



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CONNECTICUT
 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
 February 27, 2023 via Zoom

I. Called to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm by President Rivera.
Board Members Present Others Present	Ms. Yesenia Rivera, President. Mr. Matthew Wilcox, Vice President Dr. Edward Joyner, Secretary Mayor Justin Elicker Dr. OrLando Yarborough III Mr. Darnell Goldson Dr. Abie Benitez Ma'Shai Roman, Student Board Member Mr. Dave Cruz-Bustamante, Student Board Member Dr. Iline Tracey – Superintendent, NHPS Attorney Alexaides – Corporation Counsel, City of New Haven
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Dr. Joyner led the pledge of allegiance.
III Public Participation	Channel Name: BOE TV0- You Tube Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U Leslie Blatteau – President, New Haven Federation of Teachers Congratulated coalition of teachers, parents, educators etc who collaborated to inform the elected officials - State representative and legislators to channel the wealthy pay taxes owed. In addition, provide funding for the community to access houses and healthcare services. Adreas – NHPS , enforced mask mandate – masks not proven to be effective per research Tanden Yudon – ESUMS, Junior Climate Change and its effect on the NHPS and community. Request the District employ a climate coordinator as well as response committee. Requested meeting with BOE to discuss this matter. Leon Mock – ESUM, Junior Climate Change Resolution – The effects or climate change effects on public education as well as daily living. Need to discuss with Teaching & Learning.



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	<p>Toni Criscuolo – Teacher, ESUMS School parking lot danger – Requested for school parking lot to be maintained by providing salt during snow to prevent further accidental injuries. Darnell Goldson - reported that he had not received the following requested information. Official FOI information - submittals was transferred to legal department, Requested list of names for focus/stakeholders’ group for the Superintendent search not received. Briefing of student transfers at Brennan Rogers School</p>
<p>IV. 039- 23 Approval of Board Minutes – February 13, 2023</p> <p>040 - 23</p>	<p>On the motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Joyner to approve the minutes for January 23 and February 13, 2023.</p> <p>January 23, 2023 minutes not on agenda; Mr. Goldson Public participation comments omitted. Differed to next meeting for approval. Motion to approve and second, Withdrew.</p> <p>On the motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Joyner to approve the minutes for February 13, 2023.</p> <p>Amendments Statement made by Dr. Joyner (Facilities Naming) on Dr. Garris’ work should be credited as the author of the statement” You cannot educate an empty seat.”</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Cruz Bustamante, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (passed)</p>
<p>ii. Personnel Report – Dr. Iline Tracey</p> <p>041– 23</p> <p>042 – 23</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>Comments/Reports Appointments - 2 Teachers and 6 Para-professionals Resignation - 2 teachers</p> <p>Ms. Fletcher requested amendment to the Personnel report to add Ms. Jordan Dawkin’s effective start date as February 28, 2023</p> <p>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Wilcox to amend the motion to add Ms. Dawkin’s effective start date as February 28, 2023.</p>



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	<p>Vote: Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes, Dr. Yarborough, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (passed)</p>
<p>043-23 iii. Second Reading of Policy 5118.1(a) Homeless Students</p> <p>044-23</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Mr. Goldson to approve second reading of updated Policy 5118.1(a) Homeless Students.</p> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Joyner to approve second reading of updated Policy 5118.1(a) and all sub-sections, homeless students.</p> <p>Comments District currently have over 500 hundred homeless students.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes. (passed)</p>
<p>iv. 045-23 Finance and Operations Committee – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p> <p>046-23</p> <p>047 – 23</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Yarborough to approve Abstract 1 and Agreements 2, 3 and 4 as listed on F & O items.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes. (passed)</p> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Yarborough to approve Agreement #1, with The Foundation of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce, to manage the Science Fair Program, including Family Science Nights, mentoring, and the City-Wide Science Fair, from September 13, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$28,000.00.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson., abstain; Ms. Roman, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes. (Passed)</p> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Yarborough to approve Agreement #5 - Agreement with Manufacturers Training Group, LLC, to provide consulting services to support the development of two</p>



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<p>048 – 23</p>	<p>individual Digital Manufacturing and Engineering programs, from March 14, 2023 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$24,500.00.</p> <p>Comments/Discussion/Suggestion Adhering to policy guidelines re approving contractual agreements was discussed at length should follow policies guidelines. Suggestion: Accept bids from various vendors for proposed services.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, no; Ms. Roman, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, abstain; Dr. Benitez, yes. (Passed)</p> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Yarborough to approve Change Order #1 - Change Order #2 to Contract #21687-3-5 with Sports Construction to increase funding amount from \$60,000.00 by \$25,000.00 to \$85,000.00 to cover costs incurred for bleacher move and equipment repairs</p> <p><u>Concerns/discussion</u> Approval of Change Orders with significant increase by vendors was discussed. Added detailed re the context of contract and its relevance for the approval of this vendor was highlighted by Mr. Lamb.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, abstain; Dr. Benitez, yes. (Passed)</p>
<p>V. Student's Report Ms. Roman</p>	<p>Ms. Roman - City Wide Student meeting update for February Mental health in NHPS school feedback Challenges faced - under-funding in schools, not enough student support, promoting resources within schools, however, lack of communication, student anxiety and depression. Solutions: SEL feedbacks for all schools for mental health benefits</p> <p>Mr. Cruz-Bustamante – City Wide Congress and student council meeting – Spoke with 10 sophomore student representative who indicated interest in student representative election. 25 students interested in membership for various organization and party Social Scholar party worked to develop plans to do student outreach to elementary school students.</p>



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VI. Teaching & Learning Report – Dr. Edward Joyner	No report
VII. Facilities Naming Committee Report – Dr. Edward Joyner	No Report
Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Iline Tracey i. Principal Voices	<p>Administrators School Update</p> <p>Medria Blue – Innis, studied in Singapore as Fulbright Scholar for Global Schools Leader of Global School, on a scholarship. This connects with ESUMS provide future forward teaching – Nurturing the Joy of Learning Master Class giving students access to on demand 150 global instructors. Student studies courses lined to their personal interest. Power point showed various courses students were involved in hands-on out of these master class. Math department redesigned with focus on thinking classrooms. - associated with ESUMS, dedication to provide equitable education to develop agency in students. New Media and Social Tech Department - applied different technology skills to their collaborative learning. Student focus on various topics – climate change, social justice, reproductive rights, pollution, drug addiction, race and racism etc.</p> <p>Keneisha Sloley – Conte West Hills</p> <p>Encouraged creativity and curious minds of student. Observation taken in account to put in class. Observation to foster collaborative learning classroom to encourage creativity and curiosity of students. Students are challenged through creative thinking daily.</p> <p>Chronic absenteeism – was high at the beginning of the academic year. Truancy specialist were activated to identify all barriers to navigate solutions to address this. Various platforms were utilized to mitigate Absenteeism. Chronic absenteeism rate was reduced from 57.4 % to 41.3%. Elimination and further reduction are anticipated in collaboration with parents. Student are encouraged to learn from fears and anxiety experienced and connect them through the curriculum connecting them to real life issues. Support through SEL well-being with scholars.</p>



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	<p>Reading inventory scores– Kindergarten, 51% of students worked at or above grade level. 51% of 6th graders moved from the foundational skills to intermediate advance in the Power Up Program 66% of 7th graders move from intermediate to advance level</p>
<p>ii. Literacy/Math Update</p>	<p>71% of fourth grade students scored at or above the standard on numbers and operations at Base 10 IAB 64% of sixth graders students scored at or above the standard on numbers and operations at Base 10IAB 67 of eighth graders scored at or above the standard on numbers and operations at Base IAB</p>
<p>IX. President’s Report – Ms. Yesenia Rivera i. Superintendent Search Update by Judy Sclair-Stein of MacPherson & Jacobson</p>	<p>Dr. Judy Sclair-Stein of MacPherson & Jacobson gave an overview report on the Superintendents search. Met with approximately 200 stakeholders – support staff, teachers, students, Met on February 15, 16, 17 Group met with = administrators, parents, business and community leaders who expressed the positives and concerns in the community and school district re qualities expected of a new superintendent. Executive summary will be made available to the Board as an online link for overview. Then suggested it be posted on the District’s website and posted on the McPherson and Jacobsen website. Written and hard copy of this summary will be presented to the Board. Name of individuals who attended the stakeholders meeting was requested.</p>
<p>X. Head Start Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>Sub-committee met. Current enrollment of 451 student , 14 new to the program. 68 open enrollment vacancies still exist. Suggestion: Promoting vacancies through social media platform.</p>
<p>XI. Citywide School Bldg. Committee Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>Discussed – Process for surplus purpose City representative dialogue to convene</p>
<p>XII. Finance & Operations Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>Process of properties are surpluses. Administration presented first public draft 2023- 2024 budget. GAP Project continues –Unions collaborated to determine appropriate staffing. Transportation contract Information received and memo drafted that explain the process. New group of policies implemented and reviewed re F & O. will be submitted to the Governance committee.</p>



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	Final decision from Mr. Gormany and his team whether or not the school buses will be housed in the City.
XIII. Governance Report – Dr. Abie Benitez	Series assigned in each committee continues. Meeting will be held later this month.
XIV. Food Service Task Group Report – Dr. OrLando Yarborough	No report
XVII. 049 – 23 Adjournment	On the Motion to adjourned by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Dr. Joyner the meeting was adjourned by roll call at 7:56pm. Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes, Dr. Yarborough, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson. (passed)

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

Respectfully Submitted
Myrtis Mason
Recording Secretary

