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Minutes –Board of Education Meeting – January 27, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 5:35p.m. by Mr. D. Goldson, President. The meeting was held at King/Robinson Magnet School Auditorium, 150 Fournier St., New Haven, Connecticut.

Present: Mr. D. Goldson, President; Ms. Y. Rivera, Vice-President; Mr. M. Wilcox; Dr. T. Jackson-McArthur, Secretary; Mayor J. Elicker, Dr. E. Joyner, Mr. Larry Conaway, Mr. N. Rivera,

Absent: Ms. L. Arouna

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

Mr. Goldson welcomed everyone to the Board of Education’s first meeting of 2020. He also welcomed and introduced new Board member, Mayor Justin Elicker.

Mr. Goldson remarked that this is a year of change and very shortly we will vote for a new Board leadership. He remarked he will not be vying for President and explained the reasons why. Mr. Goldson turned the meeting over, by our Bylaws, to Mayor Elicker for Board elections. Mayor Elicker announced that Public Participation will take place after the board elections.

Mayor Elicker acknowledged Dr. Joyner who nominated Ms. Yesenia Rivera as President of the New Haven Board of Education.

101-20
Ms. Rivera Elected President
On the motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Dr. Jackson-McArthur, it was unanimously voted to approve the nomination of Ms. Yesenia Rivera as President of the New Haven Board of Education.

Mayor Elicker acknowledged Dr. Joyner who nominated Mr. Matthew Wilcox as Vice-President of the New Haven Board of Education.

102-20
Mr. Wilcox Elected Vice-President
On the motion by Mayor Elicker, seconded by Ms. Rivera, it was voted with one abstention by Dr. Jackson-McArthur, to approve the nomination of Mr. Matthew Wilcox as Vice-President of the New Haven Board of Education.

Mr. Wilcox acknowledged Mr. Wilcox who nominated Dr. Edward Joyner as Secretary of the New Haven Board of Education.

103-20
Dr. Joyner Elected Secretary
On the motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Jackson-McArthur, it was unanimously voted to approve the nomination of Dr. Edward Joyner as Secretary of the New Haven Board of Education.



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Mayor Elicker ceded the Chair to Ms. Yesenia Rivera, new President of the New Haven Board of Education. She was recognized by a round of applause.

Ms. Rivera thanked her very supportive husband who supports her in everything that she does and who gives her the confidence to take on new challenges. She also thanked her daughters for their support. Ms. Rivera thanked her fellow Board members who supported her nomination. Ms. Rivera commented that she is not an expert in parliamentary procedure but she is a quick study and she is here to work for the best interest of our students and to bring more transparency to everything that we do as a Board moving forward.

Mayor Elicker acknowledged the work of Darnell Goldson. He has put his heart and soul into this position. Those of you who have attended Board meetings know the kind of work that he has done and he admires the work he has done and appreciates it very much.

Ms. Rivera thanked Mayor Elicker and apologized to Mr. Goldson that she didn't acknowledge him. She also thanked him for the work that he has done and all of the interactions they had and his leadership during his time.

Mr. Goldson thanked them for their kind words. He remarked that this has been an honor to serve as President of this Board. He never expected to serve as its leader when he first joined and he was happy to be an advocate to the disenfranchised citizens of New Haven who felt this system wasn't serving them. He explained in detail everything that he learned about the system. He thanked his fellow Board members who put their trust in him to serve this Board as well as those who fought for him. He is looking forward to serving on this Board under this new leadership.

Mayor Elicker acknowledged Dr. Jackson-McArthur for the work she has done as Secretary of this Board and her dedication to the students of New Haven.

Dr. Joyner also acknowledged Dr. Jackson-McArthur for what she has done as Secretary of this Board.

Mr. Conaway supported what the Mayor said about what the work and service of Mr. Goldson and Dr. Jackson-McArthur have done and he thanked them for that. He looks forward to the future of the Board.

104-20
Approval of Minutes,
November 25, 2019

On the motion by Dr. Jackson-McArthur, seconded by Dr. Joyner, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of November 25, 2019.



