



**Hartford Board of Education  
Regular Meeting – May 15, 2012  
Global Communications Academy at the Lewis Fox building  
305 Greenfield Street, Hartford**

**5:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Opening Statement**
- IV. Recognition of Students**
  - 1. CABE's Student Leadership Award**
    - Jose Forestier – Bulkeley High School;
    - Jahnell Howes – Bulkeley High School;
    - Regina Lauray – Bulkeley High School Humanities;
    - Emanuel Payan – Bulkeley High School Humanities;
    - Lindsay Cadwallader – Classical Magnet;
    - Lazaren Llakmani – Classical Magnet ;
    - Tyler Fields – University High;
    - J'Vaughn Joseph – University High.
  - 2. District-Wide Academic Competition Results**
    - ❖ **Winning Teams:**
      - Third Grade Vocabulary -- John C. Clark Elementary School;
      - Fourth Grade Math -- Environmental Studies Magnet @ Mary Hooker School;
      - Sixth Grade Vocabulary -- Kinsella Magnet School of the Performing Arts;
      - Seventh and Eighth Grade Geography -- Batchelder Elementary School;
    - ❖ **Individual Competition:**
      - Fifth Grade Writing and Recitation -- Luis Cruz of Batchelder Elementary School;
      - Eighth Grade Writing and Recitation -- Rebecca Duncan of Wish Elementary School.
- V. Dialogue Session**
  1. Parent and Student Comment
  2. Public Comment
- VI. Reports**
  1. Report of the Chair
  2. Report of the Superintendent
    - HPHS Nursing Academy Senior Students' Project
    - Graduation Schedule
    - Status of SB – 24
    - Status Report on Magnet Plan 2012-13

- 2012-2013 District Assessment Calendar
- 3. Committee Reports
  - Finance and Audit Committee
  - Parent and Community Engagement Committee
  - Policy Committee
  - School Choice and Facilities Committee
  - Other Committees

## **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 to the positions indicated:

- a. Dolores Cole to the position of School Quality Officer, effective July 1, 2012.
- b. Miriam Taylor to the position of Executive Director of Parent Engagement and Early Literacy, effective July 1, 2012.

#### 2. Resolution: Approval of Breakthrough II becoming a *Sheff* Magnet School (The Board)

The Hartford Board of Education approves the conversion of Breakthrough II to a Crandall School, pending legislation, for 2012-13 and then a magnet school in 2013-14. The Board of Education will also approve the early conversion of Breakthrough II as a magnet for the 2012-13 school year if the Crandall legislation is not passed by the State legislature.

#### 3. Resolution Approval of Betances Early Reading Lab PK-3 School becoming a *Sheff* Magnet School (The Board)

The Hartford Board of Education approves the conversion of Betances Early Reading Lab PK-3 School to a Crandall School, pending legislation, for 2012-13. The Board of Education will also approve the early conversion of Betances Early Reading Lab PK-3 School as a magnet for the 2012-13 school year if the Crandall legislation is not passed by the State legislature.

#### 4. Resolution: Approval to Create a Turnaround Response Team for Milner Elementary School (The Board)

The Hartford Board of Education approves the creation of a turnaround team inclusive of the Superintendent of Schools, Board member Richard Wareing and the Milner School Governance Council in partnership with Jumoke Academy to respond to the turnaround plan of the State of Connecticut's Commissioner of Education.

#### 5. Resolution: Approval to Turn Over Quirk West to the City of Hartford for Use By The Hartford Police Department (Mayor Pedro Segarra)

The Hartford Board of Education approves turning over Quirk West to the City of Hartford for use by the Hartford Police Department Taskforce Team.

#### 6. First Reading: Revised Policy 2151 Approval of Nominees for Administration Appointments (Policy Committee)

The Hartford Board of Education accepts the first reading of the Approval of Nominees for Administration Appointments Policy.

7. Contract Approval: Milliman Health & Welfare Consultants \$236,833 (Supt. et al)

Milliman is a nationally recognized consulting firm with significant experience with public entities in CT. Milliman services the State of CT and Vermont and received a strong reference from both. Scope of work includes providing overall consulting on the health and welfare program including GASB and OPEB work.

The Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to approve the contract renewal with Milliman Consulting for the term delineated in the contract ending June 23, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$236,833.

8. Contract Approval: Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth \$65,000 (Supt. et al)

That the Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to approve the contract with Johns Hopkins University – Center for Talented Youth for the term delineated in the contract ending June 31, 2012, at a cost not to exceed \$65,000.

9. Renewal of the 245 Locust Street Lease (Supt. et al)

MD Fox Elementary School swing space and High Roads of Wallingford Program are currently occupying the building located at 245 Locust St. in Hartford. The current term of the Lease expired on June 30, 2011. City's Office of Corporation Counsel and the Landlord's counsel have negotiated an expansion of the lease for the term commencing July 1, 2011 and expiring June 30, 2015. All three years have been negotiated at the same rate of \$987,893.28 per year.

10. Renewal of the 184 Windsor Avenue Lease (Supt. et al)

Pathways to Technology Magnet High School is currently occupying the building located at 184 Windsor Avenue in Windsor. The current term of the Lease expired on August 31, 2007, but its term has been extended through August 31, 2012 by virtue of three amendments to the Lease. City's Office of Corporation Counsel, and the Landlord's counsel have negotiated an expansion of the lease for the term commencing September 1, 2012 and expiring August 31, 2015.

**B. Executive Session (Collective Bargaining and Personnel Matter)**

11. Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement – The Hartford Federation of Substitute Teachers Local No. 1018-E, CFEPE, AFT, AFL-CIO (Supt. et al)

The Board of Education approves the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Hartford Federation of Substitute Teachers, Local No. 1018-E, CFEPE, AFT, AFL-CIO. The Parties reached a tentative agreement on April 25, 2012, and the membership of the bargaining unit ratified the tentative agreement on May 14, 2012.

12. Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement – Local 566 of Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO (Supt. et al)

The Board of Education approves the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Local 566 of Council 4, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO. The Parties reached a tentative agreement on March 20, 2012, and the membership of the bargaining unit ratified the tentative agreement on March 24, 2012.

**C. Consent Agenda**

13. 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. Leslyee Frederick to the position of Executive Director of Assessment and Intervention, effective July 1, 2012.
- b. Monica Quiñones to the position of principal, Batchelder Elementary School, effective July 1, 2012.
- c. Timothy Sullivan Jr. to the position of Portfolio Director, effective July 1, 2012.

14. Contract Amendment Approval: MRW Connected, LLC. \$45,000 (Supt. et al)

The additional work of expanding the original scope of work includes additional website pages determined during the design phase of the project.

15. Grant Submission / Acceptance of Funds: Connecticut State Department of Education - Program Improvement Project Grant for the Adult Education Center in Hartford \$34,961 (Supt. et al)

The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to submit the grant application and to accept \$34,961 from the State of Connecticut towards the improvement of English Language Acquisition/Civics Education program.

16. Authorization by the Board of Education: E-Rate Funding - \$472,310.91 (Supt. et al)

That the Hartford Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to endorse the applications filed by MHIS on behalf of the district for E-Rate funding. Payment of the applicant's share, at a cost of approximately \$472,310.91 is included in the current MHIS allocation budget for 2012-2013.

17. Reauthorization of the 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 2012-2013 stating "will meet said standards during the period of July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013".

18. Approval of the minutes of the special meeting held on March 2, 2012 (The Board)

19. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 17, 2012 (The Board)

20. Approval of the minutes of the special meeting held on January 12, 2012 (The Board)

21. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 20, 2011 (The Board)

**VIII. Adjournment**

**June 2012 BOE Meeting Schedule**

- **Workshop – Tuesday, June 5 at 6:00 p.m. at Hartford Magnet Middle School, 53 Vernon Street, Hartford, CT 06106.** Topic: Progress on the Strategic Operating Plan Goals.
- **Regular Meeting – Tuesday, June 19 at 5:30 p.m. at Global Communications at the Lewis Fox Building - 305 Greenfield Street, Hartford, CT 06112**