



**Hartford Board of Education
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, February 21, 2012
Classical Magnet School, 85 Woodland Street, Hartford**

5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Opening Statement**
- IV. Recognition of former Board of Education Members**
 - Ada Miranda, Board member December 2002 – January 2012
 - Israel Flores, Board member June 2005 – January 2012
 - David MacDonald, Board member December 2005 – January 2012
 - Pamela Richmond, Board member December 2005 – January 2012
 - Sharon Patterson-Stallings, Board Member December 2005 – December 2009; September 2010 – January 2012.
- V. Dialogue Session**
 1. Parent and Student Comment
 2. Public Comment
- VI. Reports**
 1. Report of the Chair
 - Appointment of Members of Committees and Task Force:
 - i. Finance and Audit Committee
 - Chair: Richard F. Wareing
 - Members: Mayor Pedro E. Segarra, Luis Rodríguez-Dávila, Cherita McIntye
 - ii. Human Resources Committee
 - Chair: José Colón-Rivas
 - Members: Lori Hudson, Elizabeth Brad Noel, Richard Wareing
 - iii. Parent and Community Engagement Committee
 - Chair: Matthew K. Poland
 - Members: Luis Rodríguez-Dávila, Lori Hudson, Cherita McIntye
 - iv. Policy Committee
 - Chair: Robert Cotto, Jr.
 - Members: Pedro E. Segarra, Luis Rodríguez-Dávila, Brad Noel
 - v. School Choice and Facilities Committee
 - Chair: Elizabeth Brad Noel
 - Members: Robert Cotto, Richard Wareing, José Colón-Rivas
 - vi. Special Education Instruction and Student Achievement Task Force
 - Chair: Lori Hudson

- Members: Luis Rodríguez-Dávila, Matthew K. Poland, Robert Cotto, Jr.

2. Report of the Superintendent

- Recognition of Sally Biggs, Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy, selected the *2012 CAS Middle School Principal of the Year* by the Connecticut Association of Schools
- Early Reading Success – Kindergarten Program
- CMT/CAPT Testing Schedule
- Financial Report as of December 31, 2011
- Intra-District Marketing Campaign

VII. Business Agenda

A. Items in Order of Importance

1. Administrative Appointments (Supt. et al)

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

- a. Clare Kennedy to the position of Executive Director of Elementary Pupil Support Services, effective February 21, 2012.
- b. Tammy Counts to the position of Executive Director of Secondary Pupil Support Services, effective March 6, 2012.

2. Approval: Management Agreement - Great Path Academy (Supt. et al)

At the January 17 Board of Education meeting, the Superintendent was authorized to negotiate a management agreement with Manchester Community College. This agreement has a 5-year term and outlines the duties assigned to Hartford Public Schools and Manchester Community College.

3. First Reading: Educational Specifications for the Weaver High School Redesign (Supt. et al)

The facility will be altered to serve 1,600 students in three distinct schools in grades 9-12. The proposed schools include the anchor Culinary Arts Academy (400 students), the Academy of Architecture and Urban Design (600 students), and the Academy of Arts and Sciences (600 students). A construction grant application to cover this work will be submitted before June 30, 2012. The project carries a budget of \$127 million and is projected to receive a state grant of 80% of eligible project costs.

4. Second Reading and Adoption: Proposed School Calendars for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 (Supt. et al)

The Hartford Board of Education accepts the second reading and adopts the proposed 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 School Calendars.

B. Consent Agenda

5. Approval: 960 Main Street Lease Addendum (Supt. et al)

The Hartford Board of Education is currently occupying and using for its central offices and business operations space on the 8th and 9th floors as well as a portion of the basement of the former G. Fox Building at 960 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut. Currently, there is a need for additional, more accessible space for the Welcome Center. The City's Office of Corporation Counsel, and the Landlord's counsel have negotiated an expansion of the lease to add an additional one thousand eight hundred fifty four (1,854) square feet on the first floor of 960 Main Street.

6. Acceptance of Funds and Contract Approval: MRW Connected, LLC \$60,000 (Supt. et al)

The Hartford Public School will contract with MRW Connected, LLC, for the design and development of a new website to effectively communicate the HPS' newly-developed brand and to serve as the district's primary communication tool. The funding for this contract will come from the Hartford Public Schools Ingenuity Fund established through a contribution from the Travelers Foundation and held at The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

7. Resolution: Board of Education Representative Assignment to the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (The Board)

The Hartford Board of Education assigns Matthew K. Poland as the Hartford Board of Education representative to the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education.

8. Resolution: Board of Education Representative Assignment to the Capitol Region Education Council (The Board)

The Hartford Board of Education assigns José Colón-Rivas as the Hartford Board of Education representative to the Capitol Region Education Council.

9. Resolution: Appointment of Suffield Regional Agriscience Consulting Committee (The Board)

The Suffield Agriscience Consulting Committee serves as a link between the Center and the local towns' agricultural community and educational system. Its members serve in an advisory capacity making recommendations for program, facilities and curriculum. State regulations Sec. 10.64 states, "each Board of Education shall appoint to said committee, two representatives, who have a competent knowledge of agriculture and who need not be members of such board. The Suffield Regional Agriscience Center nominates Kenya Howard and Idalia Gonzalez to serve on their advisory committee.

10. Administrative Appointment (Supt. et al)

The Hartford Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Dianna Roberge-Wentzell to the position of Assistant Superintendent Pre-K – 12 Education, effective March 1, 2012.

11. Interim Administrative Appointments (Supt. et al)

The Hartford Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint the following individuals to the positions indicated:

- a. Timothy Sullivan to the position of Interim Principal, Burns Latino Studies Academy, for the period of February 6, 2012 through June 30, 2012.
- b. James Fagan to the position of Interim Principal, Classical Magnet School, for the period of February 6, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

12. Approval of School Construction Plans and ED042 Submittal – M.D. Fox School (Supt. et al)

The State Department of Education's Bureau of School Facilities (BSF) requires that School Building Committees and Boards of Education certify that they have approved the final construction documents for school construction projects prior to BSF review of the plans. The Hartford Board of Education approves the final plans and authorizes the architects to submit the documents for MD Fox School – State Project #064-0299 Phase 4 – Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FF&E).

13. Acceptance as complete and ED049F Submittal – Latino Studies Academy at Burns School (Supt. et al)

The State Department of Construction Services, Bureau of School Facilities (BSF) requires that the School Building Committee and Board of Education certify that they accept school construction projects as complete prior to BSF approving the final payment and sending the project to audit. The Hartford Board of Education accepts the roof and classroom restoration work at Burns School, State Project Number 064-0301 RR/CV, as complete. The Board of Education further approves the request for final payment and submittal of the ED-049F form to the Bureau of School Facilities in order for the audit to commence.

VIII. Adjournment

***** BOE Workshop Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.,**

University High School - 351 Mark Twain Drive, Hartford

Topics: Cycle II Assessment Data Review; Student Connectedness and Safety Survey ***