

**HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting – July 24, 2018**

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Hartford Board of Education (hereinafter “Board”) met on Tuesday, July 24, 2018. The meeting was held at the Journalism and Media Academy, 150 Tower Avenue, Hartford, CT 06114.

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

Mr. Stallings called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m. There was a quorum present.

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

**III. Public Participation**

1. Hyacinth Yennie, concern over HPHS leadership and the need to place temporary leadership for now. Ms. Yennie also shared her concern over hearing the mechanic shop at Bulkeley was closed, and that HPHS graduates students that do not deserve to graduate yet. She also stated that the calls to DCF were an issue, that not all need to reach that point and clog up the system.

**IV. Reports**

1. Report of the Chair
2. Report of the Superintendent

**I. Business Agenda**

**A. Items in Order of Importance**

1. Contract Continuation Approval: PowerSchool Group LLC. \$273,106 (Supt et al.)

PowerSchool Group LLC provides a student information system which enables the district to collect, store, analyze, and report student level data including but not limited to enrollment, school membership, attendance, discipline infractions, and course grades. PowerSchool is a

critical tool used by the district to comply with federal and state reporting requirements and support district efforts to monitor key performance indicators. The contract continuation includes Student Information System licensing, Assessment and Analytics System licensing, technical support and online learning.

The PowerSchool contract was expanded in 2017-18 to include the PowerSchool Assessment and Analytics bundle where common standards-based assessments were developed and used to measure student performance on standards, monitor curriculum implementation and data-informed instruction, reduce student assessment redundancy, decrease district assessment costs, and increase parent engagement. The cost of this expansion was offset by the discontinuation of the Sungard Performance Plus contract and reduction of NWEA MAP Assessment licenses. This contract supports district efforts to provide consistent high-quality curriculum implementation, instructional improvement and develop a culture of continuous improvement as well as integrate student assessment data in one system improving the district's ability to monitor academic continuous improvement indicators.

Ms. Glanville moved; and Ms. Oliver seconded, that the Hartford Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to execute a contract with PowerSchool Group LLC for the term delineated in the contract ending July 1, 2019 at a cost not to exceed \$273,106 with option to renew annually.

**VOTE**

In favor: Stallings, Glanville, Flores, Browdy, Oliver

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Taylor, Clarke, Hernandez

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**2. Second Reading and Adoption: Various Hartford Public Schools Policies (Policy Committee)**

That the Hartford Board of Education accepts the second reading and adopts the following policies:

- a. Policy 4118.21 – Reporting of Abuse and Neglect
- b. Policy 4118.3 – Harassment (Personnel)
- c. Policy 5163 – Harassment (Students)

**VOTE**

In favor: Stallings, Glanville, Flores, Browdy, Oliver

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Taylor, Clarke, Hernandez

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**B. Consent Agenda**

Ms. Oliver made a motion; Ms. Glanville seconded, to take the consent agenda up as one item.

VOTE

In favor: Stallings, Glanville, Flores, Browdy, Oliver

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Taylor, Clarke, Hernandez

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. Contract Continuation Approval: CBS Therapy \$981,631 (Supt et al.)

CBS Therapy will continue to be contracted to provide speech and language services to mandated Hartford Public Schools students who require these services. Due to the shortage of speech-language professionals, it is necessary to utilize this service to ensure compliance with state and federal education guidelines.

That the Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to execute a contract with CBS Therapy for \$981,631 for the term delineated in the contract, ending June 30, 2019.

4. Contract Continuation Approval: Connecticut Pediatric Neuropsychology Associates \$80,000 (Supt et al.)

Connecticut Pediatric Neuropsychology provides neuropsychological testing, evaluations and consultations to special education students who are mandated to receive these services per PPT recommendation. We have been utilizing the services of Connecticut Pediatric Neuropsychology for the past 8 years.

That the Hartford Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to execute a contract with Connecticut Pediatric Neuropsychology Associates for the term delineated in the contract ending June 30, 2019, at an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

VOTE

In favor: Stallings, Glanville, Flores, Browdy, Oliver

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Taylor, Clarke, Hernandez

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.