

HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Regular Meeting – August 27, 2013

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Hartford Board of Education (hereinafter “Board”) met on Tuesday, August 27, 2013. The meeting was held at Bulkeley High School, 300 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06114.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Poland called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m. A quorum was present.

<u>Present:</u> Matthew Poland, Chair Lori Hudson, Vice-Chair Cherita McIntye, Second Vice-Chair Robert Cotto, Jr., Secretary Honorable Mayor Pedro Segarra Elizabeth Brad Noel Richard Wareing	<u>Absent:</u> Luis Rodríguez-Dávila Jose Colon-Rivas
Superintendent Christina Kishimoto	

II. Business Agenda

A. Items in Order of Importance

Mr. Poland made a motion to move item No. 9 for Achievement First as the first item on the business agenda, due to the number of students who are present in the public waiting to hear from the Board’s decision. Mr. Wareing seconded the motion.

VOTE

In favor: Cotto, Hudson, McIntye, Noel, Poland, Mayor Segarra, Wareing
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Absent: Colon-Rivas, Rodriguez-Davila

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

Dr. McIntye made a motion; Mayor Segarra seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education accepts the second reading and adopts the new design specifications for Achievement First Hartford Academy II.

The Board has met several times to reviewed concerns raised by the community regarding the suspension rates. The Board has addressed these concerns diligently.

VOTE

In favor: Hudson, McIntye, Poland, Mayor Segarra, Wareing
Opposed: Cotto, Noel
Abstained: 0

Absent: Colon-Rivas, Rodriguez-Davila

The motion passed by voice vote.

1. 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 Gerardo Heredia to the position of Principal, America's Choice at SAND, effective July 1, 2013.

VOTE

In favor: Cotto, Hudson, McIntye, Noel, Poland, Mayor Segarra

Opposed: 0

Abstained: Wareing

Absent: Colon-Rivas, Rodriguez-Davila

The motion passed by voice vote.

2. First Reading: Revised Policy 2141 Leadership Succession (The Board)

The Hartford Board of Education accepts the first reading of the revised policy on Leadership Succession.

A vote was not required at this time.

3. First Reading: Revised Policy 1215 Educational Foundations (The Board)

The Hartford Board of Education accepts the first reading of the revised policy on Educational Foundations.

A vote was not required at this time.

4. First Reading: Revised Policy No. 6146 – Grading (Chairman Poland, Ms. Hudson and Ms. McIntye)

The Hartford Board of Education accepts the first reading of the revised Policy on Grading.

A vote was not required at this time.

5. Acceptance of Funds: State of Connecticut Department of Public Health – School Based Health Centers Program \$3,503,271 (Supt et al.)

Mayor Segarra made a motion; Ms. Noel seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to accept funds in the amount of \$3,503,271 for the operation of the School-Based Health Centers over the next three-year period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016.

VOTE

In favor: Cotto, Hudson, McIntye, Noel, Poland, Mayor Segarra, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Colon-Rivas, Rodriguez-Davila

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding: Great Path Academy Governing Board (Supt et al.)

Mayor Segarra moved; Dr. McIntye seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Education of Bolton, Coventry, East Hartford, Ellington, Glastonbury, Manchester and Tolland; and the Manchester Community College for the creation of an alliance of participating school districts to act as an advisory council capacity to Manchester Community College.

VOTE

In favor: Cotto, Hudson, McIntye, Noel, Poland, Mayor Segarra, Wareing
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Absent: Colon-Rivas, Rodriguez-Davila

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. Contract Approval: Levono Financial Services \$302,513 / 4 years (Supt et al.)

Hartford Public Schools will contract with Levono Financial Services to lease 375 Image Levono Laptop Computers for Pathways Academy of Technology and Design students. Students will have their own computers to put into practical use the technology learned in the classrooms.

Mr. Wareing moved; Dr. McIntye seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to execute a contract with Levono Financial Services, for the term of September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$302,513.

VOTE

In favor: Cotto, Hudson, McIntye, Noel, Poland, Mayor Segarra, Wareing
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Absent: Colon-Rivas, Rodriguez-Davila

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

8. Contract Continuation Approval: College Board \$100,000 (Supt et al.)

The College Board is a national non-for-profit membership organization whose work falls into three major categories: College Readiness, College Connection and Success, and Advocacy. The contract delineates two particular services: SAT School Day and SAT Readiness Program for SAT School Day.

