



**NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

CONNECTICUT

Board of Education Committee Regular Meeting  
April 25, 2022 via Zoom

<b>I. Called to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm 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          Dr. OrLando Yarborough III          Dr. Abie Benitez          Mr. Darnell Goldson</p> <p>i Mr. Anthony Fiore</p>
<b>Absent</b>	ii Ms. Ma'Shai Roman
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Joyner
<b>Agenda Amendments</b>	<p>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner seconded by seconded Mr. Wilcox, to amend the agenda to add two items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Session for discussion of Confidential Attorney Client Privilege Memorandum pursuant to sections 1-200(6)(E) and 1-210(b) (10) of the Connecticut General Statutes</li> <li>• Possible action on matters heard in the Executive Session.</li> </ul> <p>Vote: Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Fiore, yes. (passed)</p>
<b>053-22</b>	
<b>054-22</b>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Joyner to amend the agenda to add the discussion and possible action to change the date of Eid al-Fitr holiday.</p> <p>Vote: Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Fiore, yes. (passed)</p>
<b>055-22</b>	<p>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Dr. Benitez to amend the agenda to add an action item for special graduation requirements for year 2022- 2024 revised. This will permit any student to graduate from New Haven Public School who has satisfactorily completed:</p> <p>A. A minimum of 25 credits including English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Physical Education, Fine Arts and World Language,</p>



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	<p>B. Any student who have met these 25 credits but achieving fewer than the number of credits prescribed by their specific high school will receive a “New Haven Public School Diploma” instead of their specific school diploma.</p> <p>C. This will only be applied to the years 2022 – 2024 only.</p> <p>D. The graduation policy will be referred back to the Teaching &amp; Learning and Governance Committee for full policy review and action to update the current graduation requirements.</p> <p>Vote: Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Fiore, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (passed)</p>
<p><b>III</b> <b>i. Public Participation</b></p>	<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 Young In Kim Adrian Huq Emma Pranger Sophia Rivkin Wayne McCrae</p>
<p><b>IV</b> <b>i Approval of Board Meeting Minutes</b></p> <p><b>056 - 22</b> <b>April 11, 2022</b></p>	<p>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner to approve the April 11, 2022 minutes seconded by Dr. Benitez.</p> <p>Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Fiore, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (Passed)</p>
<p><b>ii</b> <b>Personnel Report – Dr. Iline Tracey</b> <b>057-22</b></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; M. Fiore, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (Passed)</p>
<p><b>iii.</b> <b>058-22</b> <b>Approval of Teaching &amp; Learning Overnight Trips: Washington, DC; Boston, MA; and Providence, RI</b></p>	<p>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner to approve the overnight trips: Washington, DC; Boston, MA; and Providence, RI seconded by Dr. Benitez</p> <p>Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Fiore, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (Passed)</p>



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<p>iv. <b>059-22</b> <b>Finance and Operations Committee – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</b></p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr Yarborough, to approve 1 Abstract, 4 Contracts and 4 Agreements as were approved by the Finance Committee.</p> <p>Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Fiore, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (Passed)</p>
<p><b>060-22</b></p>	<p>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Dr. Benitez to approve special graduation permission to any student to graduate from New Haven Public School who has satisfactorily completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. A minimum of 25 credits including no fewer than 4 in English, including composition; 3 Mathematic; 3 in Social Studies, including one half credit in Civics and American Government; no fewer than 3 in Science, 1 credit in Physical Education, 1 credit Fine Arts and 1 credit World Language,</li> <li>B. Any student who have met these 25 credits but achieving fewer than the number of credits prescribed by their specific high school will receive a “New Haven Public School’s Diploma” instead of their specific school diploma.</li> <li>C. This will only be applied to the years 2022 – 2024 only.</li> <li>D. The graduation policy will be referred back to the Teaching &amp; Learning and Governance Committee for full policy review and action to update the current graduation requirements.</li> </ul> <p>Vote: Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Fiore, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (passed)</p>
<p><b>V.</b> <b>Student Report</b> <b>Anthony Fiore</b></p>	<p>Student election scheduled for May 4-6, 2022.</p> <p>Upcoming personal visit Metropolitan school as an initiative to discuss students’ interests to express student concerns on different issues</p> <p>Suggestion establishing this as a new initiative in schools</p> <p>School reading level will be successful with motivation and dedicated reading environment</p>



