

HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Special Meeting – April 9, 2013 Draft Minutes

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Hartford Board of Education (hereinafter “Board”) met on Tuesday, April 9, 2013. The meeting was held at University High School of Science and Engineering, 351 Mark Twain Drive, Hartford, Connecticut 06112.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Poland called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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

II. Budget Workshop

Dr. Kishimoto provided a presentation regarding the Strategic Budget Alignment for Sustained Practice-Superintendent’s Recommended Budget FY 2013-14. A copy of the presentation can be located in the official file of this meeting.

2013-14 Budget Priorities

Priority One: Common Core Standards Implementation

- ❖ Curriculum
- ❖ Computer-Adaptive Assessments – SBAC; NWEA MAP
- ❖ Standards-Based Grading
- ❖ Staff Capacity Building
- ❖ College-Readiness

**2013-14 is year three of five year Strategic Operating Plan*

Priority Two: Student Centered Approach

- ❖ College Readiness
 - College & Career Advising
 - Capstone Projects
 - Internships
 - SAT
- ❖ Blended Learning
 - Competency-Driven Teaching and Learning
 - Leverage Technology
- ❖ Student Success Plans

Priority Three: English Language Learners

- ❖ Language Acquisition
- ❖ Grade-Level Performance
- ❖ Language vs. Competency Assessment

- ❖ Policy and Advocacy

Priority Four: Special Education Continuum of Services

- ❖ District-based programs integrated within existing schools
- ❖ Partner-based programs in district (*including therapeutic and medical models*)

Priority Five: Public Engagement

- ❖ Parent Engagement Plan
- ❖ District Communications Plan

Operational Priority

- ❖ Increase in School Security Funding

Ms. Altieri, Chief Financial Officer, continued the presentation.

2013-14 Proposed All Funds

\$284.0M	General Budget	\$0 or 0% increase
\$130.6M	Special Funds	\$1.57 or 1.2% increase
\$414.6M	Total	\$1.57M or 0.4%

2013-14 Proposed Budget

2012-13 Operating Budget	\$413,002,361
2013-14 Proposed Operating Budget	\$414,570,835
Total Change	\$1,568,474
Percent Increase	0.4%

Ms. Altieri reported that changes are attributable to 11 major categories: 1) Salaries increased by \$1,803,980 due to contractual salary increases; 2) Transportation increased by \$1,927,499 due to increase of special education transportation cost; 3) Rental of Facilities increasing by \$1,858,198; 4) Fringe Benefits & Insurance increasing by \$1,182,223; 5) Tuition increased by \$410,076; 6) Utilities \$322,642; 7) Supplies and Materials decreased by \$267,401; 8) All other accounts decreased by \$377,998; 9) Professional Contracts and Services decreased by \$902,977; 10) Equipment decreased by - \$1,605,177; and 11) Building Improvements decreasing by -\$2,783,593.

2013-14 Revenue Assumptions

The Education Sharing Cost remains flat for 2013-14 at \$187,974,890. The Governor's budget proposes the elimination of the transportation and Health Welfare grants. Local tax contribution increased from 22.8% to 23.2%, Grant donations decreased from 30.1% to 29.3%, and Alliance Funding increased from 1.2% to 2.2%. The total revenue for 2013-14 is projected at \$414,570,835.

Cost control strategies include:

1. Zero-based approach to budgeting
2. New Transportation Contract
3. Special Education Costs
 - Transportation out of district
 - Out of district tuition
4. Fringe and Insurance

Discussion followed regarding the impact of a reduction on accounts for supplies and materials. Funding for this account is over \$9 million, a (\$267K) decrease may not have larger consequences. Schools will continue to have adequate supplies and materials.

The decrease on the professional development account is offset by grants that required professional development. Certified and non-certified employees also receive centralized professional development.

Discussion continued regarding the increase on transportation costs, special education tuition, and adult education among others. Board members will submit their questions around the Superintendent's proposed budget. Answers to the questions will be reviewed during the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for April 22.

III. Business Agenda

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

A. Items in Order of Importance

1. Approval to convert the Journalism and Media Academy to a *Sheff* Magnet School (Superintendent Kishimoto and Chairman Poland)

Mr. Wareing moved; Mayor Segarra seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education approves the conversion of the Journalism and Media Academy to a *Sheff* magnet school starting with the 9th grade in 2013-2014 with expansion to grade 12 by 2016-2017.

VOTE:

In favor: Colon-Rivas, Cotto, McIntye, Poland, Mayor Segarra, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Hudson, Noel, Rodriguez-Davila

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.