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Hartford Board of Education Minutes of Regular Meeting – Tuesday, June 6, 2006 Greater Hartford Classical Magnet – 85 Woodland Street

I. Opening

A. Call to Order – roll call / Moment of Silence

At 5:45 p.m. Chairman Perez called the meeting to order and Judith Fagan, Support Administrator for the Board administered the roll call. Chairman Perez called for a moment of silence.

Present:

Honorable Mayor Eddie A. Perez, Chairman
Ms. Elizabeth Brad Noel, Vice Chair
Ms. Pamela Richmond, Secretary
Mr. Israel Flores
Mr. David MacDonald
Ms. Ada Miranda
Ms. Sharon Patterson-Stallings
Mr. Luis Rodriguez-Davila
Superintendent Robert Henry

Absent:

Ms. Andrea Comer

Chairman Perez entertained a motion to suspend the rules to add Item #16 Administrative Appointments and noted corrections to Item #15 to correct the year to show 2004 2005 Audit Responses.

Ms. Miranda moved, Ms. Noel seconded and the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

B. Report from Student Representatives

- Adult Education and Connections Academy

Angela Falcon reported that Hartford Adult Education will hold its graduation at Bulkeley High School on June 26th. It is expected that approximately 210 students will receive high school diplomas. During the month of June each of the Adult Education campuses will hold an awards ceremony to recognize students who were selected to win academic awards. On May 20th Student Council members at both campuses saw The Lion King at The Bushnell. In April Mr. Rey Bermudez, founder of Salsa Fundamentals gave students a brief history and dance lesson on Salsa music. A worker from Hartford Interval House spoke with students about healthy relationships and another speaker spoke on violence prevention. Mr. Glenn Geathers from the City of Hartford will speak and award certificates at the graduation.

Superintendent Henry stated that at the end of every school year the Board and the Superintendent recognize student representatives with a token of appreciation for reporting on the various events that take place at their schools during the school year. This year students will be presented with a certificate of participation and a backpack.

- Bulkeley High School

Xenia Oyola reported that the senior awards assembly is scheduled for June 14th. Students received 140 of the 300 scholarships that they applied for in the amount of \$200,000.

Many seniors have been accepted to two and four year colleges and universities such as the University of New England, the University of Bridgeport, the University of Indiana, the University of Connecticut, the University of Hartford, Central Connecticut State University, Trinity College, Carnegie Mellon, Boston University, and MIT.

Eight panelists from area agencies spoke to students on Violence Prevention Day. Students returned to classrooms in groups to discuss the violence and how they can help to stop it. There was an annual Heritage Assembly to recognize the achievement of two outstanding seniors, Kishana Jump and Alexander Ortega. La Tuna de la Universidad de Puerto Rico visited the school and put on an outstanding program for the students. Eric Mangini, NFL Coach hosted a Mini Football Camp with over 800 football players from four states attending to learn skills. Bulkeley hosted a "Step-Up-Day" for Kennelly's eighth grade students, each student from Kennelly was mentored and shadowed by a Bulkeley student for half of the day. Two student athletes will be participating in the Scholar World International Games this summer in Rhode Island.

- Greater Hartford Classical Magnet

Nordia Savage and Rasta Sela Wright welcomed everyone to their brand new facility and gave a brief history on the origins of the school. Classical Magnet was a program housed in Quirk Middle School and Hartford Public High School for a number of years. The grand opening of the new building took place on May 3rd.

College Trips

The month of May and June was busy with trips to many different colleges. Colleges include: Amherst College, Assumption, Boston College, Boston University, College of the Holy Cross, Columbia, Fordham, Harvard, MIT, NYU, Skidmore, Siena, Tufts University, and Williams College.

National Honor Society

On Tuesday, May 23rd, 19 new members were inducted into the William Sanders Scarborough Chapter of the National Honor Society. The guest speaker was Michelle Ronnick, the author who wrote Scarborough's biography and also created the 12 traveling classicists display that was hosted at the school during the month of May.

Raisin in the Sun

Under the direction of Ms. Merrill, the Raisin in the Sun play was performed at the Black Box Theater on Thursday, June 1 – 3. Members of the cast range from grades 6 to 12. The set was donated by families and included a working refrigerator.

Hog River Festival

Saturday, June 3rd was the first annual Hog River Festival, named for the river that runs behind the school. The day was filled with many events and competitions such as a dance and singing contest, catapult games, a three-on-three basketball tournament, and a barbeque. Sports MVP and most improved awards as well as academic awards with cash prizes were awarded to deserving students.

Graduation

On Saturday, June 24th, the first class will graduate from the school. The ceremony will be held in the black box theater at 3:00 PM.

- Pathways To Technology

Michael Savage Joseph Wilkerson reported that recently at Pathways, two students, Michael Tate and Caprice Wilson, came in 3rd place at the City Wide Science Fair for their project on comparing DNA sequence of the Cox 1 gene among related felines.

Pathways students in the ITLA (Information Technology Leadership Academy) class came in 1st place for Best Business Case in the statewide competition against 22 other schools. The ITLA class also received a second place prize for best presentation at the Hartford Convention Center and a celebration of the ITLA accomplishments will be held on June 12th at 5:30pm. Students from the ITLA class, as well as the winners of the Science Fair, presented at the Urban Gifted Showcase held at CCSU on June 2nd.

Students are celebrating the University of Connecticut scholarships that three seniors received. Students are especially proud that, out of a possible 14 scholarships given this year, Pathways received three and would have received a fourth, if the student had not decided to attend the University of New Haven.

Two orientations were held for the incoming freshmen class. On June 3rd Pathways organized a field trip to Six Flags Theme Park for all seniors and students that have been Pathways Professionals for four months or more. Several Pathways students will participate in the rowing competition on the Connecticut River. Students are learning about the different aspects of CREW and competed against other students from the Hartford area. A Bowling Banquet was held and both teachers and students received trophies. The Golf lessons are continuing on Fridays. A celebratory breakfast is being planned for the first Senior class in the building. Graduation will be held on June 27th at the Mark Twain house.

- Hartford Public High School

Asha Hargrove reported that Max Condren her fellow student representative was unable to attend the meeting due to a previous engagement and she introduced future student representatives Kelley Marquet, Jessica Nieves and Crystal Torres. On June 29 Hartford Public High will have three students playing in the all star game. All three students have full scholarships to prep schools. Elijah and Elisha Joseph will be attending Kent and Devon Torres will be attending Westminster.

The Student Council will host a school fair called Pub Fair on June 19 on the football field. The entrepreneurship classes had their business plan competition. First place was Ernestine's Kitchen by Kevin Hardy and In-A-Flash Photography by Nina To. Second place prize went to Asha Hargrove, Slab Shack and Cellular Designs by Jeanine Howard. The NEFTE competition took place at the Hilton Hotel and Nina To won the third place prize of a laptop and \$500.

The Senior Prom was held at Chez Joseph in Agawam, MA. Hartford High's cheerleaders, band and dance group called Latin Flava represented HPHS in the Puerto Rican Day Parade. Seniors will graduate on June 22 at Central Connecticut State University. Mass Mutual Academic Achievers Club held its annual Six Flags field trip. Sofia Medina won the dorm hook-up prize which includes a mini fridge, laptop, bed sheets and ore. Mass Mutual awards ceremony will be held on June 23, students will be presented with medallions for their hard work.

- Weaver High School

Academic Items - Danielle Myers and Vickena Webb reported that numerous seniors are still receiving college scholarships and acceptance letters from many colleges. This year several freshman and sophomores were accepted to the Upward Bound Conn. Cap Summer Program.

Extra Curricular Items - Weaver's Girl's Softball are City Champs and the Golf Club is searching for new members.

Hot Topics - Senior Prom took place on May 13th and outing on May 19th. On May 26th the junior prom was held at Crown Place. On June 1st Mass Mutual achievers took part in a field trip to Six Flags. Each academy had end of year activities to recognize students. The Law and Public Academy sent representatives to Los Angeles to visit magnet schools within high schools, many innovative ideas were brought back for next year. Academies have planned many inter-academy activities for next school year. Senior class night will take place on June 20 and graduation will be held on June 26 at Central Connecticut State University at 6:00 p.m.

Stan Frank a 1955 graduate of Weaver High School donated \$20,000 to Weaver to be used for scholarships, and spoke to the freshman class.

- Sport and Medical Sciences Academy

Carlos Perez and Agnes Perez reported that students continue to excel in the area of sports, the baseball team, with many young and inexperienced players made it all the way to the state tournament and was then defeated. For the third year in row, the school had a city-wide science fair winner. The first year Natasha Cancel won third place, last year, the same student, Natasha Cancel, captured first place and this year she obtained second place. Her scientific research project this year dealt with the effects of coffee on the human heart and showed that it is not the caffeine that has an effect on the heart, it's actually the sugar.