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105-20 On the motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Conaway, it was unanimously voted
Approval of Minutes, to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 9, 2019.
December 9, 2019

Public Participation – Dr. Joyner reminded everyone that each speaker has 3-minutes.

Mr. Sylvester Salceto, Orange parent of 2 students at J. C. Daniels, expressed his concerns as a parent and as president the PTO of J. C. Daniels about the challenges that they have had in the school's leadership in the last four years and he thanked Dr. Tracey, Dr. White and their staff at the Superintendent's office; he remarked that they have been lucky to have been sent an interim principal, Tina Mitchell, and tonight he comes before this Board to ask Dr. Tracey and her staff to endorse Ms. Mitchell as their permanent principal; Ms. Claudine Wilkins-Chambers, wished everyone a Happy New Year and explained that she is here tonight because she is very unhappy with the behavior of some of the students spitting in the faces of her paras with no consequences and this member is now on the bluesheet because she is being let go; Ms. Chambers mentioned that she has also been spit upon and she explained in detail; *Dr. Jackson-McArthur responded to Ms. Chambers and told her that the Governance Committee is working diligently on the Code of Conduct on matters such as this and she invited Ms. Chambers to attend one of their meetings*; Ms. Rosea Daruna, Clinton Avenue parent, spoke about their AP and what an asset she is to them and the school; Ms. Toni Criscuolo, ESUMS teacher, congratulated the new Board officers; she reported that the door at ESUMS is being put in; she also talked about the Science Kits that were put somewhere and no one knew where they were and she referred to an article in the New Haven Independent and what the teachers had to say about the Science Kit situation; she also commented that she would like to see Board members go to the schools that they represent and she continued in detail; she also alluded to the chocolate milk issue; she gave Mr. Goldson one of her students wrote about the chocolate milk controversy; Ms. Hazel Pappas, retired matron, Title I Advocate, wished everyone a Happy New Year; she commented that she worked for the Board of Ed and when she saw something wrong she brought it to the Board's attention and she explained what she would do; we shouldn't be afraid to talk to children; Ms. Florence Caldwell, retired matron, Title I Advocate, wished everyone a Happy New Year and she looks forward to having a dialogue with the new Board; she also welcomed Mayor Elicker and noted that we look forward to having a working transitional relationship with him; Ms. Caldwell gave special thanks to Mr. Wilcox for attending their Title I meeting; she congratulated the new Board leadership.

Student Reports For the record, Mr. Goldson mentioned that Ms. Arouna sent him an email earlier this evening saying she would not be attending tonight because she is sick.

President's Report
Committee Appointments

Ms. Rivera asked members to let her know what they are interested in so that she can make the appropriate committee appointments.



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Ms. Rivera pointed out the amended Board Meeting Calendar and the Committee Meeting Calendars for approval. Mr. Goldson made a friendly amendment to approve them as one instead of individually. It was agreed.

106-20
Approve Board
& Committee Meeting
Calendars as Amended

On the motion by Ms. Rivera, seconded by Mr. Goldson, it was unanimously voted to approve all of the Committee Meeting Calendars and the Board Meeting Calendars as amended.

Superintendent’s Report
Announcements

Dr. Tracey announced that five of our magnet schools have received awards as schools of Excellence and schools of Distinction.

Schools of Excellence - Davis Street Magnet School, Bishop Woods Executive Academy

Schools of Distinction: Cooperative Arts & Humanities High School, Hill Regional Career High School, L. V. Beecher Magnet School, John S. Martinez Magnet School

Dr. Tracey also announced awards presented by Phi Delta Kappa Beta Sorority to Central Office staff members, Keisha Redd-Hannans and Kathy Beck.

Personnel Report

Dr. Tracey asked for approval of the Personnel Report. Mr. Goldson raised some issues: he referred to page 7 and commented on the termination of paraprofessional, Cynthia Ballard and stated his reasons for not approving the termination until he has more information. A discussion took place on this item. Mr. Goldson asked for a role call motion.

107-20
Approve Amending
Personnel Report to
Remove Cynthia Ballard

On the motion by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Mr. Conaway, it was unanimously voted, by roll call, to amend the Personnel Report to remove Cynthia Ballard on page 7, under Termination, until further information is available.

