jumps between fall baseline to Winter achievement numbers; 2) The systems that have been put in place have a result over time; and 3) There is a ton of work going on in East Hartford. I ask the Superintendent, our Board, Administration and entire learning team to take this moment to pause and look behind them at work that has been accomplished. By celebrating where we have come from, we fan the flames of ambition for greater success ahead. I want our entire staff, parents and most importantly kids to know how proud we are of the steady progress we are seeing in East Hartford. Let's keep on the grind, let's keep working hard and let's keep our expectations high.

**Superintendent's Report –**

**Nathan Quesnel**

- Superintendent's Message:
- Updates from the District:
  - FY 2018-2019 Budget Process:
  - Uniform Vendor Process Updates:
  - Trauma Informed Practice:

**Next Steps:**

- **2/15/19:** Professional Development Day: Early Dismissal for Students
- **2/18/19:** Presidents Day- School and District Closed
- **2/19/19:** Professional Development Day- No School for Students
- **2/27/19:** 6:30 BoE Budget Presentation to EH Town Council in Council Chambers
- **3/4/19:** Next BoE Meeting;
- **06/10/19:** Last Day of School;

**Mid-Year Progress Report –**

**Assistant Superintendent Elsie Torres**

**Deputy Superintendent AnnMarie Mancini**

Deputy Superintendent Mancini and Assistant Superintendent Torres gave an update on the District Improvement Plan, Performance Indicators, Action Plan and Results Indicator.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

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**NEW BUSINESS –**

**Proposed Revision to the 2019-2020 School Calendar**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Tyron V. Harris  
To approve Proposed Revision to the 2019-2020 School Calendar  
Motion unanimously carried.

**2020-2021 School Calendar**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve 2020-2021 School Calendar  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Federal Head Start COLA 2019**

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To approve Federal Head Start COLA 2019  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Board Member Representative Reports –**

Board member Dorese Roberts attended Special Policy meeting for COLA at ECLC.  
Board member Marilyn Pet attended Synergy Governance meeting.  
Board member Tom Rup attended East Catholic boys' basketball game.  
Board member Valerie Scheer will be attending the Chinese New Year Celebration, Wednesday from 5:00-6:00 PM @ EHHS Café.  
Secretary Tyron V. Harris attended Langford PTO Governance.

**Public Participation**- None

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

**Topics for Future Agendas** – None

**MOTION** By Tyron V. Harris  
Seconded by Dorese Roberts  
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:17 PM)  
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Octavia L. Moore