The school is working on strengthening the magnet theme with the continuation of courses such as anatomy and physiology and sports studies, for the coming year courses such as biomechanics/kinesiology, history of medicine, and microbiology/public health courses will be offered.

National Honor Society and awards night will take place on June 16 at 5:00 p.m. at the Learning Corridor and graduation will take place on June 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the Learning Corridor.

Dr. Tony Morgan, head of trauma surgery at St. Francis hospital addressed juniors on the topic of personal career path and what students who are interested in health careers can do to prepare to succeed in the medical fields in college. Dr. Morgan will be the speaker at graduation.

This semester students enhanced their study of English by going to various theatres to see presentations of plays that they studied in class such as: Romeo and Juliet in New Haven, To Kill A Mockingbird in Meriden, and "La Gringa" in Spanish Repertory Theatre in New York City.

The school conducted a hallway wall decorating contest for each grade as part of a spirit week that culminated with a very successful pep rally for the teams at Bushnell Park. The walls on four of five floors were decorated from ceiling to floor, end to end, with beautiful student created artwork and projects. The seniors won the wall decorating contest. The decorations and projects were on the walls for weeks and were respected by all students without damage.

The school will be hosting the city-wide advancement summer school program opened to all students in Hartford for summer classes. The students thanked the Mayor and the Board of Education and said it was an honor to serve as Student Representatives.

- University High for Science and Engineering

Aeisha Dixon and Andrew Earle reported that sophomore elections have taken place and two suburban and two urban students were elected as officers. Thirty UHSE students are participating in the Riverfront Recapture rowing program on the CT River, three days per week and for the summer.

Nzinga's Daughters, a music and storytelling group, made an awesome presentation of African music and stories to help students continue UHSE's tradition of celebrating cultural diversity all throughout the year.

Three ACE (Architecture, Construction and Engineering) students were honored at the mentor's breakfast at the Bushnell. One student received a beautiful architectural book, another received a \$100 gift certificate, and the third received a new laptop computer. The FIRST Robotics team again took first place at the Beantown competition in Boston.

Andrew Earle stated that six students were invited by Master Sergeant Beauchamp (also known as Mrs. Beauchamp, the Spanish teacher) to attend the Armed Forces Day Luncheon at the Aqua Turf. Students sat with a soldier who is being deployed to Iraq. It was a good way to honor service men and women on Armed Forces Day.

The freshman class enjoyed Physics Day at Six Flags where they saw the concepts of force and motion that they've been studying put into action. The sophomore class had a wonderful trip to the Museum of Natural History in NYC, where there was an outstanding Darwin exhibit which fit right in with their biology studies.

The AP class represented University High at the Urban Gifted Showcase, where students recreated several of the labs they studied during the year, including glowing bacteria, the fetal calf, paternity testing and hela cell investigation. Students appreciated all the attention that they received including Superintendent Henry's glowing compliments, which they jokingly said was not the result of Mr. Henry being injected with the glowing bacteria.

Students thanked the Board of Education for including them in Board meetings. They like the Board and the public to know that they are working hard, and persevering through the challenges of a rigorous school. They appreciate the Board's starting UHSE School and want to do a good job. They extended special thanks to Superintendent Henry for all he has done.

C. Oral Report of the Superintendent

- Commendation – Valedictorians & Salutatorians

Superintendent Henry continued with award celebrations for the valedictorians and salutatorians. He stated that it is important to publicly recognize the achievements of students. In June of each year, students who have earned the distinction of being the valedictorian and salutatorian are recognized at the meeting. Students are awarded with a certificate on behalf of the Board and the Superintendent.

Bulkeley High School

Claudia Espinoza, Valedictorian will attend Massachusetts School of Technology and eventually medical school. Lucia Del Puppo, Salutatorian will attend Carnegie Mellon University to major in Chemistry.

Hartford Public High School

Max Condren, Valedictorian and Anna Vu, Salutatorian had previous engagements and did not attend the meeting.

Weaver High School

Joanne Edwards, Valedictorian will attend Howard University to major in biology and pursue a career in Pediatrics. Simone Sweeney, Salutatorian also plans to attend Howard University to major in Biology and pursue a career in family medicine.

Greater Hartford Classical Magnet

Patricia Reid, Valedictorian was not present due to a previous engagement. Nordia Savage, Salutatorian will attend Williams College to major in Psychology, she plans to return to Hartford and open a community center.

