

# HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

## MINUTES

### Special Meeting – February 7, 2012

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Hartford Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Tuesday, February 7, 2012. The meeting was held at Hartford Public High School, 55 Forest Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106.

#### I. Call to Order

Ms. Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. A quorum was present.

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

The newly appointed Board members: Mr. Jose Colón-Rivas, Ms. Cherita McIntye, Mr. Matthew Poland, Mayor Pedro Segarra and Mr. Richard Wareing; were sworn in by Mr. John Bazzano, Town and City Clerk.

#### II. Board of Education Annual Organizational Meeting

##### 1. Election of Officers – Chair, Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, and Secretary

Ms. Hudson entertained a motion to open the nominations for the office of Chair. Mr. Poland was nominated to the Office of Chair; hearing no other nomination, nominations were closed.

Ms. Hudson entertained a motion to open the nominations for the office of First Vice Chair. Ms. Hudson was nominated to the Office of First Vice Chair; hearing no other nomination, nominations were closed.

Ms. Hudson entertained a motion to open the nominations for the office of Second Vice Chair. Ms. McIntye was nominated to the Office of Second Vice Chair; hearing no other nomination, nominations were closed.

Ms. Hudson entertained a motion to open the nomination for the office of Secretary. Mr. Cotto, was nominated to the Office of Secretary; 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. Poland was elected to the office of Chair, Ms. Hudson was elected to the office of First Vice Chair, Ms. McIntye was elected to the office of Second Vice Chair, and Mr. Cotto was elected to the office of Secretary.

#### III. Oath of Office

The Oath of Office was administered by Mr. John Bazzano, Town and City Clerk.

**IV. Public Comment**

1. Shontá Browdy, HPOC President, expressed her support for the reform and the work achieved in the schools. She stated that some parents are nervous about the possible changes, whether the new Board members will stop or alter the reform. She stated that parents are in full support of the reform. She stated that Hartford has the habit to start all over again. She also recommended reviewing the Powerschool system and keeping the information up to date.
2. Joshua Hall, Hartford Federation of Teachers Officer who is also a parent of a kindergarten student at Noah Webster, provided a statement on behalf of Ms. Andrea Johnson, HFT President. The statement referred to the change of leadership at the Latino Studies Academy and at Classical Magnet School. The note expressed the concerns raised for the changes and the lack of communication between the administrators and the schools' communities. Parents and teachers were notified of the changes after changes were made.
3. Hyacinth Yennie, Resident, welcomed the new board members. Spoke to the Board in support of the changes of leadership at Classical and Burns Latino Studies. She stated that Classical is left with a good foundation. She stated that Mr. Sullivan is up to the challenge.

**V. Executive Session**

At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Poland accepted a motion from Mayor Pedro Segarra to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters; Mr. Colón-Rivas seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.