FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

A meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education Finance & Audit Committee was held on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, at the Board of Education Administration Building, 1110 Main Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 P.M. by Chairman Ram Aberasturia.

PRESENT Ram Aberasturia, Chairman

Marcus Oladell, IV, Committee Member Tyron Harris, Committee Member

ALSO PRESENT Mark Zito, Superintendent of Schools

Paul Mainuli, Director of Finance

Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, BOE Chairperson

Anita Morrison, Member, BOE Bryan Hall, Member, BOE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Tyron Harris

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To approve the Minutes of the August 11, 2010 meeting

Motion unanimously carried.

Public Participation - None

Discussion of Monthly Financial Report for July/August

(Paul Mainuli, Director of Business Services)

Mr. Mainuli reviewed the current financial report and noted line 1110 Certified Staff represents the largest percentage of our operating budget. We are in good financial shape at this juncture Mr. Mainuli further noted:

- Major issue is adding three additional busses for Open Choice Program, Great Path and O'Brien schools:
- Line 1120 Non-Certified Staff we are taking our time to fill vacancies for Information Technology and Facilities;
- Line 6240 Oil we will primarily be using oil at Stevens School this year; we will be using natural gas for our other buildings during the heating season;
- Line 5301 Telephones & Networks the revenues received from our participation in the Federal E-Rate Program will offset the projected shortfall in this account;
- Line 3106 Legal Fees this account is used for Special Ed. litigation;

Mr. Mainuli noted the balance of the budget as of August 25, 2010 is \$4,600,873.29. There are still many more costs that will occur in the operating budget as we go through the fiscal year. He will keep the Superintendent, Committee members and Board informed of any major changes to our financial outlook. Transfers in various accounts will take place throughout the coming months.

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Status Report on Federal Education Jobs Funds

Mr. Mainuli noted we will be receiving \$2.4 million from the Federal Jobs Program Stimulus Bill which will go towards state ECS funding for education. The funds will be coming directly to the Board of Education. We are recommending the set aside the of stimulus funds until FY 2011-12. The stimulus funds must be used by September 2012.

OTHER BUSINESS None

MOTION By Marcus Oladell, IV

Seconded by Tyron Harris

To adjourn the meeting of the Finance & Audit Committee

(6:00 P.M.)

Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald