

**FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 2, 2011**

A meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education Finance & Audit Committee was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at the Board of Education Administration Building, 1110 Main Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 5:40 P.M. by Board Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes.

**PRESENT** Marcus Oladell, IV, Committee Member  
Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Board of Education

**ALSO PRESENT** Paul Mainuli, Director of Finance  
Guy Collins, Supervisor of Information Technology  
Ken Sayers, Network Administrator  
Anita Morrison, BOE Member

**ABSENT** Tyron Harris, Committee Member  
Bryan Hall, BOE Member (arrived 6:25 P.M.)

**MOTION** APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
By Marcus Oladell, IV  
Seconded by Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes  
To approve the Minutes of December 1, 2010 meeting  
Motion unanimously carried.

**Public Participation** – None

**Discussion and Possible Approval of SAN Solution/Virtual Servers for Information Technology**

**MOTION** By Marcus Oladell, IV  
Seconded by Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes  
To approve SAN Solution/Virtual Servers for Information Technology and award to ePlus and forward to the full Board for its approval, pending fund availability.  
Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Mainuli noted we have gone through the State contract and other purchasing consortium contracts, which is discounted up to 60% off list. The SAN Solution/Virtual Servers are expected to cost approximately \$110,000. However, the district will reap savings over a period of five years of approximately \$100,000 by replacing over (35) servers. Servers are expected to last 4-5 years. We will, however, save on energy costs. Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes asked Mr. Mainuli to provide dollar figures for electricity savings when this comes before the full Board.

**Discussion and Possible Approval of Student Transportation Contract Extensions with First Student and Access Transportation**

Mr. Mainuli stated he would like to delay action on this item, pending further information from CREC. We are waiting to see what CREC's recent bid prices are for school transportation. CREC is also offering to negotiate bus prices with First Student on a regional basis. We should have this information by the end of March.

**Discussion of Monthly Financial Report for January 2011**  
**(Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)**

Mr. Mainuli noted snow removal operation costs will exceed \$300,000.

Mr. Mainuli reviewed in-depth the February 2011 financial report and noted that a financial forecast will be sent to Board Members for discussion at the March 21, 2011 Regular Board of Education meeting. The financial forecast projects account balances through June 30, 2011.

**OTHER BUSINESS** - None

**MOTION**

By Marcus Oladell, IV  
Seconded by Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes  
To adjourn the meeting of the Finance & Audit Committee  
(6:40 P.M.)  
Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald