

HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Regular Meeting – January 27, 2014

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Hartford Board of Education (hereinafter “Board”) met on Monday, January 27, 2014 at the Journalism and Media Magnet Academy, 150 Tower Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06120.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Wareing called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m. A quorum was present.

<u>Present:</u> Richard Wareing Honorable Mayor Pedro Segarra Michael Brescia Craig Stallings Beth Taylor	<u>Absent:</u> Matthew Poland, Chairman Robert Cotto, Jr., Secretary Jose Colon-Rivas
Dr. Alexander Nardone, Chief of Staff	

II. Performance by the Batchelder Student Choir

III. Business Agenda

A. Items in Order of Importance

Mr. Wareing accepted a motion from Mr. Stallings to table items number 1 and 2 to the February 4 Special meeting. Mayor Segarra seconded.

VOTE:

In Favor: Brescia, Mayor Segarra, Stallings, Taylor, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Colon-Rivas, Cotto, Poland

The motion to table items No. 1 and 2 passed unanimously by voice vote.

1. Approval of Site for Kinsella Magnet School for the Performing Arts High School Extension (Supt et al.)

The Kinsella Magnet School for the Performing Arts has expanded its PK-8 school to include high school grades 9-12. The high school component, which currently enrolls students in grades 9 and 10, is temporarily housed at 245 Locust Street. The City Council has approved \$33 million to construct a new facility for the new Kinsella high school.

That the Hartford Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to construct the Kinsella Magnet School for the Performing Arts High School on City-owned property availed to Hartford Public School which is adjacent to SAND Elementary School, located at parcels #243248135 and #243249144 on Main Street.

2. Approval of Lease Agreement: Lincoln Culinary Institute (Supt. et al)

That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to execute a lease with NN Acquisition, LLC for a portion of the building located at 85 Sigourney Street in order to relocate the high school culinary program on the terms and conditions as generally set forth on the Summary of Proposed Lease Terms attached hereto. This authorization is subject to the approval of the lease terms by the Court of Common Council and upon and subject to such terms and conditions that the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City and Hartford Public Schools.

3. Contract Approval: Middlebury Interactive Languages \$887,190 (Supt et al.)

The Board of Education has set the improvement of curriculum and instruction for English Language Learners as a priority for the district. This priority is at the heart of ensuring that ELL students meet the common core high standards in all academic areas. Hartford Public Schools will contract with Middlebury Interactive Languages to create ELL online curricula for the school year and during the summer, provide professional development, create teacher support materials, and to provide consulting services.

Mayor Segarra moved; Mr. Brescia seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to execute a contract with Middlebury Interactive Languages for the term delineated in the contract ending June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$887,190.

VOTE:

In Favor: Brescia, Mayor Segarra, Stallings, Taylor, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Colon-Rivas, Cotto, Poland

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. Contract Approval: Hartford Parent University \$79,166 (Supt et al.)

The implementation of district-wide training for families is a core component of the district's multi-year Family and Community Engagement Plan created by parents and presented by parents to the Board in June 2013. As part of this effort, Hartford Public Schools seeks to support family engagement in student achievement through a contract with Hartford Parent University to support families as partners in learning to increase student success and close achievement gaps.

Mayor Segarra made a motion; Mr. Stallings seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to execute a contract with Hartford Parent University for the term delineated in the contract ending June 30, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$79,166.

VOTE:

In Favor: Brescia, Mayor Segarra, Stallings, Taylor, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Colon-Rivas, Cotto, Poland

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Wareing accepted a motion to remove item 5 from the consent agenda. Dr. Taylor seconded.

5. Contract Amendment Approval: Scholastic Math 180 \$37,475 (Supt et al.)

The Board has previously authorized the superintendent to execute a contract with Scholastic Math 180 at a cost not to exceed \$117,975. This contract is a continuation of the original contract to add job-embedded coaching for teachers. Coaches will assist teachers with content understandings and instructional strategies. Teachers will be provided with twenty-five coaching days throughout the school year.

Mr. Wareing made a motion, Dr. Taylor seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to execute an amendment to the contract with Scholastic Math 180 of \$37,475 for additional job-embedded coaching for teachers.

VOTE:

In Favor: Brescia, Mayor Segarra, Stallings, Taylor, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Colon-Rivas, Cotto, Poland

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Consent Agenda

6. Interim Administrative Appointment (Supt. et al)

Mayor Segarra made a motion, Mr. Wareing seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Paula Erickson to the position of Interim Principal, Opportunity High School, for the period of January 22, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

VOTE:

In Favor: Brescia, Mayor Segarra, Stallings, Taylor, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Colon-Rivas, Cotto, Poland

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.