



**NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

CONNECTICUT  
 Board of Education Committee  
 Regular Meeting Minutes  
 March 14, 2022 via Zoom

<b>I. Called to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm by President, Yesenia Rivera.
<b>Attendees Present</b>	<p>Ms. Yesenia Rivera, President          Mr. Matthew Wilcox, Vice President          Dr. Edward Joyner, Secretary          Mayor Justin Elicker          Dr. Iline Tracey          i * Ms. Ma'Shai Roman          Dr. OrLando Yarborough III          Dr. Abie Benitez          Mr. Darnell Goldson</p>
<b>Officers Absent</b>	ii * Mr. Anthony Fiore
<b>II. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Mr. Wilcox led the Pledge of Allegiance.
<b>III. Public Participation</b>	<p>Channel Name: BOE TV          You Tube Link: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U</a></p> <p>Sarah Levine          Oren Lieber-Kotz          Kirsten Hopes-McFadden          Hycllis Williams</p> <p>Dr. Timothy Gersch          Maurice Holness          Young In Kim</p>
<p>IV          i          028 - 22          Approval of Board Meeting Minutes          (February 14, 2022)</p> <p>029 - 22          (February 28, 2022)</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve the February 14, 2022 minutes seconded by President Rivera.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, abstain. (Passed)</b></p> <p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve the February 28, 2022 minutes seconded by Mayor Elicker.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, abstain. (Passed)</b></p>



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<p>ii. <b>030-22</b> Personnel Report – Dr. Iline Tracey</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to accept the Action Items of the Superintendent’s Personnel’s Report omitting the Executive Management Contract renewals seconded by Dr. Benitez.</b></p> <p>Dr. Tracey spoke on the appointment of interim administrator, Ms. Peggy Moore - Interim Principal James Hillhouse High School with an effective 03/15/2022. Ms. Moore expressed her appreciation to return to the District to serve.</p> <p><b>Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson. (Passed)</b></p>
<p>iii <b>031 - 22</b> Approval of MOAs April Vacation 2022, Summer of Fun 2022, and COVID related Sick Leave and Compensation</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Goldson to approve the MOAs for April Vacation 2022, Summer of Fun 2022 and COVID related Sick Leave and Compensation seconded by Dr. Joyner.</b></p> <p><b>Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson. (Passed)</b></p>
<p>iii. <b>032 - 22</b> Finance and Operations Committee – Mr. Matthew Wilcox.</p> <p><b>033– 22</b></p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to amend the agenda to add the Attestation of the Submission of the Head Start Grantee. And the Healthy Food Certification seconded Dr. Joyner.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; President Rivera, yes; Ms. Roman. (Passed)</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>On the Motion by President Rivera to accept the Attestation of the Submission of the Head Start Grantee seconded by Dr. Joyner.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, recused; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; President Rivera, yes; Ms. Roman, yes. (Passed)</b></p>
<p><b>034 – 22</b></p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve 4 Agreements, 1 Contract, 1 Change Order and the Healthy Food Certification seconded by Dr. Yarborough.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; President Rivera, yes; Ms. Roman. (Passed)</b></p>



