

West Hartford Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Regular Board Meeting  
**March 15, 2016**

Present: Mrs. Blanks, Ms. Exum, Dr. Greenberg, Mr. Pauluk, Mr. Sarzen, Mr. Zydanowicz,  
Superintendent Moore, Student Representatives Zacharie Mega (Conard), Rachel Schunder  
(Hall)

Absent: Dr. Overmyer-Velazquez

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<p>The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance</i></p>
<p>The agenda was revised to have the presentation on Safety Practices and Protocols in West Hartford Athletics take place prior to the Quest Update.</p>	<p><i>Revision to Agenda Order</i></p>
<p>Ann Trambert, 89 Lyman Road, spoke regarding February vacation.</p>	<p><i>Public Communication</i></p>
<p>John Joyce, 170 South Main Street, spoke regarding postings for budget suggestions and access for nurses to antidotes for opiates.</p>	
<p>Mr. Sarzen moved and Dr. Greenberg seconded:</p>	
<p>THAT the Board of Education accept and approve as a Second and Final Reading the proposed calendar for the 2017-2018 school year.</p>	<p><i>2017-2018 School Year Calendar</i></p>
<p>Board members noted Ms. Trambert’s passion for the subject while noting that this action is necessitated by the state legislature which would include financial penalties if not adopted.</p>	
<p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>Dr. Greenberg moved and Mr. Sarzen seconded:</p>	
<p>THAT the Board of Education approve the following policies which were reviewed by the Board Policy Subcommittee.</p>	<p><i>Policy Review</i></p>
<p>4000---Concepts and Roles in Personnel 4012---Discipline 4013---Association Membership 4014---Grievances 4030---Recruitment and Selection</p>	
<p>Mr. Zydanowicz reviewed the changes recommended by the Board Policy Subcommittee.</p>	

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sarzen moved and Mrs. Blanks seconded:

THAT the Board of Education accept as a First Reading the following policies which were revised by the Board Policy Subcommittee:

- 4010---Affirmative Action
- 4011---Sexual Harassment

Dr. Greenberg reviewed the changes recommended by the Board Policy Subcommittee.

The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Moore noted that it is Board of Education appreciation month, and he thanked Board members for their service. West Hartford's *What's Cookin'* will be held on April 2, and the honoree will be Dr. Nancy DePalma. West Hartford Unified Basketball, with students from all three middle schools, won the gold medal. While not official, Mr. Moore expects graduation to take place Thursday, June 9. The CT High School Coaches' Association selected Betty Remigino-Knapp as Outstanding Athletic Director of the Year.

Ms. Betty Remigino-Knapp, Dr. Andrew Morrow and Dr. Subramani Seetharama, Chief of Physical Medicine and Rehab at Harford Hospital, gave a presentation on the Safety Practices and Protocols in West Hartford High School Athletics. They reviewed student athlete participation data, preventative safety measures and protocols, laws regarding concussion and sudden cardiac arrest, reporting information online, and concussion management. Dr. Seetharama provided in depth information about the many aspects of concussions. Board members followed up with a variety of questions.

Dr. Nancy DePalma, Mary Thompson, and several QUEST teachers provided an update on both the QUEST and Math QUEST programs. The teachers noted that the identification process can begin as early as the spring of a student's third grade year but is a continuous process though 8<sup>th</sup> grade. They reviewed the Enrichment Triad Model which consists of three types of enrichment from which students benefit throughout the elementary and middle school grades. Board members

*Revised Policies  
First Reading*

*Superintendent's  
Report*

*Athletic Safety Practices  
and Protocols*

*QUEST  
Update*

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followed up with questions about identification of students, resources, and staffing.

Mr. Rick Ledwith gave the Board a summary of changes in certified staffing since the last Board meeting as well as an update on recruitment efforts for next year's staffing needs. He reviewed both career fairs and expected retirement levels.

*Personnel  
Report*

Dr. Greenberg moved and Mr. Sarzen seconded:

*Financial  
Report*

THAT the Board of Education approve the Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2016.

Mr. Pauluk reviewed several minor changes in accounts. He noted that the Nutrition Services account has done better than expected. However, the contract has not yet been ratified so there will be adjustments when that takes place.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sarzen moved and Dr. Greenberg seconded:

*Approval of Minutes*

THAT the Board of Education approve the minutes of the regular Board of Education meeting of March 1, 2016.

The motion passed unanimously.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Travel Magic Basketball team won the Division 1 and championship games. There will be a CREC meeting tomorrow about the Governor's budget cuts, and the Addams Family Musical is fantastic.

*Information and  
Reports*

Student Representative Zach Mega reported that the Addams Family Musical is currently playing. Participants in the St. Baldrick's Against Childhood Cancer raised over \$3,000. The second Human Rights Day will be held Wednesday where training will be given. The Safe School Climate Committee is meeting and discussing tensions at this time of year. Student Representative Rachel Schunder reported on Do Something Day, The Annual Alumni of Color Conference at Harvard was on March 5, and the Human Rights Coalition hosted a screening of a movie about the Syrian refugee crisis and donated monies raised. Hall placed in the middle of the pack at the Robotics New England Championships. There was a pep rally where the state championship

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cheerleaders performed. Pops & Jazz is this weekend.

Ms. Exum announced the following meeting dates:

1. Wednesday, March 23, 2016, Public Hearing followed by Budget Workshop #2, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, room 314, Legislative Chamber
2. Tuesday, April 5, 2016, regular Board Meeting, Adoption of the Superintendent's Budget, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall. 50 South Main Street, room 314, Legislative Chamber
3. Tuesday, April 19, 2016, regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall. 50 South Main Street, room 314, Legislative Chamber

*Announcement of  
Meeting Dates*

John Joyce, 170 South Main Street, spoke regarding Quest being part of an IEP, safety and concussions.

*Comments from  
Visitors*

Mrs. Blanks moved and Dr. Greenberg seconded:

*Adjournment*

That the Board adjourn at 9:58 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

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Mark Overmyer-Velazquez, Chairperson    Carol A. Blanks, Secretary  
*Respectfully submitted by: Mrs. K. Hickey, Acting Clerk of the Board*

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