



**NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

**Minutes – Board of Education Special Meeting – September 21, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 6.35 p.m. by Mrs. Yesenia Rivera, President. The meeting was held via Zoom.

**Present:** Mrs. Y. Rivera, President; Mr. M. Wilcox, Vice-President; Dr. E. Joyner, Secretary; Mr. L. Conaway, Dr. T. Jackson- McArthur, Mayor J. Elicker, Mr. D. Goldson, Dr. Tracey, Mr. A. Fiore

**Absent:** Ms. L. Arouna,

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

**676-20  
Convene  
Executive Session  
@ 6:40 p.m.**

**On the motion by Mrs. Rivera, seconded by Dr. Jackson-McArthur, it was voted by roll call to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(6)(B) re: strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation to which the public agency is a party and Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-200(6)(E) and § 1-210(b) (10) re: communications privileged by the attorney-client relationship concerning U.S. Department of Education decisions on Magnet School grant funding and Interscholastic Athletics. Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur; yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mrs. Rivera, yes; Mr. Fiore, yes. Motion passed. Also invited to attend, Atty. Michelle Laubin, Berchem & Moses; Dr. Iline Tracey, Ms. Michelle Bonanno, Atty. Michael Pinto, COO, Mr. Philip Penn, CFO, Ms. Carolyn Ross-Lee, Mr. Eric Patchkofsky, Athletic Director, and Atty. Elias Alexiades**

**Reconvene Public  
Session @ 7:37p.m.**

Mrs. Rivera commented we are out of Executive Session and no votes were taken. She asked Mr. Penn to summarize.

Mr. Penn commented that Atty. Michelle Laubin of Berchem & Moses and Ms. Michelle Bonanno reviewed with us the current status of our negotiations with the U.S. Office of Civil Rights and it's fair to say we're encouraged by the progress of those negotiations.

Mr. Goldson gave a special shout out to the two Michelle's, Laubin and Bonanno for all the work they put in getting us to this point. We are a lot more optimistic now than we were a week ago and he's looking forward to seeing the final results.

**677-20  
Adjournment**

**On the motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Joyner, it was voted by roll call to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur; yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mrs. Rivera, yes. Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ginger McHugh*, BOE Recording Secretary

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