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<p>V.          Student's Report          Ms. Roman</p>	<p>Concerns –          Ms. Romans enquired about effective time approved motion.          Communication process of awareness of social activities/events for students' engagements. School administrators, principals and counsellors distribute information, however,          Availability of external assistance intervention for students' academic studies.</p>
<p>VI. Teaching and Learning Report – Dr. Edward Joyner</p>	<p>No Report</p>
<p>VII.          Superintendent's Report          • Updates          Dr. Iline Tracey</p> <p>• Math Update – Mr. Kenneth Mathew</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eight new COVID -19 cases reported.</li> <li>• Water filters purchased, however, were not installed in schools due to inadequate electrical outlet. Censored water fountains have been remedied and reinstated.</li> <li>• SMARTER Balance Assessment upcoming and will be administered.</li> <li>• Plans for summer school program and April school break underway.</li> <li>• Take home libraries were purchased. Open hearing planned for Friday March 18, 2022. (School District early dismal)</li> <li>• Recruitment underway to fill vacant positions for teachers.</li> </ul> <hr/> <p>Mr. Matthews gave update on the implementation in the new I-Ready program as well as the testing data. This program is for K through 5 and 6 - 12 which provides a screening test and individualize instruction program. Data revealed percentages of students working at grade, above grade level and under grade level. This data was organized by race, gender and other categories. The individualized section of the program is called I-PATH (individualized learning program) which resulted in progress when students input forty-five minutes of studies each week.</p> <p>IXL (grade 6-12) overall by grades revealed median growth in the different grades. There was increased growth expectation compared to rates reflected in other parts of the country. By the end of each year there will be over 10% grade improvement in grades 6-12.</p> <p>Partnership has been established with Albertus Magnus to create the STEM Education Degree which highlighted six successful educators: - Courtney Sutherland, Kim Rogers, Julia Clow, Tyler Mitchell, Samantha Jennings and Zania Collier. In addition, the Noyes Math Teacher Leader Program honored Sara Cole, William McKinney and Justine Wentworth for NHPS. Audrey Forstrum was nominated for Cambium Essential</p>



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	<p>Educator Award and Alissa Levy, ESUMS nominated by Khan Academy Classroom Achievement Award. It was also reported that Mr. Matthews will retiring from the District.</p> <p>Program evaluation will rely on the SMARTER Balance performance and teacher instruction.</p>
	<p>Mayor Elicker reported that the CDC stated that there was an increase in the COVID-19 cases with the New Haven level moved from low to moderate. As a result of the vulnerability of our children masks mandate will remain in effect. It was suggested that monthly meeting updates are given.</p>
VIII. President's Report – Ms. Yesenia Rivera	<p>Wednesday, March 16, 2022 – Board Retreat at 4pm – 8pm.</p>
IX. Head Start Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox	<p>Date of next is this Thursday at 5:00 pm.</p>
X. Citywide School Building Committee Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox	<p>Committee met last Thursday. Stewardship report available online. Enquires were made regarding the two school that were declare uninhabitable for students. Requested information for next meeting. Engineering report is still awaited on all school in the District. Update will be requested.</p>
XI. Finance & Operations Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox	<p>Meeting Discussion Item</p> <p>Update on public budget meeting the District convened.</p>
XII. Governance Report – Dr. Abie Benitez	<p>Committee met on March 7, 2022 and discussed:</p> <p>Ongoing development Policy manual, transgender guidance document, by-laws for student board representative.</p> <p>Draft for a re-entry for school suspension plan as well as intervention with families to prepare children for re-entry to school.</p> <p>Restorative practices - include plan of theoretical framework support re-entry suspension plan to ensure continued enrollment. Will present to the Board later in the year.</p>



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<p>XIII. Food Service Task Group Report – Dr. Orlando Yarborough</p>	<p>Team debriefed. Awaiting next opportunity effect food distribution and information to families. Summer implementation plans are being put into effect Discussed protocols, steps and follow-up measure to ensure food quality in schools. Task force division will work on effective communication process to furnish comments and concerns. Students are invited to attend Task Force meeting. Collaborative efforts are in effect to support food allergies.</p>
<p>XIV. <b>035 - 22</b>  Executive Session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(6)(A) contractual agreements of Public Officers and Superintendents</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by President Rivera to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(6)(A) to discuss contractual agreements of public officers in the positions of Gemma Joseph-Lumpkin, Chief of Youth, Family, and Community Engagement; Lisa Mack, Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations; Assistant Superintendents, Keisha Redd-Hannans, Ivelise Velazquez and Dr. Paul Whyte, seconded by Mr. Wilcox.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; President Rivera, yes. (Passed)</b></p>
<p>(a) Out of Executive Session  <b>036 - 22</b></p>	<p>No votes taken.</p> <p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve the Executive Management Contract Renewals seconded by Dr. Joyner.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; President Rivera, yes. (Passed)</b></p>
<p><b>XV</b> Adjournment  <b>037 - 22</b></p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to adjourn the meeting seconded by Dr. Joyner it was voted by roll call to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; President Rivera, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Goldson, yes. (Passed)</b></p>

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

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

i \* Non-voting member  
ii \* Non-voting members