

West Hartford Public Schools
Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
February 20, 2019

Present: Mrs. Blanks, Dr. Greenberg, Mr. Levine, Mr. Pauluk, Ms. Polun, Dr. Thomas-Farquharson, Mr. Zydanowicz, Superintendent Tom Moore
Absent: Student Representatives Gus Bacon (Conard), Megan Striff-Cave (Hall)

<p>The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm</p>	<p><i>Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance</i></p>
<p>No Student Participation at this time</p>	<p><i>Student Participation</i></p>
<p>No Public Communication at this time</p>	<p><i>Public Communication</i></p>
<p>Dr. Greenberg moved and Ms. Polun seconded:</p>	
<p>THAT the Board of Education accept as a second reading the following policy which was revised by the Board Policy Subcommittee:</p>	<p><i>Unfinished Business</i></p>
<p>6310 – Graduation Requirements</p>	
<p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>Mr. Pauluk moved and Dr. Greenberg seconded:</p>	<p><i>New Business</i></p>
<p>THAT the Board of Education review as a first reading the proposed calendar for the 2020-2021 School year.</p>	
<p>Discussion on the motion included a request by the Board to Superintendent Tom Moore to create additional calendars to vote on at a future meeting.</p>	
<p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>Mr. Zydanowicz moved and Ms. Polun seconded:</p>	
<p>THAT the Board of Education ratify the negotiated agreement between West Hartford Federation of Educational Secretaries and the Board of Education, for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022</p>	
<p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>	

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Superintendent Tom Moore reported to the Board on the upcoming special election to be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2019. This election will be held during school hours and will impact schools. Superintendent Moore noted that the safety of our students is our first responsibility and measures are in place including security placed in designated areas and designated parking for voters.

*Staff
Communications and
Reports
Superintendent's
Report*

Mr. Paul Vicinus, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, alongside Mrs. Kerry Jones, Director of Elementary Education, and Ms. Anne McKernan, Director of Secondary Education presented to the Board on Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). The NGSS shift how we think about teaching and learning in science. NGSS focus on three core dimensions, of science learning; content, practices, and crosscutting concepts with an emphasis on 'three-dimensional learning', "3D". This will require educators to learn new ways to design, implement, and assess science curriculum. This three-dimensional approach supports student thinking about broader science ideas that interconnect with other disciplines, such as cause and effect, pattern finding and trends. At the secondary level, curriculum frameworks have been re-aligned with the disciplinary core ideas and AP courses are aligned with College Board. West Hartford curriculum leaders have attended all available professional learning and curriculum development opportunities offered by the CT State Department of Education and Regional Educational Service Centers (CREC). The district has been preparing for these science shifts over the last four years. Over the next two years curriculum leader will use professional learning and curriculum time to continue to align with the NGSS "3D" model. The Board asked how students who enter West Hartford later in the school year are caught up to speed with their classmates.

*Next Generation
Science Standards
Update (NGSS)*

Mr. Pauluk moved and Dr. Thomas-Farquharson seconded:

THAT the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting of February 5, 2019.

*Routine Matters
Approval
Of Minutes*

Motion passed unanimously.

No information and reports at this time

*Information and
Reports*

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Mrs. Carol Blanks announced the following meeting dates:

1. Tuesday, March 5, 2019, Regular Board of Education meeting, Presentation of the Superintendent's Budget, Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, room 314, Legislative Chamber, 7:00 p.m.
2. Wednesday, March 13, 2019, Budget Workshop #1, Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, room 314, Legislative Chamber, 7:00 p.m.
3. Tuesday, March 19, 2019, Regular Board of Education meeting, Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, room 314, Legislative Chamber, 7:00 p.m.
4. 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.

No Requests for future agenda items at this time.

No comments from visitors at this time.

Ms. Polun moved and Dr. Greenberg seconded:

THAT the Board of Education adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Mrs. Carol Blanks, Chairperson Dr. Lorna Thomas-Farquharson,
Secretary

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

*Future Business:
Announcement of
Meeting Dates*

*Request for future
Agenda Items*

*Comments from
Visitors*

Adjournment

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