

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
MARCH 18, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, March 18, 2019, in the Lecture Hall of the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Bryan R. Hall.

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

ABSENT Dorese Roberts, Ann Grabowski, Tom Rup, Elsie Torres, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Curriculum, 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
Ben Whittaker, Director of Facilities
Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services
Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Roberta J. Pratt, Chief Information Officer of Information Technology

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA – Yes, move Items 1 and 2 under New Business under Procedural to Item 8 and to create a Consent Calendar under New Business To Delete Items 4-40 and To Table for First Read Items 41-51.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Board of Education Meeting, February 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM
Motion unanimously carried.

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

- **Tuesday, March 19, 2019:** Sunset Ridge PTO and School Governance Council, Sunset Ridge Middle School @ 5:30
- **Tuesday, March 19, 2019:** East Hartford Middle School Governance Council @ 6:00 Upper Media Room
- **Tuesday, March 21, 2019:** EHHS & EHMS Choral Showcase @ 7:00 Auditorium & Music Wing

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS –

Angelo Franco

- **March 22nd, 2019:** Michael Abelon Foundation Fundraiser
- **March 27th, 2019:** SAT & PSAT Day
- **April 3rd, 2019:** Parent Advisory Board Meeting @ 6:30

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

2019 Head Start Selection Criteria -

MOTION By Marilyn Pet
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve 2019 Head Start Selection Criteria
Motion unanimously carried.

Head Start Grant: Revised job Description

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Valerie Scheer
To approve Head Start Grant: Revised Job Description
Motion unanimously carried.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/No Action Required

Chairman's Report

Bryan R. Hall

Chairman Hall started off tonight's meeting with a recap of our budget presentation to the Town Council on February 27th where we had the opportunity to provide a comprehensive presentation to our town leaders. Chairman Hall thanked Board members Harris, Pet, Scheer and Rup for their time and presence at the hearing. For tonight's agenda, I'm looking forward to a presentation from Dr. Bremner regarding one of our district focus themes this year- Trauma Informed Instruction. In addition, on the informational side, we will have an overview presentation from our new Chief Information Officer (CIO), Roberta Pratt.

Glad to be here and glad you are here...Time to get to work!

Superintendent's Report

Nathan Quesnel

- Superintendent's Message:
- Updates from the District:
 - **Town Council Budget Presentation;**
 - **State Budget Watch;**
 - **SDE Accountability Reports;**
 - **Important State Assessment Accountability Testing;**
 - **Attending to Attendance;**

Next Steps:

- **04/08/19-04/12/19:** April Vacation-School Closed;
- **04/15/19:** Next BoE Meeting;
- **06/12/19:** Last Day of School;

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Academic Report: Trauma Informed Instruction -

Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Services

Dr. Bremner gave a presentation on the Trauma Informed Practices within EHPS and how it impacts out students. Dr. Bremner went over the multiple types of trauma, cycles of trauma, impact on brain development and behavior along with strategies for creating trauma sensitive learning environments.

IT Reorganization Plan -

Roberta Pratt, Chief Information Officer of Information Technology

CIO Pratt gave an overview of the restructuring in the Information Technology department since coming aboard. The Office of Information Technology consists of four main subgroups:

- The Technical Service Operations Management (TSOM) Team
- The Network Operations Center (NOC) Team
- The Data Automation and Technical Application Support (DATAS) Team
- Onsite Technical Assistance Support (OTAS) Team

Each of these groups has been established in an effort to better align the (OIT) to meet the needs of the district.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal for Formal Pathway for the Connecticut IB Academy -

MOTION By Stephanie Watkins
Seconded by Tyron V. Harris
To approve Proposal for Formal Pathway for the Connecticut IB Academy
Nay: Harry Amadasun Jr., Valerie Scheer
Motion carried.

To Delete Policy 0000 – Mission and Functions for State/District

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete 0000 – Mission and Functions for State/District
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 0200 – District Goals for the East Hartford Public Schools

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete 0200 – District Goals for the East Hartford Public Schools
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 0300 – Policies for East Hartford Public Schools

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 0300 – Policies for East Hartford Public Schools
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 0420 – Evaluation: Achievement Assessment/Needs Identifications for School Operations

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 0420 – Evaluation: Achievement Assessment/Needs Identifications for School Operations
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 0500 – Comprehensive Improvement Plans/Schedules

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 0500 – Comprehensive Improvement Plans/Schedules
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 0521.2 – Commitment to Religious Neutrality (Prayer in the Schools)

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 0521.2 – Commitment to Religious Neutrality (Prayer in the Schools)
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 0522 – Racial Balance in the East Hartford Public Schools

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 0522 – Racial Balance in the East Hartford Public Schools
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 1000- Concept, Goals, and Roles in Community Relations

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 1000- Concept, Goals, and Roles in Community Relations
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 1100 – Communications with the Public

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 1100- Communications with the Public
Motion unanimously carried.

