



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CONNECTICUT

Board of Education Committee Regular Meeting
April 11, 2022 via Zoom

I. Called to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm by President, Yesenia Rivera.
Attendees Present	<p>Ms. Yesenia Rivera, President Mr. Matthew Wilcox, Vice President Dr. Edward Joyner, Secretary Mayor Justin Elicker Dr. Iline Tracey Dr. OrLando Yarborough III Dr. Abie Benitez Mr. Darnell Goldson</p>
Absent	<p>¹ Mr. Anthony Fiore ² Ms. Ma'Shai Roman</p>
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Yarborough
III Public Participation	<p>Channel Name: BOE TV You Tube Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U</p> <p>Melody Gallagher Donna Levine Sarah Levine Toni Criscuolo Kirsten Hopes-McFadden</p>
IV i Approval of Board Meeting Minutes	<p>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner to approve the March 28, 2022 minutes seconded by Mr. Wilcox.</p>
045 - 22 March 28, 2022	<p>Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (Passed)</p>

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<p>ii Personnel Report – Dr. Iline Tracey 046-22</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve the promotional appointment of Ms. Monica Joyner, second by Mayor Elicker.</p> <p>Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Joyner, abstained; Mr. Goldson, abstained (Passed)</p> <p>Dr. Tracey introduced and acknowledged Ms. Monica Joyner, Ms. Kenneasha Sloley and Ms. Teresa Gumbo-Johnson to new appointments to serve in the District in different capacities. They expressed appreciation with their eagerness to serve.</p>
<p>047-22 (a)</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to accept the Action Items of the Superintendent’s Personnel’s Report seconded by Dr. Joyner.</p> <p>Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (Passed)</p>
<p>iii. City of New Haven Mask Wearing Update – Ms. Maritza Bond</p>	<p>Director Bond gave update on the COVID-19 virus and unfolded the mitigative efforts that are in place. The data covered: Overview, Situational Awareness • Variants of Concern (BA2) • CT DPH Newly Issued School Guidance • Newly Released Data • NHHD Recommendations. Possible resurgence is now closely monitored working in partnership with the school district. Vaccination rate is also being monitored to ensure protection of staff and students for different age group</p> <p>Medical conditions in the District are impacted by the virus and are considered high risk students throughout the District</p> <p>New variance reported and data revealed an increase in the different age groups. Vaccination rate by age group differed, Ages 5-11: First Dose: 34.27% While second Dose: 27.57% Ages 12-17 - First Dose: 65.14% while Second Dose: 56.92%</p> <p>Overall death for District varied with ethnicity. Matrixes are used to classify positive and negative result. She urged the community to continue with the mask mandate</p> <p>DPH issued guidelines – vaccines and boosters are being promoted and emphasized in the District. She encouraged all to get vaccinated. Prevention strategies continue to be recommended. It was suggested parents report possible cases of students to their school.</p>



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	<p>Universal masking for students is also recommended. COVID-19 test kits have been sent home with students This is also offered as part of mitigation strategies. Hygienic protocols are implemented in all environments to ensure continued instruction school doors being open. C protocols Within the last 7 days the case rate: 31.4 cases / 100,000 test positivity: 3.1% and hospitalizations: 23 132% 100% Central focus is on scientific data. Changed policies impact the school without mask</p> <p>Increase was observed in pediatric cases particularly among blacks and Latino cases. Vigilance is being exercised to protect the disruption of students learning as well as staff. Suggestion: Continued mask wearing.</p> <p>Suggestion: Continue with the mask mandate until a new vote is enacted to remove it.</p>
<p>iv. Approval of School 10 Month Calendar for 2022-2023</p> <p>048-22</p>	<p>Discussion of proposed ten-month school calendar options for 2022-2023 school year. Superintendent Tracey reported that the teachers' union preferred calendar option 2, starting before Labor Day, a 4 day long weekend for February break, and an end date of June 14, 2023. Additional discussion concerned recognition of Italian-American heritage following the designation of October 10th as Indigenous Peoples' Day. Mr. Wilcox suggested that the recognition could take the form of a supplemental calendar item and stated his intention to make a motion to that effect following the vote on adoption of a calendar option.</p> <p>Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve the ten-month calendar - option 2, seconded by Dr. Joyner.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously: Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (Passed)</p>
<p>049-22</p>	<p>Motion by Mr. Wilcox to refer the question of a supplemental calendar to the Governance Committee with a request that they get back with recommendations to the board by our first meeting in June; seconded by Mr. Goldson and Mr. Joyner.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously: Wilcox, yes; Joyner, yes; Yarborough, yes; Benitez, yes; Goldson, yes; Elicker, yes; Rivera; yes.</p>



