



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION HYBRID MEETING MINUTES

May 22, 2023, 5:30 PM

at Barack H. Obama Magnet University School
69 Farnham Ave, New Haven, CT

I. Called to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by President Rivera.
<p>Board Members Present</p> <p>Members Absent</p> <p>Others Present</p>	<p>Ms. Yesenia Rivera, President. Mr. Matthew Wilcox, Vice President Dr. Edward Joyner, Secretary Mayor Justin Elicker Dr. Orlando Yarborough III Mr. Darnell Goldson</p> <p>Dr. Abie Benitez Ma'Shai Roman, Student Board Member Mr. Dave Cruz-Bustamante, Student Board Member</p> <p>Attorney Alexiades Attorneys Alexiades and Murphy, Ms. Keisha Redd-Hannans and Mr. Lamb.</p>
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Dr. Joyner led the pledge of allegiance
III. Public Participation	<p>Channel Name: BOETV-You Tube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U</p> <p>Marian Maloney, Chief Steward NHFT/ Teacher, New Haven Academy – Safety issues at John C. Daniels school.</p> <p>Young-in Kim – Student, Wilbur Cross/ New Haven Climate Movement - Progress on the BOE Climate movement and grade the Board on climate movement</p> <p>Liam Mock, Junior, ESUMS, New Haven Climate Movement – BOE grade on climate justice program; suggested climate coordinator employment</p> <p>Tanzen Yudon – Junior, ESUMS/NH Climate Movement – BOE Funding on climate, received a D grade</p>



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	<p>Ashley Stockton – parent/teacher, Policy implementation re Catherine Brennan School. Middle school student transfer and prior requirement policies.</p> <p><i>Jane Roth</i>, Teacher, John Daniels School- Drug usage/ paraphernalia on and around the environments of the school. Concern for safety for students and staff.</p> <p><i>Maxwell Komando</i> – Steward, Metropolitan Business Academy/Resident NH - Safety concern at John C Daniels and Metropolitan Business Academy schools.</p> <p><i>Kirsten Hopes-McFadden</i>, Safety issues around the school district, Pleased with educational system and its programs in the District.</p>
<p>IV i. 084-23 Approval of Board Minutes May 5 – Special and May 8,2023</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Dr. Joyner to approve the May 5 and 8, 2023 minutes.</p> <p>Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; (passed)</p>
<p>ii. 085-23 Personnel Report – Dr. Iline Tracey</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Joyner to approve the action items of the Superintendent’s Personnel Report</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes. (passed)</p>
<p>iv. 086-23 Finance and Operations Committee – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Yarborough to approve 1 Abstract, 8 Agreements, 2 Contracts and 4 Purchase Orders as recommended by the Finance and Operations Committee.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes. (passed)</p>
<p>V. Student’s Report</p>	<p>Student Election BOE - three candidates participated in the student election on May 19 2023.</p> <p>Votes: 989 - John Carlos Lusa, 425 - Shima Young, 818 - Layla Kelly Walker. Mr. John Carlos Lusa elected as the new student Board representative.</p>



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<p>VI. Teaching and Learning Report – Dr. Edward Joyner</p>	<p>Davis School field days– featured “Popsicle of color event”, with young fathers and their children. School climate contribution was highlighted. Policy revision ongoing Strategic alliances with external partnerships John C Daniels school safety concern – suggested creating safety barrier around schools</p> <p>Mayor Elicker gave update on the resolve the City had embarked on to address the John C Daniels school environment – external drug usage around and at the school premises.</p>
<p>VII. Facilities Naming Committee Report – Dr. Edward Joyner</p>	<p>Committee has decided to name the media center at King Robinson school in honor of Dr. Tracey.</p>
<p>VIII. Superintendent’s Report – Keisha Redd-Hannans</p>	<p>Summer school is from June 28 – July 28, 2023. Families have received the notification. All high school will participate in summer school programs while 12 will host the K-7 programs.</p>
<p>ii. School Climate/Panorama Presentation – Dr. Michelle Baker and Ms. Edith Johnson</p>	<p>School Climate Survey report results presented by the team. It overviewed insights, results and next steps which depicts aligned data and systems to drive school climate. This report is available for public.</p> <p>Compared to 2022 survey result, student SEL response rate saw 24% increase while family response rate saw 30% increase. This revealed that student survey engagement interest improved. Student perception of school safety factors was reflected in the survey as well. Sense of belonging, teacher/staff response perspective, family perspective and school leadership support data were also highlighted in the school climate report Teachers demonstrated growth in all areas they were surveyed.</p>
<p>NHPS Update – Ms. Gemma Joseph-Lumpkin & Viviana O’Connor</p>	<p>Chronic absenteeism – Slight increase revealed compared to April data last year, however the report revealed a 20 point reduction this time last year. NHPS work plan had 4 major components - root causes and continuous data analysis, family and student engagement, professional development and training and improve data management systems. Ms. Rivera reported new increases in the homeless students due to influx of unaccompanied youth as Title 42 (statutory laws in the country) ends. Half of homeless students have left New Haven and others have doubled up with other families. 19% of these</p>



