

HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Regular Meeting – December 19, 2013

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Hartford Board of Education (hereinafter “Board”) met on Tuesday, December 19, 2013 at Sarah J. Rawson School, Hartford, Connecticut 06112.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Poland called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m. A quorum was present.

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

II. Recognition of Outgoing Board Members

- Elizabeth Brad Noel, July 1993 – May 1997. January 2002 – December 2013
- Lori L. Hudson, January 2010 – December 2013
- Cherita L. McIntye, February 2012 – December 2013

III. Business Agenda

A. Items in Order of Importance

1. Second Reading and Adoption: Policy 0000 Core Beliefs (The Board)

Mr. Poland made a motion, Mr. Wareing seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education accepts the second reading and adopts the revised Policy on Core Beliefs.

Mr. Poland made a motion to table the item and referred it to the Policy Committee; Mr. Wareing seconded.

VOTE:

In Favor: Cotto, Hudson, Noel, Poland, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Colon-Rivas, McIntye, Rodriguez-Davila, Mayor Segarra

The motion to table passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. Second Reading and Adoption: Policy 0100 Mission – Vision – Strategy (The Board)

Mr. Wareing made a motion; Ms. Hudson seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education accepts the second reading and adoption of the revised Policy on Mission – Vision – Strategy.

Mr. Poland made a motion to table the item and referred it to the Policy Committee. Mr. Wareing seconded

VOTE:

In Favor: Cotto, Hudson, Noel, Poland, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Colon-Rivas, McIntye, Rodriguez-Davila, Mayor Segarra

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. Acceptance of Funds: State Department of Education Technology Grant \$621,515 (Supt. et al)

The State Department of Education announced the release of a \$10 million competitive technology grant for Connecticut school districts to bring more computers into classrooms and to increase Internet bandwidth capacity. These funds will provide assistance to local districts as they prepare for the statewide rollout during the 2014-15 school year of Common Core State Standards and the computer-based Smarter Balanced Assessments.

Mr. Wareing moved, Mr. Cotto seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education accepts the funds in the amount of \$621,515 from the Connecticut State Department of Education and allocate said funds according to the agreed upon grant guidelines.

VOTE:

In Favor: Hudson, Noel, Poland, Wareing

Opposed: Cotto

Abstained: 0

Absent: Colon-Rivas, McIntye, Rodriguez-Davila, Mayor Segarra

The motion passed by voice vote.

4. Contract Continuation Approval: Hartford Performs \$1,500,000 / 3-year (Supt et al)

This is a continuation of the contract with the Greater Hartford Arts Council as the fiscal agent for Hartford Performs. The organizing principle of Hartford Performs is the idea that collaborative networks of schools, arts providers, community organizations, funders and others can and should work toward a common vision of service to students, families and communities. Key drivers of Hartford Performs include the alignment of arts learning activities with required curriculum standards in Hartford Public Schools, the effective deployment of existing cultural resources in the community, and the measurement of the program's impact and outcomes.

Mr. Wareing moved; Ms. Hudson seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to execute a contract with the Greater Hartford Arts Council/Hartford Performs, for the term delineated in the contract ending June 30, 2017, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500,000.

VOTE:

In Favor: Cotto, Hudson, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: Noel, Poland

Absent: Colon-Rivas, McIntye, Rodriguez-Davila, Mayor Segarra

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. Contract Approval: New Perspectives on Learning \$220,000 (Supt et al)

Hartford Public Schools will contract with New Perspectives on Learning, LLC to provide consulting services to support district staff in effective alignment with Mathematics Common Core State Standards and the instructional shifts that the standards require for teachers and leaders.

Mr. Wareing moved; Ms. Hudson seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to execute a contract with New Perspectives on Learning for the term delineated in the contract ending June 30, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$220,000.

VOTE:

In Favor: Hudson, Noel, Poland, Wareing

Opposed: Cotto

Abstained:

Absent: Colon-Rivas, McIntye, Rodriguez-Davila, Mayor Segarra

The motion passed by voice vote.

C. Consent Agenda

Chairman Poland made a motion to change the order of the agenda to have the consent agenda prior to the Executive Session; Mr. Wareing seconded.

