



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CONNECTICUT

Board of Education Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2022 via Zoom

I. Called to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by President, Yesenia 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</p>
Board Members Absent	<p>Ma'Shai Roman, Student Board Member Mr. Dave Cruz-Bustamante, Student Board Member</p>
Others Present	<p>Dr. Iline Tracey – Superintendent, NHPS Attorney Alexaides – Corporation Counsel, City of New Haven</p>
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Mr. Wilcox led the pledge of allegiance
III. Public Participation	<p>Channel Name: BOE TV You Tube Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U</p> <p><u>Participants and Testimonies</u> Jennifer Graves, Vice President for NHF T Special recruitment to fill vacancies related to special education and related staff professionals.</p> <p>Leslie Blatteau, President – NHFT Testimony – Implored the Board to incorporate community, para-professionals and the NHFT members engagement in the search for the new Superintendent.</p> <p>Ashley Stockton Requested that in-person Board meetings be reconvened for 2023.</p> <p>Hycllis Williams Special education professionals’ vacancies to be addressed. All stakeholders to be included for the Superintendent search. Request for hybrid meetings</p>



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	<p>Darnell Goldson – Board and community member. The following items were not received and continue to request</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Score sheets re approved cleaning contract • FOI emails between Board members and Communications Director which directly related to silencing Mr. Goldson. • Denied access to T & L committee and needs it to be corrected • Briefing of student transfers at Brennan Rogers School • Request a special meeting with Commissioner of Education re attendance and suspension in the school system <p>Plan - to effect a 15 to 25-person search committee to advise him on his role in the Superintendent search process. Requested that hybrid Board meetings be instituted</p> <p>Dr. Joyner spoke on anti-Semitism and our refusal to not uphold it in our city of New Haven.</p>
<p>V. Action Items</p> <p>i. Approval of Board Minutes – November 28, 2022</p> <p>198 - 22</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Joyner to approve the November 28, 2022 minutes.</p> <p>Comments/Amendments Page 2 – 190-22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Goldson stated that teacher resignation amounts was inaccurate and as per blue and green sheet, there were 7 teacher resignations, 1 teacher and 1 administrator retirement and 3 new teacher hire. <p><i>Note:</i> As per the Superintendent presentation as well as recording, there were 4 Teacher resignations, 2 retirements and 3 new teacher hire as was carried in the minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a staffing issue with the para-professional, however they were not showing up because they were not getting extra pay. <p>Page 3 – Item 8, 1st paragraph, sentence should read ... “spearhead.”</p> <p>It was decided that minutes should be watermarked “Draft” and Motion document should be labelled clearly. Attorney Alexiades clarified that the FOI required in writing within 48 hours.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes. (passed)</p>



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<p>ii. Personnel Report Dr. Iline Tracey</p> <p>199-22</p> <p>200-22</p> <p>201-22</p>	<p>Dr. Tracey reported that 8 new teachers and 6 para-professionals were appointed. There are still 17 special education teachers' vacancies existing Mr. Mathew Brown was appointed as Principal Wilbur Cross High School.</p> <p>On the Motion by, Mr. Goldson seconded by Mr. Wilcox to separate the appointment of Mr. Matthew Brown from the Blue sheet. (Motion withdrawn by Mr. Goldson seconded by Mr. Wilcox).</p> <hr/> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Joyner to approve Mr. Matthew Brown as principal of Wilbur Cross High School.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, No; Dr. Yarborough, yes. (passed)</p> <hr/> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Joyner to approve the remaining action items of the Superintendent's Personnel's Report.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes. (passed)</p> <p>Mr. Brown expressed his appreciation to serve in the capacity as principal, Wilbur Cross High School.</p>
<p>iii 202 - 22 Approval of 2023-2024 Board of Education Calendar</p> <p>203 - 22</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by President Rivera to approve the proposed committee dates for the Education Calendar. (Motion amended)</p> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by President Rivera to approve the proposed 2023 - 2024 Board of Education meetings and Committee dates for the Education Calendar</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes. (passed)</p>
<p>iv. 204 - 22 Finance and Operations Committee – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Yarborough to approve Agreements # 1,4,9 and Change Order #5.</p> <p><u>Concerns raised</u> Agreement with Higher Heights Youth Empowerment Programs, Inc., to provide college access programming for juniors and seniors at Hillhouse High School.</p>



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<p>205 – 22</p> <p>206 - 22</p>	<p>Agreement with Trifecta Ecosystems to install a raised bed garden learning center at High School Agreement with Upon this Rock Ministries, to provide extended school hours programming for 60 students Lack of information for Change Order #1 to contract with Hillyard to increase funding amount.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, No; Dr. Yarborough, yes. (passed)</p> <hr/> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Yarborough to approve the Agreement #3 with Curriculum Associates, LLC.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes. (passed)</p> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Yarborough to approve the remaining 1 Abstract, 7 Agreements and 6 Change Orders as presented by the F&O Committee.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mayor Elicker. (passed)</p>
<p>V. Student’s Report</p>	<p>City wide council meeting will be held December 16, at 9:45 am at Hillhouse High School.</p>
<p>VI. Teaching and Learning Report – Dr. Edward Joyner</p>	<p>Discussed Items and proposals How student data (achievement and conduct data) is reported to the Board Vendors who add value to achieve desirable outcomes of the student Proposed policy series to be completed by the end of March 2023 Catchup academies</p>
<p>VII. Facilities Naming Committee Report – Dr. Edward Joyner</p>	<p>Committee recommended an amendment to the naming policy to give the opportunity to someone who is alive which will be presented to the Board for approval. Suggestion: Governance committee to peruse proposed policy.</p>
<p>VIII. Superintendent’s Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District update –Dr. Tracey </p>	<p>Staff members are retiring. Recruitments process for transportation director continues along with other vacancies.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Accountability Update: Ms. Keisha Redd-Hannans 	<p>State accountability update – Wholistic state requirement and the elements that allow the school to fall the different categories. Growth have been observed in the student’s performance.</p> <p>Overview presented on Connecticut’s accountability system – a set of 12 indicators school’s preparation for college, career and life for its students. Accountability index indicators was presented. District accountability report revealed a decrease in performance level of students. There was an increase in the growth rate of each student. Students increase was shown for student passing college preparation exams. So too was the graduation rate. Decrease was seen in physical fitness. Overall index score was 69 out of 100.</p> <p>Dr. Michelle Baker, Coordinator of School Climate and Title IX. She gave a survey overview on climate, culture and SEL survey program that aligns with New Haven Public School Strategic Plan</p> <p>The team spoke on Panorama education which radically improve the education of students. They bring together social emotional learning, school climate and community voice and to empower educators with the data and support needed to make informed decisions. Dr. Baker gave insights on the past year results. 2023 Project timeline – Climate survey will assist administrators on how data on the survey results.</p>
<p>IX. President’s Report – Ms. Yesenia Rivera</p>	<p>President Rivera gave update on the next steps for the Superintendent search. Process which includes compensation parameters, times to meet with search firm, stakeholder group proposal, job description examples was forwarded to Board members.</p> <p>Suggestion – accommodating as many public meetings as possible.</p>
<p>XV. 207 - 22 Adjournment</p>	<p>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Goldson it was voted by roll call to adjourn the meeting at 8:59pm.</p>

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

Respectfully Submitted
Myrtis Mason
Recording Secretary