

West Hartford Public Schools
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
April 4, 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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<p>The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm</p>	<p><i>Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance</i></p>
<p>Dr. Gretchen Nelson, Director of Pupil Services, and Mr. Ted Dillon, Department Supervisor, along with students Allison and David from Post-Secondary Education presented to the Board the autism awareness puzzle that was put together in a collaborative effort from each of the schools, as well as central office departments and staff. Each student spoke on what it means to have autism. Dr. Gretchen Nelson thanked the Board for all their support in allowing us to bring autism awareness to our schools and staff. The Board thanked the students for their presenting and sharing of personal stories.</p>	<p><i>Student Participation</i></p>
<p>No Public Communication at this time</p>	<p><i>Public Communication</i></p>
<p>Mrs. Blanks moved and Ms. Exum seconded:</p>	<p><i>Unfinished Business</i></p>
<p> THAT the Board of Education review the Superintendent’s proposed budget in the amount of \$166,220,361, make revisions as necessary, and adopt the 2017-2018 Board of Education budget revisions.</p>	
<p>Motions and discussion on line- by- line adoptions to the budget were then submitted as follows:</p>	
<p>Mr. Pauluk moved and Dr. Greenberg seconded:</p>	
<p> THAT the Board eliminate adjustments to reflect the Governor’s budget.</p>	
<p>Motion passed 5-2 in favor. Item adopted.</p>	

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Mr. Pauluk moved and Mr. Zydanowicz seconded:

THAT the Board eliminate the Suzuki Program

Motion failed 5-2 against. Item not adopted.

Ms. Exum moved and Mr. Zydanowicz seconded:

THAT the Board reduce middle school reading teachers.

Motion failed unanimously. Item not adopted.

Mr. Pauluk moved and Mrs. Blanks seconded:

THAT the Board eliminate middle school grade 7/8 teams and increase class size.

Motion failed unanimously. Item not adopted.

Dr. Greenberg moved and Mrs. Blanks seconded:

THAT the Board accept an increase to high school class size.

Motion failed 5-2 against. Item not adopted.

Mr. Pauluk moved and Mr. Sarzen seconded:

THAT the Board eliminate the ASK program.

Motion failed 4-3 against. Item not adopted.

Mr. Sarzen moved and Mr. Zydanowicz seconded:

THAT the Board eliminate 1.0 library media specialist from the high school level.

Motion failed 5-2 against. Item not adopted.

Mr. Sarzen moved and Ms. Exum seconded:

THAT the Board reduce physical education from 1.5 to 1.25 credits.

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Motion failed 4-3 against. Item not adopted.

Ms. Exum moved and Mr. Sarzen seconded:

THAT the Board trim ESOL staff by 1.0.

Motion failed 5-2 against. Item not adopted.

Mr. Sarzen moved and Mr. Zydanowicz seconded:

THAT the Board reduce department supervisor academic staff by five.

Motion failed 5-2 against. Item not adopted.

Mr. Pauluk moved and Mr. Zydanowicz seconded:

THAT the Board reduce department supervisor counseling staff from 1.6 to 1.0.

Motion failed unanimously. Item not adopted.

Dr. Greenberg moved and Ms. Exum seconded:

THAT the Board eliminate the department supervisor, library media services position.

Motion passed unanimously. Item adopted.

Dr. Greenberg moved and Ms. Exum seconded:

THAT the Board reduce elementary instructional support from 6.0 to 4.0.

Motion failed 5-2 against. Item not adopted.

Mr. Pauluk moved and Mr. Zydanowicz seconded:

THAT the Board reduce secondary office staff.

Motion failed unanimously. Item not adopted.

Dr. Greenberg moved and Ms. Exum seconded:

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THAT the Board reduce the amount of regular education paraprofessionals.

Motion failed 6-1 against. Item not adopted.

Mr. Pauluk moved and Mr. Zydanowicz seconded:

THAT the Board eliminate the regular education summer school program.

Motion failed 5-2 against. Item not adopted.

Mr. Zydanowicz moved and Mr. Sarzen seconded:

THAT the Board reduce special education summer school by 6 days.

Motion passed 5-2 in favor. Item adopted.

Mr. Sarzen moved and Mr. Zydanowicz seconded:

THAT the Board reduce central office staff by 5.0.

Motion failed 5-2 against. Item not adopted.

Mr. Pauluk moved and Mrs. Blanks seconded:

THAT the Board reduce part time custodial staff.

Motion failed 5-2 against. Item not adopted.

Mr. Sarzen moved and Mr. Zydanowicz seconded:

THAT the Board reduce maintenance staff.

Motion failed unanimously. Item not adopted.

Mr. Pauluk moved and Dr. Greenberg seconded:

THAT the Board eliminate CAFE membership.

Motion passed unanimously. Item adopted.

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Mr. Sarzen moved and Mr. Zydanowicz seconded:

THAT the Board increase the pay-to-play dollar amount and lower the cap.

Motion passed 4-2 in favor. 1 abstention. Item adopted.

Original motion brought back to the floor:

THAT the Board of Education review the Superintendent's proposed budget in the amount of \$166,220,361, make revisions as necessary, and adopt the 2017-2018 Board of Education budget including additional line items to the budget.

Motion passed 5-2 in favor.

Alphabetical roll called to adopt the 2017-2018 Board of Education budget with additional line items to the adoption.

Ms. Blanks	Yea
Ms. Exum	Yea
Dr. Greenberg	Yea
Dr. Overmyer -Velazquez	Yea
Mr. Pauluk	Yea
Mr. Sarzen	Nay
Mr. Zydanowicz	Nay

No New Business to report.

No Staff Communications/Reports presented.

Mr. Sarzen moved and Mr. Pauluk seconded:

THAT the Board of Education approve the Financial Report for the Period ending February 28, 2017

Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

*Staff Communications
and Reports
Superintendent's Report*

*Financial
Report*

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Dr. Greenberg moved and Ms. Exum seconded:

THAT the Board of Education approve the revised minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting of March 21, 2017

The motion passed unanimously.

No information and reports

Dr. Overmyer-Velazquez announced the following meeting dates:

1. Tuesday, April 18, 2017, regular Board of Education meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, Legislative Chamber, room 314.
2. Tuesday, May 2, 2017, regular Board of Education meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, Legislative Chamber, room 314
3. Tuesday, May 16, 2017, regular Board of Education meeting, 7:00 pm, Town Hall, 50 South Main Street Legislative Chamber, room 314.
4. Tuesday, June 6, 2017, regular Board of Education meeting, 7:00 pm, Town Hall, 50 South Main Street Legislative Chambers, room 314

Mr. Sarzen requested for future agenda items to consider whether or not students should attend school on Monday, June 19, 2017 as the final day of school.

No comments from visitors at this time.

Dr. Greenberg moved and Mrs. Blanks seconded:

THAT the Board adjourn at 11:40 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

*Approval
Of Minutes*

*Information and
Reports*

*Announcement of
Meeting Dates*

*Request for Future
Agenda Items*

*Comments from
Visitors*

Adjournment

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