Mr. Goldson then brought up another issue on page1, the appointment of Tessa Gumbs-Johnson. He does not know what this position is, it is not on the organizational chart and it is an administrative position not related directly to students. He asked that this item be tabled until they receive more information, i.e., a description of the position, the résumé of the applicant, etc.

In answer to Mr. Goldson’s concerns, Dr. Tracey stated that the position was duly posted, interviews happened and it appears on our organizational chart under Curriculum and Instruction. Dr. Tracey explained that this position is an SAA position, Supervisor, and she



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handed Board members a copy of the job description. She also noted that this is a grant funded position to help out Central Office. It is a position that looks over professional development for the system and her staff is stretched thin. Dr. Tracey explained further. This discussion continued at length.

Mr. Goldson made a motion to table this item until we get more information about it and he explained in detail his reasons for this. Dr. Jackson-McArthur agreed with Mr. Goldson’s arguments and expressed her thoughts. Mr. Wilcox asked Dr. Tracey for more information which she provided.

108-20
Table Position of
Supervisor of
Professional
Learning

On the motion by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Dr. Jackson-McArthur, it was voted by roll call vote, as follows: Mayor Elicker, Mr. Wilcox, Dr. Joyner, Ms. Rivera, no; Mr. Rivera, Mr. Conaway, Dr. Jackson-McArthur, Mr. Goldson, yes. The motion to table the position of Supervisor of Professional Learning failed.

Mr. Goldson remarked that he received an email last night from an internal candidate for the position on page 2, Director of Transportation, who outlined a series of issues and concerns that he had around the process he and shared it with the Superintendent today. Mr. Goldson moved to table the Director of Transportation appointment listed on page 2, until legal issues are resolved. Dr. Jackson-McArthur seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion. Mr. Goldson said he feels it is unfair to have a discussion because Board members do not have a copy of the email.

Dr. Tracey stated that when this was brought to her attention today, it’s dated January 12, 2020, she reached out to Corp Council and they told her that they are comfortable with proceeding with this appointment because a lot of the insinuations are unfounded and she passed this information on to Mr. Goldson. Dr. Joyner then asked Dr. Tracey some questions that he had and she answered fully.

Mayor Elicker commented that he knows we have had a lot of struggles this year around transportation and he feels it is important, with the challenges we are facing, to have a permanent person in this position because it is important for Dr. Tracey to have a person in place.

Mr. Wilcox asked Dr. Tracey to explain how the search process was conducted. Dr. Tracey complied and explained in detail. A discussion followed. Mr. Goldson continued to explain his reasons for wanting to table this position. He said to his fellow Board members that he is sorry that they do not have the letter from this person. He is going to vote against this candidate.

Dr. Tracey remarked that she feels they have to avoid politicizing the processes of Central Office and she thinks she was hired to trust her judgement with the team she has. If this is



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not correct, please let her know. She asked President Rivera if she could call Mr. Penn and Ms. Jackson to the podium.

Mr. Penn then explained in detail the complete ranking process to the Board. Ms. Jackson added that this particular candidate has an extensive background and he has a wider range of transportation experience. He also talked about ways in which we make sure that we are doing our due diligence to make sure our students are safe with an emphasis on customer service and in addition to the process we really looked at someone, to Mayor Elicker’s point, that could be a solid foundation for our transportation services here in New Haven.

Mr. Goldson stated he was insulted by the suggestion that this process was politicizing and he explained in detail. Dr. Tracey responded it was not meant to be an insult because he has been very supportive of her; it was a part of conversation.

Mr. Goldson wanted to know if Dr. Tracey was the person who appointed people who sat on the committee who did the interviews and made the recommendations. Dr. Tracey remarked that she and Mr. Till sat down and discussed the people who had the best knowledge of transportation and she explained in detail. Mr. Goldson continued to ask Dr. Tracey the same questions. Dr. Joyner called for a point of order. President Rivera told Mr. Goldson that he was out of order but he continued his comments.

