

West Hartford Public Schools
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
April 5, 2016

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

Absent: Mr. Sarzen

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Greenberg moved and Ms. Exum seconded:

THAT the Board of Education review the Superintendent's proposed budget in the amount of \$153,633,022, make revisions as necessary, and adopt the 2016-2017 Board of Education budget.

Board members commended Superintendent Moore and his staff for an efficient budget they can proudly support. They spoke about the value the town is getting for the money spent and keeping kids first while keeping costs down. Mr. Zydanowicz expressed concern about budgets that continue to increase and that savings must be found especially with declining enrollment. They all noted how much they appreciated meeting with the parent community and the positive feedback they received.

The motion passed 5-1.

In Favor: Mrs. Blanks, Ms. Exum, Dr. Greenberg,
Dr. Overmyer-Velazquez, Mr. Pauluk

Opposed: Mr. Zydanowicz

Superintendent Moore thanked the many people who have put a lot of hard work into the budget process and noted that while he gets the thanks he feels like he's standing on the shoulders of giants. Mr. Moore announced that Anne McKernan has been hired as the new Director of Secondary Education and Jeff Sousa has been appointed as the permanent Principal of Braeburn Elementary. Roszena Haskins joined Mr. Moore at the State Capital as West Hartford was recognized as one of the original members of Project Concern, now Open Choice.

*Roll Call/Pledge of
Allegiance/Revision to
Agenda Order*

*Adoption of 2016-
2017 Budget*

*Superintendent's
Report*

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Dr. Greenberg moved and Mrs. Blanks seconded:

THAT the Board of Education approve the minutes of the regular Board of Education meeting of March 15, 2016.

The motion passed 5-0-1 with Dr. Overmyer-Velazquez abstaining.

Mrs. Blanks moved and Ms. Exum seconded:

THAT the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of March 23, 2016.

The motion passed unanimously.

Charter Oak will host a “Homecoming” celebration on Saturday, April 30, to give everyone who has been a part of Charter Oak one last look around the old building. Mr. Pauluk reported that in learning about bus emission standards, he found out that all of the buses that came in to service after 2007 meet the standards. Three older buses are being phased out of service. Dr. Overmyer-Velazquez noted that he attended the LGBTQ Staff Committee meeting and expressed his support for their work.

Student Representative Zach Mega reported that the Save A Life tour was at Conard today with a focus on texting and driving. AP pre-registration took place, spring sports have started with snow on the ground, and college acceptances are being received. The 34th annual Congressional Art Competition is taking place and two students from Conard have been chosen as CAS High School Art award recipients. Student Representative Rachel Schunder reported that the Save a Life Tour will be at Hall on Friday, a Holocaust survivor spoke at Hall last week, and acting classes had two days when they were in character for the entire day. Finally, spring break trips will take many students to seven different countries on three continents.

Dr. Overmyer-Velazquez announced the following meeting dates:

1. Tuesday, April 19, 2016, regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall. 50 South Main Street, room 314, Legislative Chamber

Approval of Minutes

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2. Tuesday, May 3, 2016, regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall. 50 South Main Street, room 314, Legislative Chamber
 3. Tuesday, May 17, 2016, regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall. 50 South Main Street, room 314, Legislative Chamber
 4. Tuesday, May 31, Board Awards, 6:00 p.m., King Philip Middle School, 100 King Philip Drive (no BOE meeting)
 5. Tuesday, June 7, 2016, regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall. 50 South Main Street, room 314, Legislative Chamber

Mrs. Blanks asked for information about how students are assessed for Special Education.

*Request for Future
Agenda Items*

Dr. Greenberg moved and Mrs. Blanks seconded:

Adjournment

That the Board adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

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

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