VOTE:

In Favor: Cotto, Hudson, Noel, Poland, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Colon-Rivas, McIntye, Rodriguez-Davila, Mayor Segarra

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Poland accepted a motion from Mr. Cotto to remove item No. 9 from the consent agenda. Mr. Wareing seconded.

VOTE:

In Favor: Cotto, Hudson, Noel, Poland, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Colon-Rivas, McIntye, Rodriguez-Davila, Mayor Segarra

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

9. Contract Continuation Approval: State of Connecticut Department of Education – Family Resource Center Programs \$627,000 (Supt. et al)

Family Resource Center concept promotes comprehensive, integrated, community-based systems of family support and child development services located in public school buildings. Family Resource Centers provide access, within a community, to a broad continuum of early childhood and family support services which foster the optimal development of children and families. Currently we operate six sites in partnership with community-based organizations.

Ms. Hudson moved, Mr. Poland Wareing seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to approve the 2013-2014 continuation of contracts for the operation of the Family Resource Centers as follows:

- The Village for Families & Children at the Latino Studies Academy at Burns, Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School, America's Choice at SAND Elementary School, and John C. Clark Jr. Elementary School.
- Hispanic Health Council at Maria C. Sánchez Elementary School and the Dr. Ramon E. Betances Early Reading Lab School.

Each contract should not to exceed the allocated amount by the State Department of Education of \$104,500 per Family Resource Center.

The Hartford Board of Education further authorizes the Superintendent to make necessary reductions should the State of Connecticut reduce its commitment to the Family Resource Centers.

VOTE:

In Favor: Cotto, Hudson, Noel, Poland, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Colon-Rivas, McIntye, Rodriguez-Davila, Mayor Segarra

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Wareing made a motion to accept all items listed under consent agenda; Ms. Hudson seconded.

8. Acceptance of Funds: School Security Grant \$522,655 (Supt. et al)

The purpose of this grant is to better protect Connecticut's students, teachers, faculty members and administrators from possible threats and hazards. The funds will be directed to schools with the highest needs in the areas of improved door locking systems, security cameras and security alarms.

That the Hartford Board of Education accepts funds in the amount of \$522,655 from the Connecticut State Department of Education for the School Security Grant Program, and allocate said funds according to the agreed upon grant guidelines.

10. Approval of the minutes of the special meeting held on November 25, 2013 (The Board)

11. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 19, 2013 (The Board)

12. Approval of the minutes of the special meeting held on October 29, 2013 (The Board)

13. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 15, 2013 (The Board)

14. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 17, 2013 (The Board)

VOTE:

In Favor: Cotto, Hudson, Noel, Poland, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Colon-Rivas, McIntye, Rodriguez-Davila, Mayor Segarra

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The execution session started at 8:10 p.m.

The executive session adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

B. Executive Session (1. Personnel Matter: Employment of Herman Prashad; 2. Collective Bargaining – Hartford Federation of Teachers)

Mr. Wareing made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the employment of Herman Prashad; and Collective Bargaining – Hartford Federation of Teachers; Mr. Poland seconded.

VOTE:

In Favor: Cotto, Hudson, Noel, Poland, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Colon-Rivas, McIntye, Rodriguez-Davila, Mayor Segarra

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. Teacher Termination (Supt. et al)

Mr. Poland moved; Ms. Noel seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education adopt the findings of fact and recommendations of the impartial hearing panel and terminate the employment of the certified staff member, Herman Prashad, effective immediately.

VOTE:

In Favor: Cotto, Hudson, Noel, Poland, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Colon-Rivas, McIntye, Rodriguez-Davila, Mayor Segarra

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

7. Approval of Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement: The Hartford Federation of Teachers (Supt. et al)

Mr. Poland made a motion; Mr. Wareing seconded, that the Board of Education approves the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Hartford Federation of Teachers, Local 1018, AFT, CFEPE, AFL-CIO.

VOTE:

In Favor: Cotto, Hudson, Noel, Poland, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Colon-Rivas, McIntye, Rodriguez-Davila, Mayor Segarra

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.