



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CONNECTICUT

Board of Education Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2023 via Zoom

I. Called to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm by President Rivera.
Board Members 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
Others Present	Dr. Iline Tracey – Superintendent, NHPS Attorney Alexiades – Corporation Counsel, City of New Haven
I Pledge of Allegiance	Mr. Wilcox led the pledge of allegiance.
ii. Approval of Board Minutes – February 27, 2023 and January 23, 2023.	On the Motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Wilcox to approve the minutes for March 13, 2023. Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes, Dr. Yarborough, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson. (passed)
III Public Participation	Channel Name: BOETV-You Tube Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U . Testimonies Teresa Johnson – Superintendent search public meeting schedule data was inadequate to allow public attendance. Abe Benghiat – Focus on the substitute teacher’s experience and suggested the Board review his proposed template with solutions to resolve issues observed as a substitute i.e. . low salary, inadequate instruction model for substitute to follow as well as retention. Requested that he be contacted to be a part of the next step solution. Suggested a staff guide. Mr. Darnell Goldson – Board Member Requested the Board move quickly towards implementing hybrid meeting speedily.



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	<p>Items requested and not received – FOI request Superintendent search stake holder groups names Briefing from Brennan Rodgers school -</p>
<p>V. Student’s Report</p>	<p>No Report</p>
<p>VIII. 050-23</p> <p>Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Iline</p> <p>i. Principal Voices – Mr. Shawn True of Hill Regional Career</p> <p>ii. High School and Ms. Nicole Brown of Hill</p> <p>2023-2024 Budget Proposal – Ms. Linda Hannan’s</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve the action items of the Personnel Report seconded by Dr Benitez.</p> <p>Two teachers resigned while there were two were recruited. Dr. Tracy reported that Miss Mason, recording secretary, had resigned from the position of Para-professional and expressed regard in her endeavors.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes, Dr. Yarborough, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (passed)</p> <p>Hill Regional Career High School principal, Mr. Shawn True gave highlights. Student graduate is geared towards achievement by thinking critically with authentic experience. Develop foundational and build academic student practices. Pathways are through business & technology as well as health and sciences. Academic expectations will go toward competency for the future. Citizen and responsibility are some of the unique requirements students expected achievements. Strong student leadership team fostered. Focus at is school climate and functions, discipline. Five-time magnet school of America award, winner for robotics competition with second place for the State.</p> <p>Business pathway with stakeholders give future educational opportunities for students in health and business, namely universities and colleges matriculation. Current enrollment 642. Student engagement via student government leadership are opportunities for students to be successful.</p> <p>Ms Hannans shared the General Fund Proposed Budget for 2023 -2024. 2016 student enrollment decreased and how it will affect grants. Funding across the board was stable. Key trends of the change in grant trends impact the budget. This fiscal saw a financial decline for 2022 – 2023 due to current expenditure. 41 school currently in the District with 19, 150 students. Enrollment. 59% of budget was based on outside sources of funding -grants. The school District has seen a variety of grants. 195.2M was approved for last fiscal years. This year’s request is \$207,071, 931. 00. Difference between both years \$M1.8M a 6.5% increase if approved. Largest budgeted item was personnel then out of district tuition and transportation respectively</p>



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	<p>Transportation contract is project to increase by 12%. Budget proposed by Mayor was \$8M. On the motion Mr. Goldson to amend the agenda to add the 2023-2-24 budget.</p> <p>Principal, Nicole Brown, Hill Central High School, gave an overview of the school culture and climate. The vision of high achievement was flanked by a culture enrichment environment. Paola Gomes and Mrs Tracy Cunningham shared their tenure and implemented school activities, programs and celebration that drives student success. Ongoing para-professionals training. Teacher games, kids games. staff activities, pool parties, book cubs, mindful, treats to ensure teachers are happy. SEL and other social committee activities are alive throughout the building to ensure students, teachers, bus drivers are enriched, including bus driver feel special. Literacy and math night activity continues. 90%Kindergarten student on track to meet their gross target. 88 % 1st Grade PFS on track. 100% of student mastered two literacy domains in English 7th grade attendance – 79% attending school regularly and these are among many other achievements. Student growth improvement observed during the last two years.</p>
<p>iii. 051 – 23</p> <p>Finance and Operations Committee – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Yarborough to approve 5 Agreements and 3 Purchase Orders and 5 contracts as listed by the F&O Committee.</p> <p><u>Discussion/comments</u> Cost for onsite personnel to facilitate the superintendent search committee meetings.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes, Dr. Yarborough, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, (passed)</p>
<p>iii. UPDATE on Open Choice/Woodbridge Issue</p>	<p>Ms. Tiffany Jackson reported on the Woodbridge open choice school enrollment for the New Haven students as well as the payment. Reasonable cost for the open choice seat placement was also discussed. Enrollment spots were reduced by the Woodbridge Superintendent of School. Concerned were raised about comments related to the New Haven School District re enrollment of New Haven school district public meeting held by that school district</p>
<p>VI.</p>	<p>No report</p>



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Teaching and Learning Report – Dr. Edward Joyner	
VII. Facilities Naming Committee Report – Dr. Edward Joyner	No report
XII. Finance & Operations Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox	Committee met and discussed: Transportation contract RFP posted on the District website Define GAP project Series 300 policies continue, will be finalized next Monday and send to Governance committee.
XIII. Governance Report – Dr. Abie Benitez	Policies 300 series will be submitted to the Board. Policies in 300 series are were being submitted for 1 st reading.
XIV. Food Service Task Group Report – Dr. OrLando Yarborough	Met last Wednesday. Community partners continue to work on good gaps. Food sustainability is being discussed with stakeholders
XVII. Adjournment	On the motion to adjourn by Mr. Goldson seconded by Dr. Joyner the meeting ended was adjourned at 7:51 pm. 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