

HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Regular Meeting – November 15, 2016

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Hartford Board of Education (hereinafter “Board”) met on Tuesday, November 15, 2016. The meeting was held at Classical Magnet School, 85 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT 06112.

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**

Mr. Wareing called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m. There was a quorum present.

<u>Present:</u> Richard Wareing, Chair Tiffany Glanville, Vice-Chair Craig Stallings, Secretary Julio Flores Karen T. Taylor Michael Brescia	<u>Absent:</u> Robert Cotto, Jr.
Superintendent Beth Schiavino-Narvaez	
Student Representative, Alexa Marotta	

Mr. Wareing started out by welcoming Alexa Marotta, our new student representative to the Board. She is a sophomore at Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy. He also held a moment of silence for Craig Yennie, who passed away and is Hyacinth Yennie's son.

III. Public Participation

1. Levey Kardulis, spoke against hiring individuals, in particular Superintendent's, that are only here for a short period of time. He spoke against renewing our Chief Labor and Legal Officer's contract.
2. Shontá Browdy stated that Milner parents came to her and expressed concern that before students went outside the building for recess, teachers had to go out first and look for drug paraphernalia, smoking, etc. She also stated that with the phasing out of the Weaver Culinary Academy and not taking in new students; that is basically setting up the remaining students for failure.
3. Tracy Carter, stated the printers are still not set up at the HPHS Library.
4. Annette Shack, Greater Hartford NAACP, spoke on their goals being to advocate for free quality public educations, and denounce the movement towards privatization of schools and have reservations about charter schools. The schools in north Hartford have been underfunded and unsupported, leaving them segregated, and with crumbling structures. They demand that the Board and City Council keep the north end schools open and transform them into quality schools. She also stated these proposed school closings violates the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

5. Paul Holzer, Achieve Hartford, gave out copies of their Annual Report. He spoke on partnerships being extremely important. There is a lot of politics and constant change in the world of education.
6. Michael Downes, president of the substitute federation of teachers, seems like all the schools that we wanted to close are in the poorest neighborhoods. Again advocated for the termination of our legal department, and use corporation counsel. He also again spoke on reconsidering the closing of Culinary Academy. He spoke highly of our present superintendent and stated our next superintendent should be chosen locally.

IV. Reports

1. Report of the Chair
Mr. Wareing had no report.

2. Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Narvaez, in her last meeting as Superintendent, thanked everyone that she has worked with, parents, community, staff and board, thanking them all for their leadership and partnership.

Ms. Paula Altieri gave the 1st Quarter Financial Report, as of September 30, 2016. (posted on website)

3. Committee Reports
 - Parent and Community Engagement
Ms. Glanville reported they had a second review of the SGC, Parent Organizations and Parent and Community Involvement Policies.
 - Policy Committee
Ms. Taylor reported they are working on the revision of the School Closure, Consolidation and Relocation Policy and it is almost complete.
 - Finance Committee
Mr. Stallings reported that budget season is coming up and reminded us that the City did not meet the Minimum Budget Requirement last year.

V. Business Agenda

A. Consent Agenda

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

1. Contract Continuation Approvals: Lighthouse School Initiative (Supt et al.)

On June 17, 2014, the Hartford of Education approved Sarah J. Rawson School to be a Hartford Public Schools Lighthouse School. Rawson School continues to develop its Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) model to improve student achievement, provide an exciting neighborhood school opportunity to new and existing families and contribute toward stabilizing the neighborhood's residential patterns. The model

has a business and industry focus and is officially called STEAM: Business and Industry. To that end, the Connecticut Business & Industry Association Education Foundation (CBIA EF) will continue to manage the scope of this project, and the Blue Hills Civic Association (BHCA) will continue to support and expand the school's community hub.

That the Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to execute the following contract continuations:

- a) Connecticut Business & Industry Association Education Foundation (CBIA EF), for the term delineated in the contract ending June 30, 2017, at an amount not to exceed \$97, 450. Funds for this contract come from the Connecticut State Department of Education.
- b) Blue Hills Civic Association (BHCA) for the term delineated in the contract ending June 30, 2017, at an amount not to exceed \$79,458. Funds for this contract come from the Lighthouse Funds.

2. Contract Continuation Approval: MailFinance/Neopost New England \$237,416.40/5 years (Supt et al.)

MailFinance/Neopost New England will contract with the Hartford Public Schools to provide a lease for up to 40 postage machines for up to 40 schools/departments across the district. The new meters are more economical to operate, have maintenance and support charges built into the lease and provide the user with significant enhancements.

That the Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to execute a lease agreement with MailFinance/Neopost New England for the period of November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$237,416.40.

3. Approval of Alliance Grant Projects and Submittal of Expenditures (Supt et al.)

The State Department of Administrative Services, Division of Construction Services, and Office of School Construction Grants & Review requires that the Board of Education certify that the attached school projects, as identified in the Alliance Grant have been completed.

That the Hartford Board of Education accepts the projects as listed, as complete. Furthermore, that the Board of Education approves the submittal of all expenditures to the Office of School Construction Grants & Review.

VOTE

In favor: Wareing, Glanville, Stallings, Brescia, Flores, Taylor

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Cotto

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Executive Session (Discussion of Documents Related to Collective Bargaining)

4. Approval of proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement: Hartford Schools Support Supervisors Association, Local 78, AFSA, AFL-CIO.

That the Board of Education approves the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Hartford Schools Support Supervisors Association, Local 78, AFSA, AFL-CIO.

VOTE

In favor: Wareing, Glanville, Stallings, Brescia, Flores, Taylor

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Cotto

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.