



Hartford Board of Education
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, February 19, 2008
Hartford Public High School Auditorium – 55 Forest Street
6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

I. Opening

- A. Call to Order** – Roll call / moment of silence
- B. Oath of Office**
- C. Board of Education Annual Organizational Meeting**
 - 1. Election of Officers – Chair, Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, and Secretary
- D. Reports**
 - 1. Report from the Chair
 - 2. Report from the Superintendent
 - Out of School Suspension Pilot Program
 - New Report Cards
 - Teachers Contract
 - 3. Committee Reports
 - Finance and Audit Committee
 - Joint School Choice/Facilities Committee

II. Public Comment on Agenda Items

III. Business Agenda

A. Items in Order of Importance

- 1. Second Reading/Adoption: School Design Specifications for the Redesign of Dominick F. Burns Elementary School and Thirman L. Milner Elementary School (Supt. et al)
 - a. Dominick F. Burns Elementary School in partnership with the World Affairs Council of Connecticut and the University of Connecticut Institute for Puerto Rican and Latino Studies will provide a unique option for students from PK-8 interested in developing strong literacy, geography, history, science, mathematics and fine art skills with a focus on Latino Studies. This PK-8 elementary school will feed into a World Affairs High School to be developed during 2008.
 - b. Thirman L. Milner Elementary will become a PK-8 Core Knowledge Academy for students in the Milner community. Based upon the research work of E.D. Hirsh, Core Knowledge Schools map out specific learning expectations for each grade level and require teachers to co-develop theme based lesson units in history, geography, literature, fine arts, science and mathematics. The curriculum is designed to close the gap in 'prior knowledge' and build cultural literacy for academic success.
- 2. Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement – Hartford Federation of Teachers – Local 1018, AFT, CFEPE, AFL-CIO Effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011

That the Board of Education approves the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with The Hartford Federation of Teachers, Local 1018, AFT, CFEPE, AFL-CIO. The parties reached a tentative agreement on December 20, 2007, and the membership of the bargain unit ratified the tentative agreement on January 23, 2008

3. Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement – The Hartford Principals’ and Supervisors’ Association – Local No. 22, AFSA, AFL-CIO Effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011

That the Board of Education approves the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with The Hartford Principals’ and Supervisors Association, Local No. 22, AFSA, AFL-CIO. The parties reached a tentative agreement on December 19, 2007, and the membership of the bargain unit ratified the tentative agreement on January 31, 2008

4. Proposed Collective Bargain Agreement – Hartford Educational Support Personnel – Local 82, AFSA, AFL-CIO Effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010

That the Board of Education approves the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with The Hartford Educational Support Personnel – Local 82, AFSA, AFL-CIO. The current contract expired on June 30, 2007 and negotiations for the new contract started in July 2007. The parties reached a tentative agreement on January 3, 2008, and the membership of the bargain unit ratified the tentative agreement on January 30, 2008

5. Superintendent Contract (The Board)

The Board of Education desires to extend Superintendent Steven Adamowski’s employment for an additional three year term through June 30, 2011, to complete its contract duties under the prior agreement with the Superintendent, and to make technical corrections to the Superintendent’s contract as recommended by counsel.

6. Contract Approval Supplemental Education Providers - \$ 4,865,880 (Supt. et al)

The Hartford Board of Education approves the Superintendent’s recommendation to contract with Supplemental Education Providers, a Title 1 / NCLB mandated program, for the period of October 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

7. Grant Submission / Acceptance of funds: State of Connecticut, Department of Education - \$1,253,620 (Supt. et al)

The Reading First Grant is a federal initiative channeled to districts through CT State Department of Education. This is a continuation of the Reading First Grant. The purpose of the grant is to apply scientifically based reading research to improved reading instruction and student achievement at Annie Fisher, Barnard Brown and Parkville schools.

8. Acting Chief Academic Officer (Supt. et al)

The Hartford Board of Education approves the Superintendent’s recommendation to appoint the following individual to the acting position indicated:

- a. Dr. Jacqueline Jacoby to the position of Acting Chief Academic Officer effective from March 3 through June 30, 2008.

9. Administrative appointments (Supt. et al)

The Hartford Board of Education approves the Superintendent’s recommendation to appoint the following individuals:

- a. Adam Johnson to the position of Principal, Hartford Public High School, Law and Government Academy; effective April 1, 2008
- b. Jacqueline Ryan to the position of Principal, Hartford Public High School, Academy of Engineering and Green Technology; effective April 1, 2008
- c. Zandralyn Gordon to the position of Acting Principal, Hartford Public High School, Nursing Academy; effective July 1, 2008

B. Consent Agenda

10. Approval of minutes of the Hartford Board of Education Workshop Meeting of January 08, 2008 (Supt. et al) (Pages 151 – 159)

IV. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Topics

V. Adjournment