



**NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**CONNECTICUT**

Board of Education Board Meeting Minutes  
 April 10, 2023 via Zoom

I. Called to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by President Rivera.
Board Members Present	<p>Ms. Yesenia Rivera, President.          Mr. Matthew Wilcox, Vice President          Dr. Edward Joyner, Secretary          Mayor Justin Elicker          Dr. OrLando Yarborough III          Mr. Darnell Goldson          Dr. Abie Benitez          Ma'Shai Roman, Student Board Member          Mr. Dave Cruz-Bustamante, Student Board Member</p> <p>Others Present</p> <p>Dr. Iline Tracey – Superintendent, NHPS</p>
II Pledge of Allegiance	Dr. Yarborough led the pledge of allegiance.
III. Public Participation (see instructions below)	<p>Channel Name: BOETV-You Tube  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U</a></p> <p><u>Testimonies</u>  <i>Hycllis Williams</i>          Support the proposed House Bill 6881</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Investment in Connecticut's public schools:- Requires the establishment of a grant program to establish and supplement teachers and paraprofessional salaries              Establish a minimum salary for teachers and para-professionals</li> <li>- Require Boards of Education to offer municipal employee health insurance plan to para-professionals</li> <li>- Pay employee contribution required under a retirement system.</li> <li>- Request the State to pay at least 50% of the cost of Boards of Education for providing municipal employee health insurance plan and to pay the employee for retirement benefits.</li> </ul> <p>Andrea Humar – Student, NHPS          Requested motion to ESUMS - cell phone and technology policies in NHPS and its negative effect on students/teachers Suggested cell phone be removed.</p> <p>-</p>



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<p>IV. 053-23 i. Personnel Report – Dr. Iline Tracey</p>	<p>Dr. Tracey reported that there were two (2) promotional appointments, 4 new four (4) teachers as well as para-professionals.</p> <p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Mr. Goldson to accept the action items of the personnel report.</b></p> <p><u>Discussion</u> Position of Assessment and Evaluation Personnel to be deferred for reasons of ethics and new superintendent appointment.</p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, recused; Dr. Benitez, yes, Dr. Yarborough, recused, Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Roman, No; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, No. (passed)</b></p> <p>Ms. Aura Jaca, Principal – Truman school expressed gratitude on the appointment of the position.</p>
<p>ii. 054-23 Discussion and Possible Action: Local 24 Trades Sick Leave MOU</p>	<p>On the motion by Mr. Goldson seconded by Dr. Joyner to approve the Local 24 Trades Union sick leave.</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> The context of prior sick leave approval error by BOE administration for four effective tradesmen and restitution application. Error denied them of their sick time</p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes, Dr. Yarborough, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, No; Mayor Elicker, yes. (passed)</b></p>
<p>iii. 055 - 23 Discussion and Possible Action: Local 3429 “Summer of Fun 2023” Program MOU</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Goldson second by Dr. Joyner to approve MOU Local 3429, Summer of Fun 2023 program.</b></p> <p><u>Discussion</u> Para-professionals and teachers renumeration for school summer school programs.</p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, No; Ms. Rivera, No; Mr. Goldson, yes. (passed)</b></p>
<p>056 – 23 Discussion and Possible Action: 10 Month Calendar for the 2023-2024 School Year</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Joyner to approve the Ten-Month Calendar 2023 – 2023.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes, Mayor Elicker, yes. (passed)</b></p>



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<p>vi. 057 - 23 SECOND READING and Possible Action: 3000 Series Policies</p>	<p>On the Motion Mr. Wilcox seconded by Dr. Joyner to approve second reading of Series 3000 Policy (Regulation Policies - 3010, 3110, 3120, 3150, 354.31 3560 regulation policies)</p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes. (passed)</b></p>
<p>vii. <b>058 - 23</b> Finance and Operations Committee Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p> <p><b>059-23</b></p> <p><b>060-23</b></p> <p><b>061-23</b></p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Dr. Yarborough, seconded by Dr. Joyner to approve Agreement # 3 Agreement with Quinnipiac University to provide three Master’s level student teaching interns for Fair Haven School, from August 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$28,350.00</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, recused; Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes. (passed)</b></p> <p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Yarborough to approve 3 Abstracts, remaining 20 Agreements, 8 Purchase Orders, 4 Change Orders and 1 Healthy Food Certification.</b></p> <p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox seconded by Dr. Yarborough to amend prior motion (058-23) to exclude the 4 Change Orders from the motion, then vote.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes, Mayor Elicker, yes. (passed)</b></p> <p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox second by Mayor Elicker to approve to approve the 4 Change Orders</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Ms. Rivera, Mr. Goldson, yes, Mayor Elicker, yes (passed)</b></p>
<p>V. Student’s Report</p>	<p>No Report</p>
<p>VI. Teaching and Learning Report – Dr. Edward Joyner</p>	<p>Reference was made to newspaper article “Civic Scholar Preparation for National Accredited in Washington, DC”. Congratulated teachers, students and principal who prepared students to participate in this event. Student board member, Mr. Cruz-Bustamante is among the many student who worked hard to qualify for this competition.</p>
<p>VII. Facilities Naming Committee Report – Dr. Edward Joyner</p>	<p>No Report</p>
<p>VIII. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Iline Tracey i. NHPs Updates</p>	<p>No report</p>



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IX. President's Report – Ms. Yesenia Rivera	Interviews were completed by the search committee for the new superintendent. A special meeting will be held next week to vote on the new superintendent.
X Head Start Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox	No report
XI. Citywide School Building Committee Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox	No report
XIII. Finance & Operations Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox	No report
XIII. Governance Report – Dr. Abie Benitez	No report
XIV. Food Service Task Group Report – Dr. OrLando Yarborough	No report
V. 062 - 23 Adjournment	<b>On the motion by Mr. Goldson seconded by Dr. Joyner the meeting was adjourned by roll call at 7:20 pm.</b>  <b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes, Dr. Yarborough, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes. (passed)</b>

"A video of this meeting is available the NHPS website, NHPS.net, Public Meeting

*Respectfully Submitted*  
*Myrtis Mason*  
*Recording Secretary*