Sports and Medical Sciences Academy

Elena Mendez, Valedictorian and Andres Calixto, Salutatorian did not attend the meeting.

Superintendent Henry recognized Andrew Serrao, Principal of Fox Middle School, one of 12 people who received a special award through Met Life. Superintendent Henry asked Lyle Wray from the National Civic League and Michelle Armstrong from Met Life Foundation to present the Ambassadors In Education Award. Mr. Lyle stated that Principal Andrew Serrao is being presented with the award because they honor educators who strive to strengthen their schools and surrounding communities through building partnerships that benefit everyone. Mr. Serrao is one of the leading educators in this area and is a model for the country. Ms. Armstrong shared some of the unique partnerships that Mr. Serrao implemented that created these partnerships such as family dinners to keep students safe in after hours, partnerships with Catholic and Family Services, etc. Mr. Serrao was presented with a check for \$5,000 and a crystal apple.

Superintendent Henry stated that Summer School will begin July 5 for high schools and July 10 for K-8 schools. All schools will be hosting summer school except for three due to rehab in their buildings. Over 6000 students have participated in past years and the same amount is anticipated. Parent Power Institute will also be taking place at the University of Hartford. Graduations will be celebrated throughout the district June 12 – June 27, 800 students will graduate.

An annual Perfect Attendance Celebration will be held on June 15 from 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Riverfront Recapture. The first place winner will receive a new car or \$10,000. There is a \$5,000 U.S. Bond as well as a trip to Florida that will be awarded by Attorney Jeffrey Dressler.

- Financial Report - April 2006

For the 10-month period ending April 30th, total expenditures amount to \$146.3 million or 69.9% of the adopted budget of \$209,280. Encumbrances and commitments totaling \$13,650,355 represent an additional 6.5% of the adopted budget.

As the fiscal year comes to a close expenditures continue to be closely monitored while liquidation of encumbrances and other year-end accruals and transactions are being planned.

The special education equity grant is expected in June in the amount of \$564,000 and the state reimbursement for magnet schools costs.

Back to school purchasing session is currently being done to ensure goods and services to the schools commence in July.

Special Education Grants total \$98.5 million, expenditure total \$60.4 million or 61% of the total grant. Encumbrances and commitments add an additional \$7,353,977.

D. Oral Report from the Board of Education Chair

Chairman Perez stated that this is the final Board meeting for the academic year. On behalf of himself and the board he expressed thanks to Superintendent Henry and his staff for making the transition of the newly formed board relatively easy. He stated that the first six months was supposed to be a learning curve so he will revisit the structure in August or September.

The Board has made a commitment to communicate with parents and have an impact on their children's education with this board. He is thankful for the input that has been put into the taskforces.

Chairman Perez turned over the table to Ms. Noel and Ms. Miranda who recognized Mr. Henry and the educational achievements that was made during his tenure at Hartford Public Schools. Mr. Henry was presented with a crystal clock noting thanks from the Board. Mr. Henry stated that it was an honor to serve the children of Hartford and work with Board members.

E. Public Portion

Hyacinth Yennie, School Volunteer, was proud to share the good news that her son recently graduated from Trinity College and will be continuing at Brown University to pursue a masters' degree in organic chemistry and her daughter was recently accepted to four medical schools. Both her children are products of the Hartford Public Schools. She expressed her sadness in seeing Superintendent Henry move on, that every time a superintendent moves on it's a new beginning, she is hoping the next leader will stay for a while and set high standards for the children.

W. Michael Downs, President of the Hartford Federation of Substitute Teachers, congratulated the Superintendent Henry on a job well done and wished him well in his future endeavors. Mr. Downs is very concerned on the violence and shooting in the City which has recently affected his immediate neighborhood. He asked that teachers watch, protect and account for student's safety and be aware of the surroundings.

Cathy Carpino, President of the Hartford Federation of Teachers, thanked Superintendent Henry for his services to Hartford Public Schools and wished him well in his future endeavors. Ms. Carpino addressed the board regarding some of the recommendations of the Safety and Order Taskforce that the union is not totally in agreement. For example the HFT Building Rep should be included in the monthly meetings at the schools, Level II Offenses that warrants outside suspensions, inside suspension rooms to be at every school and Walmart not to be used as a vendor for uniforms due to its labor practices.

