

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 27, 2023

EAST HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Donald Bell, Jr., Majority Leader Sebrina Wilson, Minority Leader John Morrison, Councillors Angela Parkinson, Awet Tsegai, Thomas Rup, Travis Simpson and Harry Amadasun

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT Connor Martin, Mayor
Melissa McCaw, Chief Administrative Officer and Finance Director
Thomas Anderson, Superintendent of Schools
Anne Marie Mancini, Deputy Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum
Elsie Torres, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Curriculum
Nicole Damiata, Director of Human Resources
Ben Whittaker, Chief Operations Officer
Roberta J. Pratt, Chief Information Officer of Information Technology
Craig Outhouse, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Board of Education Members:
Tyron Harris, Chair; Patrick Biggins, Jaclyn Clarke, Annabelle Diaz Santiago, Matt Lauf, Marilyn Pet, Rebecca Bettancourt, Joelle Murchison, Chris Tierinni

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m.

Board of Education Chair Tyron Harris and Council Chair Rich Kehoe called to order their respective public agencies. Chair Kehoe described this joint meeting as a continuation of a collaborative process between the East Hartford Board of Education and the Town Council to set a town and board budget that contains a fair appropriation for the schools to ensure the provision of a quality education for all students taking into consideration the need to limit property taxes. Both the Board of Education and the Town Council recognize that they share a common goal of making East Hartford a better place to live and work.

Superintendent Thomas Anderson and Chief Operations Officer Ben Whittaker provided an overview of the Board of Education's achievements and the projected budget needs for the 2025 FY budget.

Councillors asked questions regarding specific services and programs for students and families to increase school attendance and success. Chair Kehoe noted the potential impact on the tax rate of the proposed increase but noted that the mayor, Town Council and board of Education will continue to work together to better assess the overall budget between now and the March, 2024 setting of the town budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By John Morrison
seconded by Don Bell

to **adjourn** (7:12 p.m.)

Motion carried 9/0

Attest _____
Richard F. Kehoe
Town Council Chair