

West Hartford Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Public Hearing  
**March 29, 2017**

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

	<i>Public Comments</i>
<p>Pam Moffo, 28 Mountain Road, retired West Hartford teacher, spoke on the topic of physical education.</p>	
<p>Rob Cersosimo, West Hartford teacher, spoke on the topic of physical education.</p>	
<p>Trevor and Ben Ratchford, 67 Balfour Road, spoke on the STEM program.</p>	
<p>Carolyn Shea, 73 Stratfield Street, Fairfield, West Hartford teacher, spoke on the library media specialists.</p>	
<p>Margaret Adams, 33 Riggs Avenue, student, spoke on possible teacher cuts.</p>	
<p>Troy Jones, 44 Coventry Lane, Avon, unified arts teacher, spoke on the consideration of budget cuts to the arts.</p>	
<p>Atharva Manjrekar, 711 Farmington Avenue, spoke on the importance of technology and engineering classes.</p>	
<p>Peter Towey, 27 Bonny View Road, spoke on the magnet schools and the unified arts programs.</p>	
<p>Roberta Echelson, 143 Haynes Road, spoke on the ASK program</p>	
<p>Chris Bombara, West Hartford teacher, spoke on the possible freeze on teachers' pay.</p>	
<p>Tom Divine, 9 Reaglewood Drive, West Hartford teacher, spoke on the challenging realities of being a teacher.</p>	
<p>Laura Blanch Platt, 26 Arlin Way, spoke regarding the ASK program.</p>	
<p>John Moss, 46 Hilldale Road, spoke on the West Hartford school system and its core values.</p>	
<p>Karen Zetoff, 15 Avondale Road, spoke on library media specialist.</p>	

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Jack O'Neill, 106 Thomas Street, spoke in regard to the STEM and Suzuki programs.

Patrick O'Neill, 106 Thomas Street, spoke on the STEM program and the magnet status.

John Joyce, 177 Main Street, spoke regarding the budget and the effects of taking services from students.

Kevin Ahern, 46 Arundel Avenue, spoke on the Governor's budget versus the West Hartford budget, and the library media specialist.

Liz Kerrigan, 192 Auburn Road, spoke regarding the services for at-risk kids.

Ann Reed, 29 Rosedale Road, spoke on the Smith STEM and Suzuki programs.

Henry Wang, 10 Northridge Drive, student, spoke on keeping middle school teams and the music programs.

Patti Bucheri spoke on behalf of Tracey George regarding paraprofessionals.

Lisa Bugos, 35 Paxton Road, spoke in regard to the possible cutting of support staff including office staff.

Solana Colon, 207 Fern Street, spoke on the Suzuki program.

Amaia Colon, 207 Fern Street, spoke on the Suzuki program.

Javier Colon, 207 Fern Street, spoke in regard to the music programs in the school system.

Brandan Paneralla, 73 Bainbridge Road, spoke on the unified arts programs.

Tracy Johnston, 1538 Asylum Avenue, spoke on unified arts and the personal connections with teachers.

Allison Gamo, spoke on the ASK program, the music program, and the pay-to-play program.

Jennifer Brown, 59 Milton Street, and Scarlett Cistulli, 18 Foxcroft Road, spoke on the cuts to middle school program.

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ATTEST:

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Mark Overmyer-Velazquez  
Chairperson

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Carol A. Blanks  
Secretary

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

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