

West Hartford Public Schools
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
March 21, 2017

Present: Mrs. Blanks, Ms. Exum, Dr. Greenberg, Dr. Overmyer-Velazquez, Mr. Pauluk, Mr. Sarzen, Mr. Zydanowicz, Superintendent Moore, Student Representatives Hugo Barrillon (Conard), Sarah Berman (Hall)

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| The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm | <i>Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance</i> |
| No Student Participation at this time | <i>Student Participation</i> |
| Elena Sada, 12 School House Drive, spoke about class size in regard to student success. | <i>Public Communication</i> |
| Anna Boelitz, 25 Arapahoe Drive, spoke regarding the budget and the reduction of budget items that are necessary to keep for example the Quest Program. | |
| Maria Cruz, 6 Catherine Street, Hartford, commented on the Open Choice Program and kindergarten students. | |
| Enrique Miras Alonsa, 12 Erwin Street, spoke in favor of keeping the elementary language program. | |
| Audrey Fromson, 46 Porter Drive, commented on her experiences in foreign language class from the perspective of a high school student. | |
| Tara Jackson, 577 Griffin Road, South Windsor, spoke regarding the cuts made to reading interventions. | |
| Tara Tiernan, 333 North Steele Road, spoke on her experiences as a student taking the World Language course, Chinese. | |
| No Unfinished Business at this time | <i>Unfinished Business</i> |
| No New Business at this time. | <i>New Business</i> |

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Superintendent Tom Moore pointed out that today is World Down Syndrome Day and that he was wearing crazy socks in a show of support.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Blanks moved and Mrs. Exum seconded:

*Approval
Of Minutes*

THAT the Board of Education approve the revised minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting of March 7, 2017

The motion passed unanimously.

Hall student representative Sarah Berman spoke on the Relay for Life trivia night and the upcoming start of spring sports at Hall. Conard student representative Hugo Barrillon commented on spring sports and the start of the Conard musical, Cinderella.

*Information and
Reports*

Dr. Overmyer-Velazquez announced the following meeting dates:

*Announcement of
Meeting Dates*

1. Wednesday, March 29, 2017, Public Hearing followed by Budget Workshop # 3, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, room 314.
2. Tuesday, April 4, 2017, Regular Board of Education meeting, Adoption of the Board of Education Budget for 2017-2018, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, room 314
3. Tuesday, April 18, 2017, Regular Board of Education meeting, 7:00 pm, Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, Legislative Chamber, room 314.

Beth LaChance, 111 Stoner Drive, spoke on the proposed budget cuts to the Early Intervention Program at Duffy Elementary School.

*Comments from
Visitors*

Peter Towey, 27 Bonny View Road, commented on the importance of protecting against additional budget cuts.

Sarah Healy, 381 South Quaker Lane, spoke on the importance of keeping language courses at the high school level.

Susannah Chen, 17 Duffield Drive, commented on the reductions to the Quest Program.

Megan Striff-Cave, 38 Ranger Lane, spoke regarding the Quest Program.

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Erin Striff, 38 Ranger Drive, spoke regarding Fine and Performing Arts programs.

Joy Russell, 10 Pelham Road, thanked Superintendent Tom Moore and the Board for all their hard work and for the many opportunities given to our students and also commented on the students need for diversity.

Mr. Pauluk moved and Mr. Sarzen seconded:

THAT the Board adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Mark Overmyer-Velazquez
Chairperson

Carol A. Blanks
Secretary

Respectfully submitted by: Mrs. C. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

Adjournment

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