

West Hartford Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Regular Board Meeting  
**March 5, 2019**

Present: Mrs. Blanks, Dr. Greenberg, Mr. Levine, Mr. Pauluk, Ms. Polun, Dr. Thomas-Farquharson, Mr. Zydanowicz, Superintendent Tom Moore, Student Representative Gus Bacon (Conard).

Absent: Student Representative Megan Striff-Cave (Hall)

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

*Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance*

No Student Participation at this time.

*Student Participation*

Jamie Cohen, 38 Rushleigh Road, West Hartford, spoke on the American Field Service (AFS).

*Public Communication*

Federico Santini, 38 Rushleigh Road, West Hartford, spoke on the American Field Service (AFS).

Cyrine Okbi, 2 Grennan Road, West Hartford, spoke on the American Field Service (AFS).

Estelle Cohen, 38 Rushleigh Road West Hartford, spoke on the American Field Service (AFS).

Janna Kelly, 2 Grennan Road, West Hartford, spoke on the American Field Service (AFS).

Amy Pinette, 9 Selden Hill Drive, West Hartford, spoke on the American Field Service (AFS).

Danica Delgado, 9 Stoner Drive, West Hartford, spoke on the American Field Service (AFS).

No Unfinished Business at this time.

*Unfinished Business*

Dr. Greenberg moved and Mr. Levine seconded:

*New Business*

THAT the Board of Education receive the Superintendent's recommended 2019-2020 Education Budget and begin the process of reviewing and modifying for final approval and adoption as the Board of Education Budget at the April 2, 2019 Board of Education meeting.

Discussion on the motion included a presentation by Superintendent Tom

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Moore. Mr. Moore reviewed statistics on West Hartford Public School's students and spoke on our ranking as the 9<sup>th</sup> largest school district in Connecticut. Mr. Moore highlighted student opportunities for elite education in our school system. Mr. Moore rolled out the proposed budget of 169.10M to the Board for the 2019-2020 school year, a 2.89% increase from last year. Next steps include budget workshops and a public forum before the Board's vote on April 2, 2019. This budget proposal is available online.

Motion passed unanimously.

No Superintendent's report other than 2019-2020 Budget Presentation

No Staff Communication at this time.

Dr. Greenberg moved and Mr. Pauluk seconded:

THAT the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting of February 20, 2019.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pauluk spoke on the WHCTV Take 5 all access fundraiser.

Mr. Zydanowicz reminded everyone about West Hartford's Cookin' event.

Dr. Thomas-Farquharson visited and complimented the Chocolate Café.

Student Representative Gus Bacon reported to the Board on Conard's National Merit Scholarship finalists, the Boy's and Girl's indoor track, Conard Business Club, the Gymnastics Club and the winter musical, 'Singing in the Rain'.

Superintendent Tom Moore reported to the Board on Hall High School's upcoming concert, *Pops n Jazz*, the Boy's track team and the Jazz Band concert in New York City,

Mrs. Carol Blanks announced the following meeting dates:

1. Wednesday, March 13, 2019, Budget Workshop #1, Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, room 314, Legislative Chamber, 7:00 p.m.
2. Tuesday, March 19, 2019, Regular Board of Education meeting,

*Staff Communications  
and Reports  
Superintendent's Report*

*Routine Matters  
Approval  
Of Minutes*

*Information and Reports*

*Future Business:  
Announcement of Meeting  
Dates*

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Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, room 314, Legislative Chamber,  
7:00 p.m.

3. Wednesday, March 27, 2019, BOE Public Hearing, followed by Budget Workshop #2, Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, room 314, Legislative Chamber, 7:00 p.m.
4. Tuesday, April 2, 2019 regular BOE meeting, adoption of the Superintendent's 2019-2020 Budget, Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, room 314, Legislative Chamber, 7:00 p.m.

No Requests for future agenda items at this time.

Niyah Davis, 23 Cortland St., West Hartford, spoke on school safety.

Ms. Polun moved and Dr. Greenberg seconded:

THAT the Board of Education adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

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Mrs. Carol Blanks, Chairperson      \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Lorna Thomas-Farquharson, Secretary  
*Respectfully submitted by: Mrs. C. Rogers, Clerk of the Board*

*Request for future Agenda  
Items*

*Comments from Visitors*

*Adjournment*

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