

HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Special Meeting – Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Hartford Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Tuesday, September 25, 2012. The meeting was held at 55 Forest Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06105.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Poland called the meeting to order at 5:40 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 Mayor Pedro Segarra Elizabeth Brad Noel Luis Rodríguez-Dávila Jose Colon-Rivas Richard Wareing	<u>Absent:</u>
Superintendent Christina Kishimoto	

Mr. Poland stated that the special meeting was held to take action on the item for the contract continuation approval with College Board. This item was tabled from a previous regular meeting where the Board requested more information on how the SAT program will continue to fit in with the program for college readiness. He stated that the decision to delay the vote was not about whether the Board could pay or not for the administration of SAT's.

Mr. Poland also stated that the Board did not have enough information to understand the entire process. The Board has requested for more information. It is the Board's responsibility to make decisions based on information.

II. Business Agenda

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

During the 2011-2012 school year, Hartford Public Schools and College Board partnered to provide free SAT preparation and testing to all HPS Juniors and all HPS Seniors in intervention and redesign schools. Hartford Public Schools would like to continue this partnership for the 2012-13 school year.

Mr. Poland moved; Mayor Segarra seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to approve and sign the contract with College Board for the term delineated in the contract ending September 30, 2013, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.

Board members apologized with the students for the misunderstanding and explained that they did not know about the timeline for the administration of the tests. They did not have enough information to make a decision so they delayed the vote. It was not their intention to cause turmoil.

Board members also raised concerns for the communication between the Board and the administration. They requested to the Superintendent to increase the communication with the Board and to provide sufficient information in a timely manner so they can make intelligent decisions.

The Board also discussed the administration of the SAT's and agreed on the importance of having the test accessible for students.

VOTE

In Favor: Colón-Rivas, Cotto, Mayor Segarra, McIntye, Noel, Wareing

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Hudson, Rodriguez-Davila

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

III. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.