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<p><b>VI.</b> <b>Teaching and Learning Report</b> <b>Dr. Edward Joyner</b></p>	<p>Student behavior Assessment instrument developed at Sacred HEART University and tested in New Haven</p> <p>Teaching and Learning focused on Behaviors expected from students Focus is on how student behave and succeed do correlates Attendance and student achievements works together Attendance – student and family responsibility Attention – behavior related to student focus in classroom, imperative for learning Cooperation – basis for all human achievements, student should follow reasonable directives from staff and teachers Tasks &amp; willingness – ability to work efficiently on assigned tasks Intention – student express exhibits behavior that indicates a value and appreciation for an opportunity to learn Verbalization – student response to teachers verbally or orally, allow failure for growth Enthusiasm and Energy – students to recognize the value of education Endurance– Student’s ability to persist through difficult times</p> <p>President Rivera handed over meeting to Mr. Wilcox</p>
<p><b>VII.</b> <b>Superintendent’s Report</b> <b>• Updates – Dr. Iline Tracey</b></p> <p><b>• PRESENTATION – School Updates: Barnard Magnet, Principal Robert McCain</b></p> <p>----- <b>John S. Martinez, Principal Luis Menacho</b></p>	<p>Gemma Joseph Lumpkins- school opening during spring break. Community partners collaborated with 20 teachers to undertake the work; Approximately 600 students participated in activities that included SEL to achieve a positive experience for our students Staff recruitment fair scheduled for Thursday April 28, 2022 at 4-7pm, at Hill House Athletic Center.</p> <p><i>Mr. McCain – gave highlights on the school's best practices:</i> Integrating students in science through outdoor activities and a robotics program. A new courtyard boasts outdoor classes. In addition, school gardening with vegetables. A worm farm was also highlighted. The core piece is to create a future by taking action in the present. Aquaponic and hydroponics program are outdoor will dramatically excite and build student relationships in the classroom. Math fluency have improved with progress monitoring in the different grades. Parent involvement is integrated in the students’ activities. Grade reading fluency has improved in a tremendous way after a three-year increment.</p> <p>----- <i>Best Practices:</i> Mr. Menchano focused on 3 areas: Teaching and learning at Martinez: meeting SEL needs of students. Academics</p>



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<p>-----</p> <p><b>ESUMS, Principal          Medria Blue-Ellis;</b></p>	<p>Magnet implementation: Focus on Students are scoring higher than the district level in SMARTER Balance assessment, in science, level 3 AND 4, 12% of students score above the district average.          Students study hydrosphere, atmosphere, space and the human impact on carbon blueprint in our worlds - advocates          Technology is incorporated in all inter-district          Partnership with community partnerships vary and technology is incorporated in all inter disciplinary units developed by teachers</p> <p>-----</p> <p>School's Best Practices:</p> <p>Magnet school of America award of Excellence achieved          Schools has been nationally ranked in top 10 % of the nation's s as best high school and ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in high schools in Connecticut.          Focus:          School's mission, values and initiatives          School-wide writing programs on all subject and grades          Global Learning - saw 6 international trips          Restorative practices          Professional development          Equity initiative          Anti-bias and racism          Credits from various university          SEL          Giving back          Policy revision          2023 – projected revamping of a Math equity plan and a dance therapy class          Student led organizations e.g. IT department</p>
<p><b>VIII.          President's Report –          Ms. Yesenia Rivera</b></p>	<p>No Report</p>
<p><b>IX. Head Start Report –          Mr. Matthew</b></p>	<p>Work continues in getting space ready for office to move from 54 meadow street to san Antoni ox          Focus area 2 review by Head Staff Regional Office- staff is preparing for its s          Mayo Clinic is up and running and additional equipment are arriving. \          Student are being seen and coordination is underway for dental health.</p>
<p><b>X. Citywide School          Building Committee          Report – Mr. Matthew          Wilcox</b></p>	<p>Extensive steward ship report online</p>



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<p><b>XI. Finance &amp; Operations Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</b></p>	<p>No <b>further</b> report</p>
<p><b>XII. Governance Report – Dr. Abie Benitez</b></p> <p><b>XIII.  Food Service Task Group Report – Dr. OrLando Yarborough</b></p>	<p>Continued work with the CAPE manual for policy updating. Typhanie Jackson and team completed and reviewed with attorney’s guidance documents for trans gender non-conforming youths’ policy. Principals will be given document by May 11 and by May 23<sup>rd</sup> a copy will be forwarded to the committee. Request for policy reviews to be submitted to the governance committee for review Bullying policy will be discussed as well as equity initiative to address student, staff and Board members discuss about appropriate language to use in schools Heritage celebration calendar will be updated. Input is requested</p> <p>Task group will be met last month. Food gap committee collaborated to share food for the April break. Working on summer food distribution. group distributed food for spring break.</p>
<p><b>XIV.  061-22 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.</b></p>	<p>On the Motion by President 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 and possible action on matters heard in the executive session seconded by Dr. Benítez.</p> <p>Invitees to the session were Dr. Tracey, Attorney Alexiades.</p> <p>Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (Passed)</p>
<p><b>XV. 062-22 Adjournment</b></p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Goldson seconded by Dr. Joyner to adjourn the meeting at 8:59pm passed by roll call.</p>



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

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Myrtis Mason*

*Recording Secretary*

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<sup>i</sup> Non-voting member

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