

**POLICY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WEDNESDAY
November 19, 2008**

A meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education Policy and Audit Subcommittee was held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008, in the Superintendent's Conference Room, Administration Building, 1110 Main Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hank Pawlowski at 6:30 p.m.

Due to the number of people in attendance the meeting was moved to the third floor Conference Room and a sign was placed on the Superintendent's Conference Room door noting the change of location.

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT Ram Aberasturia, Committee Member
Marcus Oladell, Committee Member
Hank Pawlowski, Chairman

Also Present: Robert Damaschi, Board of Education member
Karen Howe, Board of Education member
Anita Morrison, Board of Education member
Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent
Chris Wethje, Director/Human Resources

Chris Baisden, Parent
Lynette Baisden, Parent
Michael Gosselin, Athletic Director/EHMS

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 15, 2008

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Marcus Oladell
To approve the Minutes of October 15, 2008
Approved.

II. CORRESPONDENCE

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chris Baisden came to the meeting to request that the Policy and Audit Committee review Policy 6145.2 (Interscholastic/Intramural Athletics). He stated that the CIAC has guidelines for middle level schools. Mr. Baisden requested that six grade students at Two Rivers Middle Magnet School be given the opportunity to try out for basketball at EHMS. He stressed that students going to Two Rivers are in a middle school.

Mike Gosselin, Athletic Coordinator/EHMS, informed the committee that the East Hartford Middle School 7th and 8th grade along with Two Rivers Middle Magnet School 7th and 8th grade students try out for the teams. He stated that many students do try out and many students are not chosen due to the limited numbers needed for the team.

Assistant Superintendent Kaprove stated that East Hartford Public Schools has a different organizational grouping with students which includes the Sixth Grade Academy. East Hartford Public Schools does not consider students at the Sixth Grade Academy to be middle school students.

Chairman Pawlowski thanked Mr. Baisden for his concern for his sixth grade student and reassured him that Policy 6145.2 will be a topic for a future agenda.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Bylaw 9120 (Officers)

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia

Seconded by Marcus Oladell

To send Bylaw 9120 (Officers) as amended to the full Board for the first read.

Approved.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Policy 4131.6 (Professional Administrative Dues)

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia

Seconded by Marcus Oladell

To send Policy 4131.6 (Professional Administrative Dues) to the full Board for the first read.

Approved.

- b. Policy 5132 (Student Dress)

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia

Seconded by Hank Pawlowski

To discuss Policy 5132 (Student Dress).

Chairman Pawlowski turned the floor over to Board of Education Member Karen Howe for information from the Future Planning Committee reviewing Policy 5132 (Student Dress).

Karen Howe stated the committee has concerns with implementation of a revised policy and keeping students compliant. The target date for implementation of the policy is the 2009-2010 school year. A standardized dress policy will likely begin with the K-5 grades.

Chairman Pawlowski requested that the committee be prepared to submit information to the Policy and Audit Committee for the December meeting. He strongly feels that this must be acted upon in a very timely manner to be sure information is disseminated to parents so they may prepare for the change.

- c. Policy 6145.2 (Interscholastic/Intramural Athletics) – for discussion purposes only

See information under Public Participation.

- d. Bylaw 9311 (Formulation, Adoption, Amendment, Deletion of Policies)
MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Marcus Oladell
To send Bylaw 9311 (Formulation, Adoption, Amendment, Deletion of Policies)
as amended to the full Board for the first read.
Approved.

VII. TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- a. Policy 5132 (Student Dress)
- b. Policy 4140.2/4240.2 (Compensation and Related Benefits for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees (excluding Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Certified Public Accountant, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Human Resources Manager, Executive Secretary to the Director of Human Resources, Purchasing Agent, and Directors))
- c. Policy 3543.31 (Office Services/Records and Reports)
- d. Policy 3543.311 (Holds on the Destruction of Electronic and Paper Records)
- e. Policy 5111 (Students - Admission)
- f. Policy 5114 (Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
- g. Policy 5131.911 (Hazing – Bullying)
- h. Policy 5144.1 and 4119.2 (Physical Restraint(s)/Seclusion of Students at Risk)
- i. Policy 5144.3 (Discipline)
- j. Bylaw 9000 (Role of the Board and its Members)
- k. Bylaw 9010 (Limits of Authority)
- l. Bylaw 9221 (Filling Vacancies)
- m. Bylaw 9271 (Code of Ethics)
- n. Bylaw 9312 (Formulation, Adoption, Amendment of Bylaws)
- o. Policy 6145.2 (Interscholastic/Intramural Athletics)

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None.

IX. BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- MOTION** By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Hank Pawlowski
To adjourn at 7:37 p.m.
Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Godreau
Clerk