



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education Committee Regular Meeting Minutes July 24, 2023

Meeting held via Hybrid Zoom and Obama Magnet School

I. Call to Order: The meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Ms. Rivera.

Attendees: Present: Ms. Yesenia, President; Mr. Matt Wilcox, Vice-President; Dr. Edward Joyner; Mayor Justin Elicker, Mr. Darnell Goldson, Dr. Orlando Yarborough III, Dr. Abie Benitez.

Staff: Dr. Madeline Negrón, Superintendent, Dr. Paul Whyte, Ms. Viviana Conner, Mr. Thomas Lamb.

II. Pledge of Allegiance: The assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Dr. Yarborough III.

III. Public Participation Channel Name: New Haven BOE TV
YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xko40gOztT8>
Public Participation from 2:19 – 4:12

Summary: One participant Maria had a list of questions for the board such as: What are the bullying policies, who is the Title I and IX Coordinator? DCF practices. As well as a suggestion to not only do district blasts to parents, but if information could be pushed out to the community.

IV. Action Items:

1. Minute Approval Reg 7/10/2023 Revisions were requested to include the swearing in of the newly elected Student Board Member, and provide updates as indicated by the Board Members, will be reviewed at the next meeting.

2. Personnel Report 113-23 The Personnel Report was presented by Dr. Madeline Negrón and introduced the new Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Leadership/School Improvement Ms. Kristina DeNegre.

On the motion by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Dr. Joyner to approve the Personnel Report as presented. (Motion Passed)

Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.

3. MOU between City of New Haven for salary reimbursement of 3 position 114-23 Mr. Wilcox presented the MOU between the City of New Haven and the Superintendent of New Haven Public Schools for salary reimbursement for three positions. Dr. Yarborough III notes the superintendent name on the MOU needs to be updated to Dr. Negrón now as it still lists Dr. Tracey who recently retired. Mr. Goldson expresses pause with the increase of MOUs between the district and the City of New Haven. He states the first one done for the Atty salary reimbursement was to save the district money when the legal fees increased more than double of last year.

On the motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Joyner to approved MOU between the City of New Haven and the Superintendent of New Haven Public Schools for Salary Reimbursement for Three positions. (Motion Passed)

Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, No.



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- 4. Retirement and surplusage of 333 Valley St (The Shack) 115-23**

Mr. Goldson brings forth the motion to retire the building commonly known as The Shack located at 333 Valley St returned to the City of New Haven. Doing so will support the immediate community in which the location serves, in conjunction with Alder Honda Smith who has raised funding and will be an asset under City management.

On the motion by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Dr. Joyner to approved Retirement and surplusage of 333 Valley St (The Shack). (Motion Passed)

Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, Yes.

- 5. Approve Policy 3542-45(a) Vending Machines 116-23**

On the motion by Dr. Benitez seconded by Dr. Joyner to approve Policy 3542-45(a) Vending Machines. (Motion Passed)

Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes.

- 6. Motion to Correct Agenda 117-23**

On the motion to correct agenda to reflect Action Item Policy 3542.22(a) as Policy 3542.33(a) Food Sales Other than National School Lunch by Dr. Benitez seconded by Dr. Joyner. (Motion Passed)

Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes

- 7. Approve Policy 3542-33(a) Food Sales Other than National School Lunch 118-23**

Motion to approve Policy 3542.33(a) Food Sales Other than National School Lunch by Dr. Benitez seconded by Dr. Joyner. (Motion Passed)

Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, abstain.

- 8. Finance & Operations Action Items 119-23**

Motion to approve 3 Abstracts, 9 Agreements, 3 Contracts and 7 Purchase Orders as recommended by the Finance & Operations Committee by Mr. Wilcox seconded by Dr. Yarborough. (Motion Passed)

Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.



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IV. Students' Report: No Student Members available present for update.

V. Teaching & Learning Report: Dr. Joyner states there are little updates at this time. But requests a meeting with the new Superintendent to speak about Teaching and Learning. As well as discuss updating the website to get more information provided and accessible.

VI. Facilities Naming Report: Dr. Joyner states he is waiting on staff to coordinate how they can get a petition process done online to get a library renamed.

VII. Superintendents Report: Dr. Negrón presents the Superintendents report.

She provided updates to the Summer Programs that were held this summer which are concluding next Friday for most locations. She noted how she visiting the Wexler School where LEAP was being conducted to promote literacy in the students. It was also noted that many students raved about the coding class that was introduced and received lots of positive feedback regarding it. There was a total of 23 sites available and her report details what the enrollment numbers were for the locations.

In regard to the fall the Chief Operating Officer and the Facilities team are working on getting the schools ready for the start of school.

VIII. Presidents Report: Ms. Rivera states that she has appointed Ms. Michelle Bonora as a member of the Citywide Stewardship Committee.

IX. Head Start Report: Mr. Wilcox states there was a meeting last Thursday there are 100 slots open in Head Start and staff are helping parents with applications to increase enrollment numbers.

X. Citywide School Building Stewardship Report: Mr. Wilcox states the report is posted on the website on the website for board members to review. An alder inquired if there was any information available to the community regarding any district open pools available.



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XI. Finance & Operations Report:

Mr. Wilcox states the discussion calendar for the committee is posted and available to show the talking points for the year outlined he asks members to reach out to him if there are any items that should be added. June finance report is also available for review.

At the meeting members from the City of New Haven provided clarification on the Multi Year and Contracts with Options to renew to the committee and staff present.

XII. Governance Report:

Dr. Benitez states the committee met earlier today for series 5000 which we plan to submit for the next meeting. The committee has also been working on checklists on action items and timeline available for those who are interested renaming the district.

XII. Food Service Task Force Report:

Dr. Yarborough III states that staff and community partners are updating the new director on various areas. Summer Meals had 49 locations. There is a food gap between when camps end and when school begins, there are members that work during these breaks providing food products. There is also discussion on implementing a score sheet or tracker to ensure we are meeting goals.

XII. Executive Session: 120-23

On Motion to enter into Executive session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 1200(6)(B) and §§ 1-210(b)(4) & (10) concerning strategy and negotiations with respect to pending litigation in the matter of Chernovetz v. Harries, and discussion which would result in the disclosure of attorney-client privileged communications and; Executive session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 1-200(6)(B) and §§ 1-210(b)(4) & (10) concerning strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims, and discussion which would result in the disclosure of attorney-client privileged communications, regarding New Haven Federation of Teachers and the New Haven Board of Education, Case Number 01-22-0004-4393 by Ms. Rivera seconded by Dr. Yarborough. (Motion Passed)

Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.

Ms. Rivera states that there were no votes taken during Executive Session.

1. Accept Proposed Settlement NHFT vs NHBOE Case 121-23

On the motion to accept offer of the proposed settlement of the matter of the New Haven Federation of Teachers and the New Haven Board of Education Case # 01-22-0004-4393 pursuant to the terms discussed in Executive Session and to authorize the Superintendent to execute the settlement agreement. (Motion Passed)

Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.



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**Adjournment:
122-23**

On the Motion by Mr. Goldson to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Joyner, it was voted by roll call to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. (Motion Passed)

**Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes;
Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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