



**Hartford Board of Education
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, May 21, 2013**

**Noah Webster MicroSociety Magnet School,
5 Cone Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06105**

5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Opening Statement**
- IV. Dialogue Session**
 1. Parent and Student Comment
 2. Public Comment
- V. Reports**
 1. Report of the Chair
 2. Report of the Superintendent
 - o HPS Teacher & Administrator Development and Evaluation Models
 3. Committee Reports
 - o Finance and Audit Committee
 - o Policy Committee
 - o School Building Committee
 - o School Choice and Facilities Committee
 - o Other Committees
- VI. Business Agenda**
 - A. Items in Order of Importance**
 1. School 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. Gerardo Heredia to the position of Principal, America's Choice at S.A.N.D. School, effective May 22, 2013.
- b. Julie Goldstein to the position of Principal, Breakthrough Magnet School, effective July 1, 2013.
- c. Karen N. Lott to the position of Principal, Thirman L. Milner School/Jumoke Academy, effective July 1, 2013.
- d. Jay Mihalko to the position of Principal, Noah Webster MicroSociety Magnet School, effective May 22, 2013.
- e. David Goldblum to the position of Principal, Pathways Academy of Technology and Design, effective July 1, 2013.

2. 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. Catherine Carbone, Portfolio Director, effective July 1, 2013.
- b. Jonathan Swan to the position of Deputy Chief Portfolio Officer, effective July 1, 2013.

3. Acceptance of Funds and Approval of Memorandum of Understanding: Nellie Mae Education Foundation \$450,000 (Supt et al.)

Hartford Public Schools was selected to receive a grant of \$450,000 to research, plan and pilot ways to increase student achievement through intensive, personalized, blended learning experiences at the high school level. The MOU, a requirement of the Nellie Mae Education Foundation, is a summary of the project the district submitted in its grant proposal and outlines the key activities, outcomes and measures, as well as roles and responsibilities and payment schedules.

The Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nellie Mae Education Foundation and to accept funds in the amount of \$450,000 to be used over an 18 month period from May 22, 2013 through November 30, 2014.

4. Contract Approval: IEP Direct/ Centris Group \$358,522 / 3 years (Supt et al.)

Hartford Public Schools seeks to replace its current Special Education Management System with a system compatible with other district's management systems in Connecticut. IEP Direct, Centris Group, will provide comprehensive web-based Special Education software solution to: share student data in real-time with partner school districts, outplacements and RESCs; generate program information and accountability reports district-wide; produce all Connecticut State Special Education reports and SEDAC data; track compliance timelines; stay current with changes to Connecticut State Special Education requirements with instantaneous program updates; and support data-driven management.

The Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to execute a contract with Centris Group, for the term delineated in the contract ending May 21, 2016, for an amount not to exceed \$203,724 FY 2013-14, \$77,399 FY 2014-15 and \$77,399 FY 2015-16.

5. First Reading: Policy No. 6146 – Grading (Mr. Poland, Ms. Hudson, Dr. McIntye)

The Hartford Board of Education accepts the first reading of the revised Policy on Grading.

6. First Reading: Policy No. 5114 – Attendance (Policy Committee)

The Hartford Board of Education accepts the first reading of the revised Policy on Attendance.

7. First Reading: Policy No. 1531 – District Accreditation (Policy Committee)

The Hartford Board of Education accepts the first reading of the revised Policy on District Accreditation.

8. First Reading: Policy No. 3140 Transfer of Funds between Categories – Amendments (Finance and Audit Committee)

The Hartford Board of Education accepts the first reading of the revised Policy on Transfer of Funds between Categories-Amendments – Appropriations Transfers.

9. First Reading: School Design Specifications for Maria Sanchez Expeditionary Learning Academy (Supt et al.)

The Hartford Board of Education accepts the first reading of the design specifications for Maria Sanchez Expeditionary Learning Academy.

10. First Reading: New School Design Specifications for Achievement First Hartford Academy II (Supt et al.)

The Hartford Board of Education accepts the first reading of the new design specifications for Achievement First Hartford Academy II.

B. Executive Session (Collective Bargaining)

11. Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement – The Hartford Federation of Child Development Associates, Local 1018 F, AFT, AFL-CIO (Supt. et al)

The Board of Education approves the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Hartford Federation of Child Development Associates, Local 1018 F, AFT, AFL-CIO. The parties reached a tentative agreement on April 2, 2013, and the membership of the bargaining unit ratified the tentative agreement on May 2, 2013.

12. Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement – The Hartford Federation of Paraprofessionals, Local 2221, AFT, AFL-CIO (Supt. et al)

The Board of Education approves the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Hartford Federation of Paraprofessionals, Local 2221, AFT, AFL-CIO. The parties reached a tentative agreement on April 10, 2013, and the membership of the bargaining unit ratified the tentative agreement on April 25, 2013.

C. Consent Agenda

13. Acting Administrative Appointment (Supt. et al)

The Hartford Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Carolyn Potoff to the position of Acting Principal, Montessori II Magnet School; effective July 1, 2013.

14. Second Reading and Adoption: Various Hartford Public Schools Policies (Policy Committee)

The Hartford Board of Education accepts the second reading and adopts the revised Policy No. 4111.1 (4211.1) on Affirmative Action: Equal Employment Opportunity; Policy No. 4118.1 (4218.1) on Nondiscrimination; Policy No. 4118.3 (4218.3) on Harassment; Policy No. 5000 on Concepts and Roles in Students Policies; Policy No. 5162 on Nondiscrimination and Policy No. 5163(a) on Harassment.

15. Contract Approval: CBS Therapy \$70,000 (Supt et al.)

The Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to execute a contract with CBS Therapy for the term delineated in the contract ending June 30, 2013, at a cost not to exceed \$70,000.

16. Reauthorization of Healthy Food Certification Statement (Supt. et al)

The Hartford Board of Education adopts the Healthy Foods and Beverages in Hartford Public Schools Policy and submits the Healthy Food Certification Statement for 2013-2014 stating "will meet said standards during the period of July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014".

17. Approval of School Construction Plans and ED042 Submittal for West Middle School (Supt et al.)

The Hartford Board of Education approves the final plans and authorizes the architect to submit the documents for the Abatement and Demolition phase of work for the West Middle School project, to the Bureau of School Facilities for their review and approval.

18. Approval of Educational Specifications for Fire Sprinklers at Clark and Simpson-Waverly Schools (Supt et al.)

The Hartford Board of Education accepts and approves the Educational Specifications for the installation of fire sprinklers at John C. Clark and Frank T. Simpson-Waverly Schools, and authorizes submission of the documents to the Bureau of School Facilities for purposes of securing a construction grant.

19. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 19, 2013 (The Board)

20. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 15, 2013 (The Board)

VII. Adjournment

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

*** BoE Workshop Meeting: Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at Expeditionary Learning Academy at Moylan, Hartford, CT 06106. Topic: School Governance Councils Co-Chairs Annual Forum. ***

*** BoE Regular Meeting: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at Noah Webster MicroSociety Magnet School, 5 Cone Street, Hartford, CT 06105. ***