



**Hartford Board of Education
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, June 18, 2013**

**R. J. Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts
65 Van Block Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06103**

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
 1. Update on McDonough School Facility
 2. Report of the Superintendent
 - Financial Report as of April 30, 2013
 - Communications Plan Update
 - Community and Family Engagement Plan Update
 - Reducing Chronic Absence
 - Year-End Graduation Report
 3. Committee Reports
 - Finance and Audit Committee
 - School Building Committee
 - School Choice and Facilities Committee
 - 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 July 1, 2013.
- b. Mario Cruz to the position of Principal at Asian Studies Academy Dwight-Bellizzi, effective July 1, 2013.

- c. Leonard Epps to the position of Principal at Journalism and Media/Magnet Academy, effective July 1, 2013.
- d. Guillaume Gendre to the position of Principal at Dr. James H. Naylor / CCSU Leadership Academy, effective July 1, 2013.
- e. Timothy Goodwin to the position of Principal at Culinary Arts Academy at Weaver High School, 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:

1. Oliver Barton to the position of Portfolio Director, effective July 1, 2013.
2. Monica Quiñones to the position of Director of ELL Services, effective July 1, 2013.

3. Approval of New Magnet School Operation Plans and Approval of Submission and Acceptance of Magnet Incubation Funds \$4,965,893 (Supt et al.)

The Hartford Board of Education authorizes the submission of the Magnet Operations Plans to the Connecticut State Department of Education for the schools listed below to open as new *Sheff* Magnet Schools in the 2013-2014 school year:

- a. Montessori Magnet School
- b. Hartford Prekindergarten Magnet School
- c. Journalism and Media Magnet Academy

Furthermore, the Hartford Board of Education approves the submission and acceptance of a Magnet Incubation grant to the State Department of Education in the amount of \$4,965,893 to cover the facilities costs for the schools.

4. Approval: Share Services Agreement with the Hartford Public Library for the Program for Expelled Students - \$50,000 annually (Supt. et al)

The Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to negotiate the Memorandum of Understanding with the Hartford Public Library for the use of space for the program. The negotiated compensation for each year of the three year agreement is \$50,000.

5. Contract Approval: Dattco, Inc. \$6,300,000 (Supt et al.)

The Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent's to execute a contract with Dattco, Inc. in the amount of \$6,300,000, for the term delineated in the contract ending June 30, 2016.

6. Contract Continuation Approval: MRW Connected, LLC \$250,000 (Supt et al.)

The Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to extend the existing contract with MRW Connected, LLC to expand the marketing and recruitment efforts, including developing new print media, radio and other advertising to promote Hartford's Portfolio District of Schools for the 2013 and 2014 Choice Marketing and Recruitment Campaigns. The contract may be extended for a term of two years based on performance and funding availability, at an amount not to exceed \$250,000 annually.

7. Second Reading and Adoption: Policy No. 5114 – Attendance (Policy Committee)

The Hartford Board of Education accepts the second reading and adopts the revised Policy on Attendance.

8. Second Reading and Adoption: Policy No. 1531 – District Accreditation (Policy Committee)

The Hartford Board of Education accepts the second reading and adopts the revised Policy on District Accreditation.

9. Second Reading and Adoption: Policy No. 3140 Transfer of Funds between Categories – Amendments (Finance and Audit Committee)

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

10. Second Reading and Adoption: School Design Specifications for Maria Sanchez Expeditionary Learning Academy (Supt et al.)

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

11. Second Reading and Adoption: New School Design Specifications for Achievement First Hartford Academy II (Supt et al.)

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

B. Consent Agenda

12. Interim and Acting Administrative Appointments (Supt. et al)

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

1. Elaine Papas to the position of Acting Principal at L.W. Batchelder Elementary, effective July 1, 2013.
2. Carol Wright to the position of Interim Principal at Dr. Frank T. Simpson-Waverly, effective July 1, 2013.

13. Approval of the Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2013-14 School Year (The Board)

14. Approval of the minutes of the special meeting held on March 5, 2013 (The Board)

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

VII. Executive Session (Superintendent Contract Extension)

16. Resolution: Approval of Superintendent Contract Extension (The Board)

The Hartford Board of Education approves Superintendent Christina Kishimoto's request to extend her employment contract for an additional two-year term through June 30, 2016.

VIII. Adjournment

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

- Board and Superintendent Retreat:
 - Day 1 - Data Presentation: August 1, 2013 at the Connecticut Science Center, 250 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.
 - Day 2 – Strategic Planning: September 13, 2013 at the Connecticut Science Center, 250 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.
- BOE Regular Meeting: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at Bulkeley High School, 300 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06114.