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<p>v. 050-22 Finance and Operations Committee – Mr. Matthew Wilcox.</p>	<p>On the Motions by Mr. Wilcox to accept 7 agreements – with noted correction to # 4, (Modern classroom Project) \$6,000.00 instead of \$30,000 and 2 change orders seconded by Dr. Yarborough.</p> <p>Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (Passed)</p>
<p>V. Student’s Report</p>	<p>No Report</p>
<p>VI. Teaching and Learning Report – Dr. Edward Joyner</p>	<p>Teaching and learning focused on factors that directly impact students’ learning.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Factors in recruitment, hiring and staff retention/ Board standards 2. Student behavior associated with life and successes 3. Effective school community engagement practices and parent behavior <p>A collaborative dialogue and no-fault problem solving, can allow student greater achievements.</p> <p>Standard of hiring must be established – certification, competency and motivation are critical elements coupled with a practice of moral excellence and firmness to meet duties and responsibilities</p> <p>Staff should be committed, exhibit cognizance, courage and a diverse workforce Suggested: staff should be an example of polices of teaching. The school District is presently recruiting staff in various capacities. He laid out the expected qualities and standards the staff and Board practice. He will lay out expected standards and behaviors for students, parents and community at the next meeting.</p>
<p>VII. Superintendent’s Report • Updates – Dr. Iline Tracey</p>	<p>An increase of 26 new COVID-19 virus cases reported in the school District. Two test kits have been issued to each student as well as staff. Collaboration with the health department continues</p> <p>Read across New Haven inaugurates at Wexler Grant school as a reading initiative to keep student engaged. In addition, home libraries are been invested in for all students in the school District. Schools elected student ambassadors to participate this event. Superintendent encouraged parents to read at home with students. Obama School opening May 1, 2022. Board members and dignitaries will receive invitations. District-wide science fair will be virtual on Sunday, May 18, 2022. June 23rd, 2022 will be last day of school Exam schedules were distributed to schools.</p>



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	<p>Graduation for students will be June 16 or 17. Grade 8 promotion service is June 21. Juneteenth day will be honored this year SBA testing underway in some school. Parents are being invited back to school buildings. Strategic planning is being reviewed for the year 2023. Two teachers and two para-professionals will be retiring</p>
<p>VIII. President's Report – Ms. Yesenia Rivera</p>	<p>Second half of Board retreat was convened on April 6, 2022 Discussed Superintendent versus Board Roles and Responsibilities as well as Superintendent Goals and Evaluation of those Goals</p>
<p>IX. Head Start Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>Date of next meeting is April 21 2022. Received official notice from Head Start regional office re Focus Area 2 review which will be held virtually during the week of May 23rd. Evaluation process will assess needs, fiscal policies and analysis, classrooms.</p>
<p>X. Citywide School Building Committee Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>Next meeting, Thursday, April 4, 2022 at 4:30pm. Security concerns will be discussed and post on the website</p>
<p>XI. Finance & Operations Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>Financial forecast posted on website. Administration projected a shortfall \$1.9M. Finance team undertaking mitigation effort.</p>
<p>XII. Governance Report – Dr. Abie Benitez</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CABE policy manual – Ms. Jackson will meet with CABE in August. • Process for transgender non-conforming guidance - Task force is working on it. • Importance of statement to support students with appropriate language practice re inequities - The school District has policies that address this topic. <p>Follow-up note: The Governance committee policy procedures implementation can sometime become lengthy to ensure effectiveness and accuracy.</p>
<p>XIII. Food Service Task Group Report – Dr. Orlando Yarborough</p>	<p>Date of next meeting April 13, 2022. Team collaborated with various partners across the District. Pop-up food pantries to be held on April 19. Locations will be Truman, Wexler John Martinez and Brennan Rogers schools.</p>



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<p>XIV.</p> <p>051-22 Executive Session: Discussion of confidential attorney-client privileged memorandum, proposed to be held in Executive Session, pursuant to sections 1-200(6)(E) and 1-210(b) (10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.</p>	<p>On the Motion by President Rivera to enter into executive session to discuss confidential attorney-client privileged memorandum, proposed to be held in Executive Session, pursuant to sections 1-200(6)(E) and 1-210(b) (10) of the Connecticut General Statutes, seconded by Dr. Benítez.</p> <p>Invitees to the session were Dr. Tracey, Attorneys Goldberg and Alexiades.</p> <p>Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (Passed)</p>
<p>XV. 052-22 Adjournment</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Goldson seconded by Dr. Bentez to adjourn the meeting at 8:57pm passed by roll call.</p> <p>Ms. Rivera, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.</p>

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

Respectfully Submitted
Myrtis Mason
Recording Secretary