

HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Regular Meeting – February 24, 2014

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Hartford Board of Education (hereinafter “Board”) met on Monday, February 24, 2014 at the Journalism and Media Magnet Academy, 150 Tower Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06120.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Poland called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. A quorum was present.

<u>Present:</u> Matthew Poland Richard Wareing Honorable Mayor Pedro Segarra Jose Colon-Rivas Michael Brescia Craig Stallings Beth Taylor	<u>Absent:</u> Robert Cotto, Jr.
Dr. Kishimoto, Superintendent	

II. Board of Education Annual Organizational Meeting

Election of Officer – Chair

Mr. Poland entertained a motion to open the nominations for the office of Chair. Mayor Segarra nominated Mr. Wareing to the Office of Chair, Dr. Colon-Rivas seconded; hearing no other nomination, nominations were closed.

All written ballots were collected. Ms. Melinda Kaufmann, Assistant Corporation Counsel, announced the results of the written ballots. Mr. Wareing was elected to the office of Chair.

III. Business Agenda

A. Items in Order of Importance

1. Contract Continuation Approval: Teach for America \$650,940 / 3-year contract (Supt. et al)

Teach for America recruits teachers from the top colleges and universities across the country. Each teacher, corps member, commits to teach for two years in one of 39 urban and rural regions across the United States. Teach for America’s mission is to recruit, select, train and support outstanding recent college graduates to serve as highly qualified and effective teachers in urban schools.

Mr. Poland made a motion; Mayor Segarra seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to execute a contract with Teach for America for the term ending June 30, 2016 at an amount not to exceed \$650,940.

VOTE:

In Favor: Colon-Rivas, Poland, Mayor Segarra, Stallings, Taylor, Wareing

Opposed: Brescia, Cotto

Abstained: 0
Absent: 0

The motion passed by voice vote.

B. Consent Agenda

Chairman Poland accepted a motion to move all items listed under consent agenda. Mr. Wareing seconded.

2. Acceptance of Funds: Connecticut State Department of Education K-8 Science Improvement Grant \$64,890 (Supt. et al)

Excelling in Science Using Literacy and STEM is a grant-funded project by the state of Connecticut's Education Reform District K-8 Science Improvement Grant. The purpose of the grant is to increase/improve science instruction and support in grades K-8, particularly focused on improving literacy/Common Core State Standards.

That the Hartford Board of Education authorizes the superintendent to accept funds in the amount of \$64,890 from the Connecticut State Department of Education Excelling in Science Using Literacy Grant.

3. Acceptance of Funds: Hartford Foundation for the Public Giving \$64,000 (Supt. et al)

That the Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to accept funds in the amount of \$64,000 from Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for the purpose of providing Hartford Public School students in grades 9 through 11 and teachers in grades 9 through 12 with a hardcover copy of the Oxford American Dictionary & Thesaurus, 1st Edition.

4. School Administrative Appointment (Supt et al.)

That the Hartford Board of Education approves the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Carolyn Havrda to the position of principal, Montessori Magnet School at Moylan, effective March 1, 2014.

5. Approval of General Budget Allocation Changes through December 31, 2013 (Finance and Audit Committee)

VOTE:

In Favor: Brescia, Colon-Rivas, Poland, Mayor Segarra, Stallings, Taylor, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Cotto

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.