



**NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
 June 12, 2023 @ 5:30pm  
 VIA ZOOM/HYBRID  
 at Barack Obama Magnet School  
 69 Farnham Avenue, New Haven, CT 06515

I. Called to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by President Rivera.
Board Members Present	<p>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          Mr. Dave Cruz-Bustamante, Student Board Member</p> <p>Ma'Shai Roman, Student Board Member</p>
Absent	Dr. Iline Tracey – Superintendent, NHPS
Others Present	Mr. Wilcox led the pledge of allegiance.
II Pledge of Allegiance	<p>Channel Name: BOETV-You Tube  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U</a></p> <p>Leslie Blatteau – Teacher, President NHFT/Parent          Safety in the schools as well no-fault problem solving. Requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarify and communicate District-wide school specific policies re health and safety</li> <li>• Prioritize maintenance and repairs to facility throughout the District</li> <li>• Create and convene a NHPS Union-BOE health committee effective July</li> <li>• Additional investment in SEL and mental health support for community</li> </ul> <p>Blood drive scheduled for June 21, 2023 at Union Hall, 267 Chapel St, New Haven</p> <p><b>Matthew Chasen</b> – COOP teacher - Safety in schools          Extensive school-based safety training for staff in all schools</p> <p><b>Izzy Beller</b> – English teacher – NHPS          School safety – Trauma informed and crisis training in schools</p>



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<p>091-23          IV. ACTION ITEMS          1.          Approval of Board Minutes – May 22, 2023</p>	<p>On the motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Wilcox to approve the May 22, 2023 amended minutes.</p> <p><u>Amendments</u>          Item 7 – Facilities Naming Committee should read  <i>There are Individuals who are interested in naming facilities after specific individuals (Dr. Garris, Hazel Pappas, Dr. Tracy) and there is a process.</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes, Dr. Yarborough, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes Mayor Elicker, yes. (passed)</b></p>
<p>2.          092-23          Personnel Report – Dr. Iline Tracey</p>	<p><b>On the motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded Dr. Joyner, to approve the action items of the Personnel Report.</b></p> <p>Recognition and congratulations extended to new employee, Dr. Baron Ramon Young, Director of Food Services Central.</p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes, Dr. Yarborough, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes Mayor Elicker, yes. (passed)</b></p>
<p>3.          093-23          Finance and Operations Committee – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p><b>On the motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Yarborough to approve the Agreements 36, 37 and 38.</b></p> <p><b>Comments</b>          Clarification given on Agreement with Morris, Duffy, Alonso &amp; Faley for legal services regarding litigation pending in New York court,</p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, No; Mayor Elicker, yes. (passed)</b></p>
<p>094-23</p>	<p><b>On the motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Joyner approve change orders 1, 2, 6, and 9.</b>          Concerns re Increase over 20% on change orders.  <b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, No; Mayor Elicker, yes. (passed)</b></p>



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<p>095 - 23</p>	<p><b>On the motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Yarborough approve 7 purchase orders, 3 contracts, 7 change orders, 6 abstracts, and remaining 35 agreements.</b></p> <p><i>Comments - clarification given re I-ready digital online resource math program for students in grade 6, 7 and 8.</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes. (passed)</b></p>
<p>V.          Student's Report          Mr. Cruz-Bustamante</p>	<p>Congrats - Wilbur Cross High School sophomore, <b>John Carlos</b> Serana Musser, elected <b>student</b> representative <b>Board</b> of Education member.</p> <p>Upcoming mass party assembly event on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 2pm for all high school students.</p>
<p>VI.          Teaching and Learning Report – Dr. Edward Joyner</p>	<p>Safe and orderly school environment for Teaching and Learning. Recent study focus on successful graduates in the NHPS educational system and the characteristics it will take to success. Encouraged everyone to support our students' success.</p>
<p>VII.          Facilities Naming Committee Report – Dr. Edward Joyner</p>	<p>Three individuals proposed for facility naming. Dr. Garrison have been looked at for a while, awaiting additional communication from initiator to proceed. Ms. Caldwell is desirous to see the library at Roberto Clemente name after Ms. Pappas. Series of steps and copy of policy will be sent to initiate process. Others desire to see the media center at King Robinson named after Dr. Tracey will require the same process.</p> <p>Will meet individuals to determine if they have met the checklist prior to Board presentation.</p>
<p>VIII.          Superintendent's Report          Dr. Iline Tracey - NHPS Updates</p>	<p>Recruitment for various position continue. Dr. Tracey reported that her last day of tenure us June 26, 2023.</p>
<p>• Literacy Update – Ms. Lynn Brantley and MS Keisha Redd-Hannans</p>	<p>Ms. Red-Hannans - Literacy focus is to impact early literacy instruction, build stronger systems and structures and measure growth through common tools. Ms. Brantley reported on professional development embarked on during this year - phonological awareness, phonemic awareness and vocabulary.</p>



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	<p>Training will be done in these areas and evaluate to see the impact it will have on staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall and Spring Data revealed reading inventory growth trends in the District re reading fluencies among k – 3<sup>rd</sup> as well as higher grades.</li> <li>• Last year saw a reduction in the growth trends in some schools.</li> </ul> <p>Growth goals are important as it relates to SBA student performance testing. It is intended to move student to their growth goal for effective testing. The goal is set at the beginning of the school year with an intent to maximize each student reading growth.</p> <p>Some next step plans were to implement comprehensive readings program k-12, Provide ongoing professional development for common reading bill, complete 7 components of reading training.</p> <p>There was concern of the percentage of student in different grade who were not proficient. Student disruptive behavior was a concern which is a contributory factor non-academic achievement.</p>
IX. President’s Report – Ms. Yesenia Rivera	No report
XI. Citywide School Building Committee Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox	No report. Will meet on June 16, 2023.
XII. Finance & Operations Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox	<p>Meeting rescheduled.</p> <p>Award for Adult Education space - \$20M has been received.</p> <p>Congratulated representative, Toni Walker and her delegation who shepherd the process for the award.</p>
XII. Finance & Operations Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox	<p>Meeting will convene this week.</p> <p>Agenda will discuss updated financial report and mitigation effort for this year budget deficit.</p> <p>Mayor Elicker thanked everyone who lobbied at the State Capital as well as the Board of Alders who approved 8M as an increase for the BOE.</p>
XIII. Governance Report – Dr. Abie Benitez	Policy series 5000, 3000 and 6000 is still worked. Formatting of website continues.
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XIV. Food Service Task Group Report – Dr. OrLando Yarborough	Group will meet this week. Summer meal planning continues. Welcomed Mr. Young as a Food Service Director.



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	Mr. Wilcox attended press conference which initiated the summer meal program which will be at different locations.
XV 096 - 23 Adjournment	<b>On the Motion by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Dr. Yarborough, the meeting was adjourned by roll call at 7:22 pm.</b>  <b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes, Dr. Yarborough, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes. (passed)</b>

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

Respectfully Submitted  
Myrtis Mason  
Recording Secretary

