



**NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

CONNECTICUT  
 Board of Education Committee  
 Regular Meeting Minutes  
 October 12, 2021 via Zoom

<b>I. Called to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Ms. Rivera
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p>Present: Ms. Yesenia Rivera, President; Mr. Matt Wilcox, Vice-President; Mayor Justin Elicker, Dr. Tamiko Jackson-McArthur, Dr. Edward Joyner, Secretary; Mr. Larry Conaway, Mr. Darnell Goldson</p> <p>Absent: Mr. Fiore, Ms. Romans</p>
<b>II. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Mr. Wilson led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
<b>III Public Participation</b>	<p>Channel Name: BOE TV          You Tube Link: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U</a>          Public Participation (No Participants)</p>
<p>IV.  <b>175-21</b>  <b>i. Approval of Board Minutes September 27, 2021</b></p>	<p>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner to approve the September 27, 2021 minutes seconded by Mr. Wilson.</p> <p><u>Discussion/ Amendments</u>          Page 4 – Compensation Equity Report should read “Food Service Report”.          Page 5 – Adjournment - Mr. Joyner should read “Dr. Joyner”.</p> <p><b>Mr. Conaway, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (passed)</b></p>
<p><b>ii</b>  <b>176-21</b>  <b>Personnel Report – Dr. Iline Tracey</b></p> <p><b>177-21</b></p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve action items of the Personnel Report seconded by Dr. Joyner. (Motion withdrawn)</b></p> <p>Discussion          Termination of staff within 90-day probationary period exercised by school administration. Report was updated with added agenda item of termination, which did not meet the advance 24-hour notice.</p> <p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilson to approve the action items of the Personnel Report with the added termination item erroneously listed on the information only sheet seconded by Mr. Goldson.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Conaway, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (Passed)</b></p>



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<p>iii 178-21 Finance and Operations Committee – Mr. Matthew Wilcox.</p> <p>179-21</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Conaway to approve Abstract #1 and Agreement #4 for approval seconded by Dr. Joyner.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Conaway, yes; Mr. Wilcox, recused; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes. (Passed)</b></p> <p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve 6 abstracts, 7 agreements, and 3 contracts seconded by Dr. Joyner.</b></p> <p>Discussion Details were provided on contracts related to aid provided to homeless families with needs for only a month and a half not exceeding \$5000.00. This is considered Bridge fund provided by the State for homeless students thus the related contracted agencies helps student and families with case management and immediate resources to support their needs.</p> <p><b>Mr. Conaway, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes. (Passed)</b></p>
<p>VI. Teaching and Learning Report – Dr. Edward Joyner</p>	<p>Themes/ Characteristics of Teaching &amp; Learning</p> <p><b>Create a high skill based content</b>  <b>Create independent high volume reading to create critical thinking</b>  <b>Authentic assessment – skill learnt in school should be applicable in life</b>  <b>Collaborate student from different ethnic background</b>  <b>Address and acknowledge variety of ethically diverse background</b>  <b>Student accountability</b>  <b>Human compassionate ways to address difficult student in school</b></p>
<p>V. Student's Report</p>	<p>No Report</p>
<p>VII. Superintendent's Report Update on ----- Transportation Mr. Carl Jackson</p>	<p>Dr. Tracey re-iterated the District's Strategic Plan for 2020-2024. She focused on the core values, priority areas for 2020 – 2024 as well as on the vision (premier- best school District) and mission of the School District. She also expressed concerned re student's mental health challenges post COVID-19. Weekly quarantine is in place after continued - positive test results in the schools. 98% of staff in compliance with vaccine mandate.</p> <p>Operational Update - Drivers shortage continues; however, efforts are been made to increase. District is presently 23 drivers short with some are out due to COVID-19</p>



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<p>• <b>Code of Conduct Implementation – Ms. Gemma Joseph Lumpkin</b></p>	<p>issues. Some are in training, in classrooms and in hiring process. There is in incremental increase and looking ahead to fully service to our 301 routes. Code of Conduct stems across the District with focus on training Restorative lens is central. Intensive training is in place to hire restorative coaches in each school to be trained as an ambassador. Goal is to prevent initial harm. Restorative conferences will be used to repair harm.</p>
<p>• Update on Instruction for Students in Quarantine – Ms. Typhanie Jackson</p> <p>• Sporting Events Security Concerns – Mr. Eric Patchkofsky</p>	<p>Fifty classes have been in quarantine with 25% of students accessing tutors. Tutors are assigned by grade level in the afternoon. Yale University provides tutors to support teachers within 2 weeks. Parents will be provided with help for students and service assessment will be done in another six months.</p> <p>Security and executive team met and decided to allow high school student back into sporting games at school, however, with middle and lower school will continue to be assisted by their parents.</p> <p>Concerns were raised re increased somatic symptoms with pediatric age children related to mental health challenges after the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Tracey expressed concern for students and teachers as mental health issues are now heightened by COVID-19 crisis. Students have to re-acclimated to the classroom. Class sized have been reduced in lower classes due to the multiplication of unprecedented student emotional challenge.</p> <p>Grant from the state is now allowing testing for students with behavioral problems using VOC software to track intervention.</p>
<p>VIII. President’s Report – Ms. Yesenia Rivera</p>	<p>Approved goals submitted by Dr, Tracey at last meeting Corrections of typos will be addressed and send to the Board during this week.</p>
<p>IX. Head Start Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>Availability exists for head start student registration.</p>
<p>X. Citywide School Building Committee Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>No Report Agenda is posted. Date of next meeting September 14, 2021.</p>
<p>XI. Finance &amp; Operations Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>No Report Updates re transportation issues that Mr. Jackson highlighted earlier.</p>



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<p><b>XII. Update on Committee on Student Elections – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</b></p>	<p>Collaborative joint committee established with the City and School District to assist manage and govern student elections for Board representation. Goal: - To promote the awareness and participation of 10 grade students to be candidates for elected member of the Board of Education. General request for these students to have access to city election officers and vice versa to facilitate voter registration of eligible students. City and principals should facilitate access for the election for non- participants registration activities. Suggested structured orientation for student Board members after election and appointment.</p>
<p><b>XIII. Governance Report – Dr. Tamiko Jackson-McArthur</b></p>	<p>No Report</p>
<p><b>XIV. Facility Naming Report – Dr. Jackson McArthur</b></p>	<p>No Report</p>
<p><b>XV. Food Service Task Group Report – Mr. Conaway</b></p>	<p>No report  Date of next meeting is September 13, 2021</p>
<p><b>XVI. Compensation Equity Report – Mr. Conaway</b></p>	<p>No report</p>
<p><b>XVI. Executive Session 180-21</b></p>	<p><b>On the Motion of President Rivera to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(6)(A) re: discussion concerning performance and evaluation of public officer or employee Dr. Ilene Tracey, Superintendent. ii. Executive Session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(6)(E) and § 1-210(b)(10) re: discussion of exempt written communications, and the information contained therein, privileged by the attorney-client relationship seconded by Mr. Wilson.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Conaway, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes. (Passed)</b></p>
<p><b>XVII Adjournment 181-21</b></p>	<p>No votes were had in the executive session.</p> <p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Goldson to adjourn seconded by Mr. Wilson, it was voted by roll call to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Conaway, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes. (Passed)</b></p>

"A video of this meeting is available on the NHPS website, [NHPS.net](http://NHPS.net), Public Meeting

*Respectfully Submitted*  
*Merits Mason*  
*Recording Secretary*



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