

**HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting – December 20, 2016**

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Hartford Board of Education (hereinafter “Board”) met on Tuesday, December 20, 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 5:39 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 Leslie Torres-Rodriguez	
	Student Representative, Alexa Marotta

**III. Public Participation**

1. Andrea Johnson, president of the Hartford Federation of Teachers, wanted to formally introduce the HFT to the acting superintendent, and reminded her of the monthly meeting coming up. She also thanked her for quickly taking care of the mistake on the 2017-18 school calendar.
2. Michael Downes, president of the Hartford Federation of Substitute Teachers, congratulated the acting superintendent, and welcomed her. He spoke on the history of the Hartford schools, and how things have changed. He stated that he proposed to the Hartford City Council that they should tax all of the people that work in Hartford, but live outside of Hartford.
3. Tracy Carter, Paraeducator for Hartford Public High School, stated the printers are still not set up at the HPHS Library, and that it has been years that she has been advocating for this. She also stated they have received used books from Wish Elementary School. She showed the board members a picture of an old copy machine currently at the school.
4. Hyacinth Yennie, Parent Advocate, thanked everyone for their love and support on the passing of her son. She plans to keep his legacy going, and would like to start a scholarship program at Classical Magnet and Sport & Medical Sciences Academy, the schools that her son attended. She stated that it was important that our science curriculum is up to par. The students here are smart, they just needed to be given the opportunity.
5. Milly Arciniegas, Hartford Parent University, congratulated Dr. Torres in her new role as acting superintendent. She reflected on the last few years, and said that two words constantly come up: safety and trust. She reiterated the history of Clark School, and how that furthered the mistrust of the community. She also spoke on the sticker incident, and the 4

year old that walked out of Milner School, and the 21 failing schools. She also spoke on the media director of Hartford Schools, and an unpleasant experience she had.

#### **IV. Reports**

##### 1. Report of the Chair

Mr. Wareing appointed Ms. Glanville chair of the School Choice and Facilities Committee, and Julio Flores to chair the Parent & Community Engagement Committee.

##### 2. Report of the Superintendent

##### 3. Committee Reports

- Parent and Community Engagement

Ms. Glanville spoke on the Milner School incident where a kindergarten student walked out of the school, and wanted to reiterate that as a parent this deeply troubled her. Some of her thoughts included monitoring exits, and adding more behavior technicians to the schools. One possible way of doing this would be to centralize the behavior technician position, and budget this outside of Student Based Budgeting.

#### **V. Business Agenda**

##### 1. **First Reading: Proposed School Calendar for 2017-18 (Supt et al.)**

That the Hartford Board of Education accepts the first reading of the proposed 2017-2018 School Calendar.

No vote was needed at this time.

##### **A. Executive Session (Discussion of Documents Related to Collective Bargaining)**

##### 2. **Approval of proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement: Hartford Educational Support Personnel, Local 82, AFSA, AFL-CIO.**

That the Board of Education approves the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with Hartford Educational Support Personnel, Local 82, 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.