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<p>v. Climate Resolution Update – Mr. Thomas Lamb</p>	<p>students have perfect attendance. High absenteeism existed, however there were successes among the students.</p> <p>Christian Tobarez, Coordinator of Afterschool and Community Partners spoke on how we are using this to build community partnership. Opportunities for student to engage in camps and other activities. Data was given re statistics on students across the district who participated in various engaged activities to keep them enrolled in school. Numerous community partners collaborate d with the District re afterschool programs with plans to increase the numbers</p> <p>Reports were given on the positive impact of Drop-out Prevention Specialists intervention and parent advocates. Family collaboration through the outreach program was a success, thus different reported success stories with trust as the foundation. This investment is to reduce chronic absenteeism.</p> <p>The resolution was done in 3 categories. Resolution 1, 2 and 3. Resolution 1- \$2M allotment received plus \$1M taken from unspent funds from previous year to provide resources to do additional work.</p> <p>Resolution 2 and 3, closely related re transportation contract, reducing emission as well as plans to make all vehicles electrical. District investment in recycling is also one item to be implemented and observe how a recycling will impact the District.</p> <p>Systemic actions were projected for the District re adhering to standards and ecological initiatives and policies that can be implemented District-wide. This will be strengthened with collaborative synergy with our City.</p> <p>The students were commended for their survey and presentation on their grades BOE re climate resolution. Suggested establishing benchmarks e.g. the energy star work (UConn students support) and tracking mechanisms after implementation.</p>
<p>IX. President’s Report – Ms. Yesenia Rivera</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>X. Head Start Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>No report - Meeting date, Friday, May 26, 2023 at 10am</p>



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<p>XI. Citywide School Idg. Committee Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>Met on May 11, 2023. Tracked energy related projects.</p>
<p>XII. Finance & Operations Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>Reviewed financial report for April 2023. Budget deficit total not yet updated Next meeting will be June 5, 2023. Report on staffing guidelines available. Safety and security policies to be reviewed. Meeting for July 3rd re-scheduled to July 5, 2023.</p>
<p>XIV. Food Service Task Group Report – Dr. Orlando Yarborough</p>	<p>Food director search continues. Planning as well as update on recent future food gap opportunities will be discussed.</p>
<p>XV 087-23 Executive Session</p>	<p>On the Motion by President Rivera, seconded by Mr. Wilcox to enter into Executive Session</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 1-200(6)(B) and §§ 1-210(b)(4) & (10) concerning strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims by Jessica Light, and discussion which would result in the disclosure of attorney-client privileged communications. Invitees: Attorneys Alexiades and Murphy and Ms. Keisha Redd-Hannans. 2. pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 1-200(6)(E) and §§ 1-210(b)(9) re discussion which would result in the disclosure of records, reports and statements of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining. Invitees: Attorneys Alexiades and Murphy, Ms. Keisha Redd-Hannans and Mr. Lamb. <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; President Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (passed) No votes taken out of session.</p>
<p>XV1 088-23 Adjournment</p>	<p>On the motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Goldson to adjourn the meeting, it was voted by roll call and adjourned at 9:30pm.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (passed)</p>

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

Respectfully Submitted
Myrtis Mason
Recording Secretary