Mr. Wareing made a motion; Ms. Noel seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to approve the contract with the College Board for the term delineated in the contract ending June 30, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.

Ms. Hudson left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

VOTE

In favor: McIntye, Noel, Poland, Mayor Segarra, Wareing
Opposed: Cotto

Abstained: 0
Absent: Colon-Rivas, Hudson, Rodriguez-Davila

The motion passed by voice vote.

B. Executive Session

Mr. Wareing made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss collective bargaining: The Hartford Federation of School Special. Mayor Segarra seconded.

VOTE

In favor: Cotto, Hudson, McIntye, Noel, Poland, Mayor Segarra, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Colon-Rivas, Rodriguez-Davila

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The executive session started at 9:02 p.m.

The executive session adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Mr. Cotto left the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

10. Approval of Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement: The Hartford Federation of School Special Police Officers (Supt. et al)

Mr. Wareing moved; Dr. McIntye, that the Hartford Board of Education approves the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Hartford Federation of School Special Police Officers, Local 1018D, AFT, AFL-CIO. The parties reached a tentative agreement on June 17, 2013; the membership of the bargaining unit ratified the tentative agreement on June 27, 2013.

The Board of Education approves the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Hartford Federation of School Special Police Officers, Local 1018D, AFT, AFL-CIO.

VOTE

In favor: McIntye, Noel, Poland, Mayor Segarra, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Colon-Rivas, Cotto, Hudson, Rodriguez-Davila

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Consent Agenda

Mr. Wareing made a motion to move all the items as listed on the consent agenda; Mayor Segarra seconded.

11. Acting and Interim 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. Doreen Crawford to the position of Acting Principal, M. L. King Elementary School, effective July 1, 2013.
- b. Frank Samuelson to the position of Interim Principal, HPHS Law and Government Academy, for the period of August 21, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

12. Contract Approval: David Stoloff, Ph. D., Educational Consultant \$82,750 (Supt et al.)

Hartford Public Schools will contract with David Stoloff, PH.D. as the project consultant for the Nellie Mae Foundation New Approaches for Urban Districts grant focused on high school blended learning as a student-centered approach.

The Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to execute a contract with David Stoloff, Ph.D. Educational Consultant, for the term of August 28, 2013 through November 30, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$82,750.

13. Contract Continuation Approval: Backbeat City Performing Arts Center \$53,839 (Supt et al.)

Backbeat City Performing Arts Center of Glastonbury, CT has partnered with Kinsella Magnet School for the past three years bringing outstanding programming in vocal and dance performance to the entire student body. As part of the school improvement plan, Kinsella has implemented a strong Enrichment program to complement its theme and increase a student's dedication to the learning process through the arts. Through the work with outside arts professionals, Backbeat City students will gain the confidence and interpersonal skills to be college and career ready in the arts.

The Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to execute a contract with Backbeat City Performing Arts Center for the term delineated in the contract ending May 29, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$53,839.

14. Contract continuation Approval: Leadership Greater Hartford - School Governance Council Training \$48,000 (Supt. et al)

Hartford Public Schools will contract with Leadership Greater Hartford to provide trained process coaches for the School Governance Councils at 17 schools that have new principals or will be conducting a search for new principals, and to provide two workshops for SGC Chairs.

The Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to execute a contract with Leadership Greater Hartford for the term delineated in the contract ending June 30, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$48,000.

15. Approval of School Construction Plans and ED042 Submittal – Burns Latino Studies Academy (Supt. et al)

The Hartford Board of Education approves the final plans and authorizes the architects to submit the documents for the Language Lab alterations at the Burns Latino Studies Academy (State Project #064-0302), to the Bureau of School Facilities for their review and approval.

16. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 21, 2013 (The Board)

17. Approval of the minutes of the special meeting held on May 1, 2013 (The Board)

18. Approval of the minutes of the public hearing held on April 16, 2013 (The Board)

19. Approval of the minutes of the special meeting held on April 9, 2013 (The Board)

VOTE

In favor: McIntye, Noel, Poland, Mayor Segarra, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Colon-Rivas, Cotto, Hudson, Rodriguez-Davila

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

III. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.