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To Delete Policy 1120- Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 1120- Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 1140- Use of Students

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 1140 – Use of Students
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 1150/1160 – Responsibilities of Board Members and School Personnel

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 1150/1160 – Responsibilities of Board Members and School Personnel
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 1170 – Recognition of Students, Citizens, Staff Members, and Members of the Board of Education

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 1170 – Recognition of Students, Citizens, Staff Members, and Members of the Board of Education
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 1210- School-Community Associations

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 1210- School-Community Associations
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 1221 – Citizens’ Advisory Committees for the Board of Education

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 1221 – Citizens’ Advisory Committees for the Board of Education
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 1240 – Citizens’ Assistance to School Personnel

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 1240 – Citizens’ Assistance to School Personnel
Motion unanimously carried.

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To Delete Policy 1300.1 – Community Engagement

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 1300.1 – Community Engagement
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 1310 – Relations Between Public and School Personnel

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 1310 – Relations Between Public and School
Personnel
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 1311 – Staff Participation in community Life

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 1311 – Staff Participation in Community Life
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 1323 – Gifts to Students

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 1323 – Gifts to Students
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 1332 – Assignment of Personnel to Cover School Events/Activities

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 1332 – Assignment of Personnel to Cover School
Events/Activities
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 4111.21/4211.21 – New Positions

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 4111.21/4211.21 – New Positions
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 5000 – Goals and Objectives

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 5000 – Goals and Objectives
Motion unanimously carried.

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To Delete Policy 5112.4 – Disenrollment

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 5112.4 – Disenrollment
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 5113.2 – Truancy

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 5113.2 – Truancy
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 5118.2 – Educational Opportunities for Military Children

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 5118.2 – Educational Opportunities for Military Children
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 5120 – Progress/Reports

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 5120 – Progress/Reports
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 5121 – Examination/Grading/Rating

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 5121 – Examination/Grading/Rating
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 5123.2 – Summer School Work for Credit

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 5123.2 – Summer School Work for Credit
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 5124 – Reporting for Parents

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 5124- Reporting for Parents
Motion unanimously carried.

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To Delete Policy 5126 – Awards for Achievement

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 5126 – Awards for Achievement
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 5131.81 – Electronic Devices

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 5131.81 – Electronic Devices
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 5143 – Student Conduct - Cheating

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 5143 – Student Conduct - Cheating
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 6111 – School Calendar

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 6111 – School Calendar
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 6112 – School Day

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 6112 – School Day
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 6130- Organizational Plan

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 6130 – Organizational Plan
Motion unanimously carried.

To Delete Policy 6200 – Adult Continuing Education

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Harry Amadasun Jr.
To approve To Delete Policy 6200 – Adult Continuing Education
Motion unanimously carried.

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To Table for First Read Policy 1110.1 – Family and Community Engagement

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 1110.1 – Family and Community Engagement
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 1212 – School Volunteers, Student Interns and Other Non-Employees

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 1212 – School Volunteers, Student Interns and Other Non-Employees
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 1312 – Public Complaints

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 1312 – Public Complaints
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 4119.4/4219.4 – Prohibition on Recommendations for Psychotropic Drugs

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 4119.4/4219.4 – Prohibition on Recommendations for Psychotropic Drugs
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 5113 – Attendance, Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 5113 – Attendance, Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 5117 – School Attendance Areas

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 5117 – School Attendance Areas
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 5119 – Non-Resident Attendance Withdrawals

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 5119 – Non-Resident Attendance
Withdrawals
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 5142.1 – Relations with Noncustodial Parents

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 5142.1 – Relations with Noncustodial
Parents
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 6113 – Early Dismissal

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6113 – Early Dismissal
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 6146 – Graduation Requirements

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6146 – Graduation Requirements
Motion unanimously carried.

To Table for First Read Policy 6174 – Summer School/Adult Education

MOTION By Tyron V. Harris
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins
To approve To Table for First Read Policy 6174 – Summer School/Adult
Education
Motion unanimously carried.

Board Member Representative Reports

Board member Marilyn Pet had the pleasure of participating in the Future Chef Contest as a judge. The winner was Nithik Uppara Allabanda, 4th grader from Pitkin school.

Public Participation- None

Questions and Concerns by Board Members – None

Topics for Future Agendas – None

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MOTION By Stephanie Watkins
Seconded by Marilyn Pet
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (8:52 PM)
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Octavia L. Moore

APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION