



Hartford Board of Education
Special Meeting – Monday, November 25, 2013

Plaza Level Conference Room, 260 Constitution Plaza ,
Hartford, Connecticut 06103

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order (5:00 p.m.)
- II. Executive Session (Pending litigation: *Sheff v. O'Neill*)
- III. Business Agenda
 1. Approval to Implement Anticipated *Sheff* Agreement - Lighthouse (Dr. Kishimoto, Honorable Pedro Segarra, Mr. Poland and Dr. McIntye)

That the Hartford Board of Education further authorizes and directs the Superintendent to identify at least three (3) neighborhood and/or community schools as potential Lighthouse Schools, as well as the model(s) which may be implemented. The criteria to be used by the Superintendent in making these determinations shall include those used in considering re-designs, as well as any other relevant considerations. Thereafter, the Superintendent shall conduct one or more community forums to discuss the schools and models so identified. Based on the results of said community forum(s), the Superintendent shall determine whether one or more of the schools and/or models so identified should be removed from consideration and whether a school and/or model not already so identified should be considered. After making these determinations, the Superintendent shall identify one (1) neighborhood school as a potential Lighthouse School, based on whether the school has the potential to meet the Lighthouse school goals. Specifically, does the school have conditions necessary for school quality improvement and increasing natural diversity? The Superintendent shall meet with and consider the input of the School Governance Councils, PTO's, other interested parents, other stakeholders, and the faculty and administration of said school. Based on the foregoing, the Superintendent shall recommend to the Board of Education one school for conversion to a Lighthouse School as well as the proposed model.

2. Approval to Implement Anticipated *Sheff* Agreement (Dr. Kishimoto, Honorable Pedro Segarra, Mr. Poland and Dr. McIntye)

That the Hartford Board of Education approves the creation of a new Partnership Magnet School with Capital Community College, the Capital Community College Senior Academy;

Furthermore, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with Capital Community College regarding the creation of such new school; and

Furthermore, the Board of Education authorizes the conversion of High School, Inc. to a *Sheff* magnet school starting with the 9th grade in 2014-2015 with expansion to grade 12 by 2017-2018.

II. Adjournment

Upcoming Board of Education Meeting

- BOE Workshop Meeting: Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at Burns Latino Studies Academy, 195 Putnam Street, Hartford, CT 06106. Topic: Hartford Performs.
- BOE Regular Meeting: Tuesday, December 17 at Sarah J. Rawson School, 260 Holcomb Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06112.

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ITEM # 1

NEW BUSINESS

NOVEMBER 25, 2013

APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT
ANTICIPATED *SHEFF* AGREEMENT - LIGHTHOUSE

DR. KISHIMOTO
HONORABLE PEDRO SEGARRA
MR. POLAND
DR. MCINTYE

BACKGROUND

The process to select the neighborhood school to be converted to a Lighthouse School will include a community forum and input from parents and will be determined by the Hartford Board of Education after an interactive process with School Governance Councils, PTO's, and other stakeholders, as well as the community at large through at least one public forum.

The anticipated funding mechanism for a Lighthouse School, which will have to be approved by the Commissioner of Education and the Sheff Plaintiffs, shall be at least \$750,000 a year for at least three years.

RECOMMENDATION

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ITEM # 2

NEW BUSINESS

NOVEMBER 25, 2013

APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT ANTICIPATED *SHEFF* AGREEMENT

DR. KISHIMOTO
HONORABLE PEDRO SEGARRA
MR. POLAND
DR. MCINTYE

BACKGROUND

The State Department of Education has actively undergone extensive negotiations with the *Sheff* Plaintiffs and Hartford to develop a new one-year settlement for the 2014-2015 school year. Negotiations have focused on increasing opportunities for Hartford families to access quality, integrated educational options within their community balanced with the need to ensure that Hartford remains a viable and strong school district.

As part of the *Sheff* III anticipated settlement, the Parties to the negotiations agreed to request that Hartford Public Schools create two additional magnet schools for the 2014-2015 school year by (1) creating a new Partnership Magnet school with Capital Community College for 11th and 12th grade students to access early college opportunities; and (2) converting High School, Inc., an existing Hartford Public School, to a Hartford *Sheff* Magnet School beginning with the 9th grade in 2014-2015 with expansion to grade 12 by 2017-2018.

RECOMMENDATION

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