Samuel Saylor, President, PTO Parents Council along with members of the Parent Council thanked Superintendent Henry for a job well done. Mr. Saylor thanked Mayor Perez for allowing parents to validate their voices and participate in the educational process. Mr. Saylor stated that parents are concerned for the safety of their children with the current flare up of violence in the City. He encouraged Chairman Perez to be the leader that will bring all concerned to the table to work on resolving the issues. He thanked Jackie Hardy and Martha Bentham, staff members that have worked hard on behalf of children and parents.

Laura Jones, Former President, PTO Parents Council quoted a poet who said "if you are not looking to live on the edge you are taking up space." She said that educators should think about this quote.

II. Consent Items

1. Approval of Minutes of the Hartford Board of Education Regular Meeting of May 9, 2006 (Supt. et al) (Pages 70-78)
2. Approval of Minutes of the Hartford Board of Education Informational Meeting of May 23,2006 (Supt. et al) (Pages 79-86)

Item # 1 & 2 – Ms. Noel moved, Mr. MacDonald seconded and the item was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. MacDonald noted that his name should be corrected, that it is misspelled throughout the minutes.

III. Action Items

3. Acceptance of Funds from Ronald McDonald Charities for Burr School - \$24,000 (Supt. et al)

Christine Gray, Teacher from Alfred E. Burr School (K-8), applied for a school grant to the Ronald McDonald House Charities, asking them to donate funds for the installation of two computers for each classroom. RMHC will provide \$24,000 for the school year of 2004-2005 and they will also donate another \$24,000 for the 2005-2006 school year.

Item # 3 - Mr. Flores moved, Ms. Noel seconded and the item was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Item #3 - Ms. Noel stated that this grant came to Burr School as a result of the initiative of Christine Grey a Teacher at Burr and it is an opportunity to recognize the teacher. Christine Grey was present and Board members expressed thanks.

4. Contract Approval: Haskins Program for Noah Webster MicroSociety Magnet School - \$31,194 (Supt. et al)

Noah Webster has been involved in the Haskins research project for the last three years. Next year we would like to continue the outstanding reading progress that our students have had with Haskins by contracting them to work in our school for the 2006-2007 academic year. The Haskins program is a research based reading program that provides both extensive

professional development and in class modeling and co-teaching support for teachers and students in kindergarten through second grade.

Item # 4- Mr. MacDonald moved, Ms. Noel seconded and the item was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Item #4 - Ms. Noel was excited that the Haskins Program with the mentor teacher component is moving into Noah Webster School.

5. Contract Approval: Capital Community College - \$68,000 (Supt. et al)

This contract is for Capital Community College to provide 20 students with Certified Nurses Aide training and 40 students with customer service training and 6 college credits in Principles of Customer Service and Introduction to Software Application.

Item #5 - Ms. Richmond moved, Mr. MacDonald seconded and the item was approved unanimously by voice vote.

6. Contract Approval: Capitol Region Education Council - \$13,205 (Supt. et al)

This contract is for CREC Education Technology Department to provide Microsoft Office Specialist training in Word and Excel to 15 high school students. The services that are included in this contract are: courseware purchase for Word 2003 and Excel 2003, practice test fees for the MOS practice exam and 25 days of training by a certified MOS trainer.

Item #6 - Ms. Noel moved, Mr. MacDonald seconded, Ms. Miranda abstained, and the item was approved by voice vote.

Item #6 - Ms. Noel stated that both Items 6 & 7 are providing valuable summer employment and training for children and should be celebrated.

7. Contract Approval: Central Connecticut State University - \$10,600 (Supt. et al)

For several years, graduation ceremonies for the three comprehensive high schools have been held on the campus of Central Connecticut State University. This year, the ceremonies will be held on June 22, June 23, and June 26, 2006.

Item #7 – Mr. Flores moved, Mr. MacDonald seconded and the item was approved unanimously by voice vote.

8. Contract Continuation Approval: Connecticut Consulting LLC - \$12,000 (Supt. et al)

The Connecticut Consulting, LLC has an on-going contract with the Hartford Public Schools to provide computer application support and customer service. This contract is to provide support for application and up 10 hours per month of consulting time for the Financial Web Reporting System that provides Accounts Payable, Purchase Order, Budget and General Ledger reports to central office, departments and schools.

Item #8 - Ms. Richmond moved, Ms. Noel seconded and the item was approved unanimously by voice vote.

9. Resolution: Adoption of the 2006-2007 General Budget (Board)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hartford Board of Education adopts a FY 2006-07 General Budget of \$215,888,886 plus fringe benefits of \$45,111,114 for a total of \$261,000,000.

