

**REGULAR MEETING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,  
NOVEMBER 5, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, November 5, 2018, in the Lecture Hall of the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Chairman Bryan R. Hall

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

**ABSENT** Secretary Tyron V. Harris, Ann Grabrowski

**ALSO PRESENT** Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent of Schools  
Anne Marie Mancini, Deputy Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum  
Elsie Torres, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools  
Benjamin 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** – None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, October 15, 2018 at 6:12 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Stephanie Watkins  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Regular Board of Education Meeting, October 15, 2018 at 7:36 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, October 22, 2018 at 10:04 AM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Valerie Scheer  
Seconded by Tom Rup  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, October 22, 2018 at 10:35 AM  
Motion unanimously carried.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Valerie Scheer  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, October 25, 2018 at 5:36 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, October 30, 2018 at 12:32 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** By Tom Rup  
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins  
To approve the following Minutes:  
Special Board of Education Meeting, October 30, 2018 at 1:04 PM  
Motion unanimously carried.

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

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS** –

**Alan Corder, Tam Vu, Edith Oteng**

- **Food Drive** - October 30<sup>th</sup> – November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.
- **Welcoming Walkthrough**- October 29, 2018.
- **Spirit Week**-November 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- **Teen Science Café** – November 14 @ Library

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**Recognition of CAPSS Award Recipients and 2019 Paraprofessionals & Teachers of the Year, 2019 District Paraprofessional of the Year – Linda Tingley and District Teacher of the Year – Mary Bieler:**

**2018-2019 CAPSS Award Recipients**

East Hartford High School  
**Lillian Bertram – Gr. 11**  
**Gift L. Okeke – Gr. 11**  
Connecticut IB Academy  
**Edith Oteng – Gr. 12**  
East Hartford Middle School  
**Jaime L. Harmon– Gr. 8**  
**Elena Tipton – Gr. 8**  
Woodland School  
**Daniel Melendez Cruz – Gr. 12**  
Stevens School  
**Johnathan Jesus Ortiz – Gr. 12**  
Sunset Ridge School  
**Kim Dixon – Gr. 7**

The following 2019 Paraprofessionals and Teachers of the Year were introduced by their respective principals. Each received plaques from the East Hartford Board of Education:

**2019 Paraprofessionals of the Year**

**ECLC @Hockanum School-** Gina Secker  
**Goodwin School** –Felicia Gillespie  
**Langford School** – Jacqueline Crusoe-Morrison  
**Norris School** – Lauren Rondinone  
**O’Brien School** – Mary-Lea Donahue  
**O’Connell School** – Eileen Harris  
**Pitkin School** – Corrie Coltey  
**Silver Lane School** – Eileen DiFilippo  
**East Hartford Middle School** – Jenna Alison  
**East Hartford High School &**  
**District Paraprofessional of the Year – Lynda Tingley**

**2019 Teachers of the Year**

**ECLC @Hockanum School** – Jessica Torres  
**Goodwin School-** Kimberly Pedneault  
**Langford School** – Sarah Chaffin  
**Mayberry School** – Kim DeMarco  
**Norris School** – Jennifer Doyon  
**O’Brien School** – Katie Buttero  
**O’Connell School** – Patricia Robinson  
**Pitkin School-** Tracey Messier  
**Silver Lane School** – Jennifer Ledoux  
**Sunset Ridge School** – Thomas Lonsdale  
**East Hartford Middle School** – Gillian Rondinone  
**Synergy/Stevens School** – Mhamed Sadraoui

Woodland School – Amy Balda  
CIBA – Travis Marciniak  
East Hartford High School & District Teacher of the Year – Mary Bieler

**Human Resources/No Action Required**

**Chairman’s Report**

**Bryan R. Hall**

Chairman Hall would like to thank our dedicated faculty members for the work they do. As one of the signature awards nights of the year, acknowledging the district teachers and paraprofessionals of the year is certainly an honor for us. I also wanted to acknowledge the students who have been nominated to receive the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents Award. Finally, we’d like to thank all the families who came out to share this special moment.

**Superintendent’s Report**

**Nathan Quesnel**

- Superintendent’s Message:
- Updates from the District:
  - Teacher Contact;
  - FY 2019-2020 Budget Process;
  - Board Retreat-10/25

**Next Steps:**

**Dates ahead to remember:**

- 11/6/18: Election Day- No School for Students
- 11/12/18: Happy Veterans Day—District Closed
- 11/19/18: Next BoE Meeting
- 6/10/18: Last Day of School

**First Quarter Financial Report for FY 2018-2019**

**Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Service**

Mr. Mainuli provided the Board with a very detailed First Quarter Financial Report for FY18-19. Mr. Mainuli implemented a budget freeze as a result of an unexpected increase in the cost of our health benefit claims

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**To Approve (1) Retirement (3) Resignations**

**MOTION** By Dorese Roberts  
Seconded by Stephanie Watkins  
To approve One (1) Retirement and Three (3) Resignations.  
Motion unanimously carried.

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**Board Member Representative Reports**

Board member Stephanie Watkins attended Tri-M Music Honor Society Induction Ceremony.

Board member Marilyn Pet attended Health and Wellness Committee meeting.

Board member Dorese Roberts attended ECLC's policy meeting. Board member Roberts announced the Family Forum event will be held on November 8, 2018 @ EHMS.

**Public Participation**- None

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

**Topics for Future Agendas** – None

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

Recorded by: Octavia L. Moore

**APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION**