



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Minutes – Board of Education Emergency Meeting – March 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m. by Mr. M. Wilcox, Vice President. The meeting was held in the 2nd floor Board Room at 54 Meadow St., New Haven, Connecticut.

Present: Mr. M. Wilcox, Vice-President; Mr. D. Goldson, Mr. N. Rivera, Student Member;
Phone-In: Ms. Y. Rivera, President; Dr. E. Joyner, Secretary; Mr. L. Conaway, Dr. Jackson-McArthur;
Ms. L. Arouna, Student Member
Also present: Dr. Tracey, Interim Superintendent; Mr. M. Pinto, COO; Mr. P. Penn, CFO; Ms. Maritza Bond, New Haven Health Department Director

Mr. Wilcox led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wilcox explained that Mayor Elicker was unable to attend due to a conference with our Federal Delegation. He also explained the Board Members will participate in the meeting by phone, in accordance with By-Law #9325.4 regarding attendance electronically.

Discussion: Dr. Tracey, Interim Superintendent and Mr. Pinto provided an update and answered questions on NHPS response to COVID-19 virus pandemic, including the closure of schools and plans to address provision of food for students.

Dr. Tracey reported that Governor Lamont has lifted the restriction for 180 day school year, but that the school term could not be extended beyond June 30, 2020.

Mr. Pinto also reported that Yale New Haven Hospital has asked the Board to consider rental of the former Strong School site on Orchard Street as a collection center, due to its convenient proximity to the two hospital sites. No vote was taken, but members concurred that additional information is needed.

Ms. Bond, Director of New Haven Department of Health updated members on the City's response to the COVID-19 virus and answered questions.

Adjournment: On a motion by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Dr. E. Joyner, the meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DeMaio