Item #9 - Ms. Miranda moved, Ms. Noel seconded and the item was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Item #9 - Mr. Flores stated that this being the first year going through the budget process, he feels that this is a fair budget that is being appropriated to the Hartford schools. There is \$7million additional appropriation that will be coming to the school district and the challenge is to make sure the money will be used efficiently. Chairman Perez congratulated the hard work of the committee.

10. Adoption: Wellness Policy (Supt. et al)

In June of 2004, the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-265) was passed requiring local Boards of Education participating in USDA's Child Nutrition Programs to establish a local wellness policy by the first day of the 2006-2007 school year. At a minimum, the district School Wellness Policy must include goals for nutrition education, physical activity, and other school-based activities designed to promote student wellness in a manner that the local educational agency determines appropriate.

Item #10 – Ms. Noel moved, Ms. Richmond seconded and the item was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Item #10 - Ms. Noel asked committee members to stand and be recognized for the work that they all did on the Wellness Policy. The committee consisted of Ms. Noel along with several staff members. She stated that the Wellness Policy would address food services, physical education also social and emotional wellness.

11. Adoption: Mandatory Uniform Policy (Board)

The Hartford Board of Education has determined that reasonable regulation of school attire can further important educational interests.

Item # 11– Mr. MacDonald moved, Ms. Richmond seconded and the item was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Item #11 - Chairman Perez mentioned that he will work with the administration to make sure that the implementation and accountability issues with the uniform policy are addressed as expressed by Ms. Carpino in the public comment portion of the meeting. The Safety and Order Taskforce is continuing its work on the suspension issue so all options will be available.

Ms. Richmond stated that she is proud of the unity on the issue of the uniform policy, for everyone to embrace this change. She congratulated the taskforce.

12. Old Business – (Take from the table) Approval of Educational Specifications and Authorization to submit School Construction Grant Application for Hooker Environmental Studies Magnet School (Supt. et al)

The Hartford Board of Education approves the educational specifications for the Additions & Renovations at Hooker Environmental Studies Magnet School prepared by Diggs Construction Company dated May 9, 2006 and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to submit an ED-049 form for a school construction grant for the project work.

Item #12- Ms. Miranda moved, Mr. MacDonald seconded, Ms. Noel opposed and the item was approved by voice vote.

Item #12 - Mr. MacDonald thanked the staff that gave the presentation to the committee. He said there were a lot of details discussed and minor revisions made that strengthened the plan.

Ms. Noel stated that she has worked on the environmental theme for sometime and it is exciting but there is a problem. The capacity study report that was just received reveals that there is over-capacity for more than 2000 students. Based on this she cannot support this item and asked that the board not move forward with adding capacity. She is in favor of the program at Hooker.

13. Budget Allocation – April 2006 (Supt. et al)

Item #13 – Mr. MacDonald moved, Ms. Noel seconded and the item was approved unanimously by voice vote.

V. Executive Session

At 7:20 p.m. Ms. Miranda moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues and collective bargaining update, Ms. Noel seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

At 7:50 p.m. the board returned from executive session and Chairman Perez asked for a roll call. Ms. Comer was absent and Mr. Rodriguez-Davila joined the meeting shortly after the roll call.

14. Approval of the Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement: Hartford Federation of Paraprofessionals Local 2221 AFT, AFL-CIO (Supt. et al)

That the Board of Education approves the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with The Hartford Federation of Paraprofessionals, Local 2221, AFT, AFL-CIO.

Item #14 - Ms. Miranda moved, Ms. Noel seconded and the item was approved unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Receive and File

15. Audit Responses 2004-2005 (Supt. et al)

The responses to the 2004-05 Management Letter by Scully & Wolf, and the City Auditors, as they pertain to the School District.

The item was noted as corrected to show 2004-2005 instead of 2005-2006 and accepted as receive and file.

16. Administrative Appointments (Supt. et al)

Appointment of Ronald Coles as Principal of Annie Fisher Multi-Intelligence Magnet School

Item #16 – Mr. MacDonald moved, Ms. Noel seconded and the item was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Item #16 - Superintendent Henry stated that Ronald Coles is from Philadelphia where he serves as an assistant Principal at a K-8 school. He was interviewed and highly recommended by the interview panel. He has the background that matches the Annie Fisher Multiple Intelligence Magnet School.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.