

HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Special Meeting – May 15, 2018

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Hartford Board of Education (hereinafter “Board”) met on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. The meeting was held at Annie Fisher Elementary School, 280 Plainfield Street, Hartford, CT 06112.

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

Mr. Stallings called the meeting to order at 5:48 p.m. There was a quorum present.

<u>Present:</u> Craig Stallings, Chair Tiffany Glanville, Vice-Chair Karen T. Taylor, Second Vice-Chair Julio Flores, Secretary Shontá Browdy Ayesha R. Clarke Juan M. Hernandez	<u>Absent:</u> Kimberly D. Oliver
Superintendent Leslie Torres-Rodriguez	
	Student Representative, Alexa Marotta

III. Public Hearing on Budget

1. Andrew Clark, parent at the Annie Fisher Montessori, spoke on a study being done on Montessori and those students performing better than conventional schools, and if that is true and we have an exceptional school here, why is this proposed budget cutting staff at the school.
2. Erin Sheehan, also from AF Montessori, continued with Mr. Clark’s statement and spoke against the proposed cuts to staff at the school.
3. Alex Campbell, Global SGC co chair, asked about the funds for teachers that are on unpaid leave, and the impact it has on dollars that could go into the classroom. He also spoke on feeling that the SGC does not having a real say in the budget process.
4. Sirena Davis, parent at Global, spoke on the lack of support for students in transition. Wants to ensure that the 2 coordinators are in the budget so that all the students receive their Say Yes scholarships.
5. Michael Downes, spoke on not hearing the Board, the Mayor and City Council speaking out against DCF and the poor remarks made in response to the student that passed away, while under DCF investigation. Also spoke on merging the 2 public library systems, and the high salaries at Central Office.
6. Alyssa Peterson, attended the budget hearing at City Hall when the Board presented, and was shocked at the decrease of federal funds. We need a forensic auditor to find out where the federal funds are going? She stated we need to do a better job with public relations, and

getting this message out. She also wanted to commend the Board on the lack of mayhem that she has seen.

7. Doug Glanville, wanted to revisit when he went through the student based budgeting (SBB) as chair of an SGC. He wanted to make sure that we do not default to the, as he referred to, "concentration of privilege". For example, free PK which magnet schools have and neighborhood schools do not. To attract certain people we feel we need to do that. To maintain your school we will bless you with our child. Who are we repelling with that policy?
8. Teresa Chan, teacher at AF Montessori, is concerned with cuts to positions such as the behavior technician and the librarian. They are needed to fully support the functioning of our classrooms.

I. Business Agenda

A. Items in Order of Importance

1. Administrative Appointments (Supt et. al)

That the Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint the following individuals to the position indicated:

- a) Ms. Glanville moved; and Ms. Clarke seconded, Madeline Negrón to the position of Chief Academic Officer, effective June 11, 2018;

VOTE

In favor: Stallings, Glanville, Taylor, Flores, Browdy, Clarke, Hernandez

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Oliver

Julio Moved, Shonta seconded

- b) Mr. Flores moved; and Ms. Browdy seconded, Nuchette Black-Burke to the position of Chief Engagement and Partnerships Officer, effective June 11, 2018;

VOTE

In favor: Stallings, Glanville, Taylor, Flores, Browdy, Clarke, Hernandez

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Oliver

- c) Mr. Hernandez moved; and Ms. Taylor seconded, Anthony Davila to the position of Principal at Bellizzi Asian Studies Academy, effective May 16, 2018.

VOTE

In favor: Stallings, Glanville, Taylor, Flores, Browdy, Clarke, Hernandez

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Oliver

2. Contract Continuation Approval: FourPoint Education Partners \$239,100 (Supt et al.)

FourPoint Education Partners (formerly Cross & Joffus) has served as the HPS' independent monitor for the district's implementation of its action plan in response to the Office of the Child Advocate's (OCA) report.

As noted in their second report as independent monitor dated April 3, 2018, "HPS has largely addressed the central challenge identified in the OCA report..." however also notes that there is still work to be done to improve school culture and climate. The district has secured Alliance Grant funding to continue the contract with FourPoint Education Partners, to provide HPS with capacity and support to continue implementing the OCA action plan within the broader framework of improved school culture and climate.

Ms. Taylor moved; and Ms. Glanville seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to execute a contract with FourPoint Education Partners, for the term delineated in the contract ending June 30, 2019, at a cost not to exceed \$239,100.

VOTE

In favor: Stallings, Glanville, Taylor, Flores, Browdy, Clarke, Hernandez

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Oliver

3. First Reading: Educational Specifications for Bulkeley and Burns School

That the Hartford Board of Education accepts the first reading of the Educational Specifications for the projects listed below:

- a) Bulkeley High School
- b) Burns Latino Studies Academy

No vote was needed at this time.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.