



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CONNECTICUT
 Board of Education Committee
 Regular Meeting Minutes
 April 26, 2021 via Zoom

I. Called to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:34p.m. by President, Ms. Rivera.
Attendees:	Present: Ms. Rivera, President; Mr. Matt Wilcox, Vice-President; Mayor Justin Elicker, Dr. Edward Joyner, Secretary; Dr. Tamiko Jackson-McArthur, Dr. Iline Tracey, Mr. Larry Conaway, Mr. Darnell Goldson. Absent: Ms. Lihame Arouna, Mr. Anthony Fiore.
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Mr. Wilcox led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance
iii. Public Participation	Channel Name: BOE TV You Tube Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U Public Participation (2 Participants) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica Domotor • Kirsten Hope-McFadden
IV Action Items I. Approval of Board Minutes 3.22.20 & 4.12.2021	Minutes for 3.22.21 and 4.12. 2021 was not approved. It was agreed upon to revert to previous agreed formatting and submit for next meeting. Mr. Goldson stated that the minutes reflected his title as Dr. Goldson. Motion for approval of minutes (withdrawn).
ii. Personnel Report Dr. Iline Tracey 078-21	Dr. Tracey introduced the new Head Start Supervisor, Ms. Mary Darwin. She will serve in this position as well as her current role, until July 1 st when she becomes effective. <u>Discussion</u> Mr. Conaway congratulated Domingo Santiago on his retirement after serving the District. Dr. Jackson-Arthur and Dr. Joyner expressed appreciation to Dr. Tracey on the promotion and appointment of Ms. Mary Derwin. Ms. Darwin expressed her gratitude for being considered for the position as well as the projected intent of the program's goal. On the Motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Wilcox. Mr. Conaway, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (Personnel Report passed)



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<p>iii. 079-21 Finance Operations Committee <i>Mr. Wilcox</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Wilcox reported that the Echo Urban Pioneer True Up administration is confident it will be on target for the Summer of Fun Program. Food Service Program report projected a deficit of \$2.8M. ARP fund will cover Food Service deficit due to COVID-19. <p>It was suggested that a report on the deficit be shared with the Board at the next meeting.</p> <p>Action Items: On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, to approve 1 Abstracts, 5 Agreements, 5 Contracts, seconded by Dr. Joyner.</p> <p>Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Mr. Goldson, No; Ms. Rivera, ye; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes (F&O Items passed)</p>
<p>V. Superintendent's Report-Dr. Iline Tracey i. Magnet Schools Lottery Update - Marquelle Middleton & Michele Bonanno ii. ESSER II Grant</p>	<p>Michelle Bonanno and Marquette Middleton gave their report on the New Haven School 2021 Choice Lottery Cycle.</p> <p>Submitted applicants: Pre-K – 12 was 4831. New Haven Residents, 3579; Non-New Haven Residents, 1378. Results have been emailed to applicants and the waitlist have dramatically been reduced this year. Also, 64% were placed at one of their choice and 56% of all placed was matched to their first choice. Unmatched students will be waitlisted until October 2021.</p> <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <p>It was discussed that some elementary and some applicants perceive high schools in the District negatively. As a result applicants deny enrollment opportunities at specific schools. It was suggested that a committee undertake a survey to gather data on the contributory factors and reason for school choices. Mr. Conaway as well as others expressed their satisfaction for Hill House High School. It was suggested that positive marketing changes be implemented to promote all schools. Dr. Tracey added that the goal is for parents to see all school as desirable and strategies are now been unveiled to attract families.</p> <p>Dr. Tracey reported that the ESSER II Grant has been submitted and dollar amounts have been attached.</p> <p>Ms. Hannans highlighted the fund allocation grant amounts based on priority. Approximations are: Priority 1 - \$24.5M; Priority 2- \$4M; Priority 3 - \$3.8M and Priority 4 - \$5.3M. Total Grant Allocation Fund amount was \$37,716, 245.</p> <p>She said the abstract would be presented to the F&O Committee and then to the Board for approval.</p>



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<p>VI. President's Report Ms. Rivera</p>	<p>Ms. Rivera, Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Conaway met to discuss plans for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board retreat • Training - 2 three-hour training on: By-Laws, Conduct, Ethic, Goal setting. The President requested member's input to suggest available dates for training. Dates must be submitted by the end of the week to accommodate timely scheduling. <p>She added that a special Board meeting would be convened between May 26 – June 4, 2021. In addition, an executive session will be added at the next Board meeting to discuss processes and timeline to do Dr. Tracey's evaluation. She will email members with suggested timeline and blank a copy of the evaluation.</p> <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <p>Mr. Goldson enquired if there were any plans to return to in-person Board meetings. Ms. Rivera stated this item would be an agenda item at the next meeting.</p>
<p>VII. Student Report</p>	<p>No student report was available.</p>
<p>VIII. Head Start Report Mr. Wilcox</p>	<p>Mr. Wilcox reported that the date of the next meeting is May 20, 2021 at 5:00pm. He expressed satisfaction upon recruitment of Ms. Mary Derwin for the Head Start position.</p>
<p>IX. Governance Report Dr. Jackson-McArthur</p>	<p>Dr. Jackson-McArthur said there was no report.</p>
<p>X. Facility Naming Report</p>	<p>Dr. Jackson-McArthur reported that the date of the next meeting is April 27, 2021 at 6pm via zoom. She will introduce the Tri-Chairs at the meeting.</p>
<p>XI. Teaching and Learning - Dr. Joyner</p> <p>i. 080-21 Special Graduation 2021 Requirements</p>	<p>Dr. Joyner reported that students had been unable to achieve the required credits to graduate due to COVID even though they have met the State requirement. Dr. Joyner requested that the Board support Dr. Tracey to allow students who had satisfactorily completed a minimum of 25 credits to graduate. He said this exceeds the State requirement of 22. He added that students who met the requirements but have fewer credits than required by their high school, will receive a New Haven Public School Certificate instead. This requirement will only be valid for this school year due to COVID-19.</p> <p>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner To Accept Memo and Recommendations from Dr. Paul Whyte to Allow Students a Minimum of 25 Credits to Graduate seconded by Mr. Conaway.</p> <p>Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes. (Passed)</p>



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<p>ii. Race and Equity in the New Have School District</p>	<p>Dr. Joyner congratulated Ms. Ellen Maust. He reported that the students from the District were doing phenomenal nationally.</p> <p>He stated that New Haven is at the forefront regarding the policy on Race and Equity. He recognized Tiffany Jackson for outstanding work in educational programs. Dr. Joyner commended educators including Dr. Tracey, Mr. Larry Conaway, Ms. Gemma-Joseph, principals and all who had given profound care and dedicated contributions to assist children who are at risk and reside in difficult areas.</p> <p>Dr. Joyner reported that strategies to assist children who are at risk across the District's school are being implemented. He said these strategies are consistent with equity and justice.</p>
<p>XII Food Service Task Group</p>	<p>Mr. Conaway stated that there was no report.</p>
<p>XIII. Compensation Equity Committee</p>	<p>Mr. Conaway reported that the date of next meeting would be April 28, 2021. Two agenda items will be discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Part time employees 2. Proposal to F&L <p>Minutes are available on the District's website.</p>
<p>XIV. City Wide Committee School Building Report <i>Mr. Wilcox</i></p>	<p>Mr. Wilcox reported that the date of the next committee meeting would be May 13, 2020.</p>
<p>XV. Adjournment 081-21</p>	<p>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wilcox. It was voted by roll call to adjourn at 7:02pm.</p> <p>Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes. Mr. Goldson, yes.</p>

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Respectfully Submitted
Myrils Mason
Recording Secretary