109-20
Approval to Table
Director of
Transportation
Failed

On the motion by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Dr. Jackson-McArthur, it was voted by roll call vote to table the appointment of Director of Transportation , as follows: Mr. Conaway, Dr. Jackson-McArthur, Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Joyner, Mayor Elicker, Mr. Wilcox, Ms. Rivera, no. Motion failed.

Dr. Tracey stated that she has individuals that are being moved from their interim status to permanent status. They are Eugene Foreman, Principal of Troup; Tina Mitchell, Principal of John C. Daniels; Patricia Gantenbein, Assistant Principal, Clinton Avenue; Robert Manghnani, Assistant Principal of Fair Haven School; and Tiffany Rauch, Interim Coordinator Fair Haven School.

110-20
Approval of
Personnel Report

On the motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Conaway with one abstention by Dr. Jackson-McArthur, it was voted to approve the Superintendent’s Personnel Report.

Dr. Tracey then talked about the promotional appointment of Monica Morales from Assistant Principal of Fair Haven to Principal of Quinnipiac Magnet School. Dr. Tracy communicated the qualities of Ms. Morales and gave her work history and educational background.



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Ms. Morales expressed how grateful and honored she is to be named the new principal of Quinnipiac Magnet School. She thanked her Fair Haven family, where she was for 13 years, and the Quinnipiac community members who came out to support her tonight. She looks forward to working with all of the stakeholders at Quinnipiac where we can continue great work and build upon new opportunities in which we can support our students in reaching their maximum potential. She has been and continues to be dedicated to the students and families of the New Haven Public Schools community and looks forward to this new opportunity.

Dr. Tracey acknowledged Bonnie Pacheco who has supported Quinnipiac School in the interim; Dr. Tracey thanked her for that.

President Rivera called a recess at 6:50 p.m.

Ms. Rivera called the meeting back to order at 6:55 p.m.

Superintendent's Report (cont'd)

CFO Presentation

Mr. Phil Penn, CFO, started with explaining the November financials and pointed out the changes that were made in order to make things more accessible. He went through what they did and a narrative of how they made changes to the deficit in an effort to make the changes more accessible. He explained in each page in detail. He also explained how they mitigated the deficit, which at the end of November was about \$6.4 million. He thanked Ms. Linda Hannans for making key changes for them.

Mr. Penn then went to the December report which showed that we are continuing to make revisions and the deficit estimate currently sits at \$5.9 million. He referred to page 9 which showed the changes they made. Mr. Penn went on to explain the work they will continue to do to chip away at the deficit. Mr. Penn continued to explain the revisions they are making. He commented that he is proud of his team in terms of the work they have done so far in continuing to mitigate this deficit.

Mr. Penn remarked that he is very receptive to the feedback that he is getting out of Finance & Operations on changes that we can make to this package and he would invite the full Board to consider that as well. He explained that not everyone understands and we should try to make it easier for people who are not familiar with finance jargon.

Mr. Goldson thanked the Superintendent for recommending Mr. Penn. Mr. Penn has been super receptive and he thanked him for that. The reports are getting better and better every month and they allow us to make better decisions. Mr. Penn thanked Mr. Goldson for the feedback and noted that it is he and his team, not only him.



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Mr. Wilcox agreed with Mr. Goldson's comments. To a question presented by Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Penn explained what they are going to publish the monthly financial reports under F&O so that people have access. He explained what the process will be.

Mr. Penn told where they are in the budget process. The Board did get a draft of the budget and we are going to hold off until the F&O meeting on Monday to refine some of the slides. He commented that he would like feedback from the Board if they feel something must be clarified and if they feel material should be there, please let him know. The plan is to present this to the F&O committee at their meeting on Tuesday with the permission of the Chair.

Mr. Goldson added that he, Dr. Tracey and Mr. Penn are setting up a series of community meetings to present the budget to the management teams. Mr. Penn pointed out the first meeting is next Tuesday on Day Street in the Community Room. Mr. Conaway praised Mr. Penn on the work he is doing and he thanked him and Dr. Tracey for the information being so clear.

Strategic Planning Update

Dr. Tracey thanked Mr. Penn. She updated the Board on the Strategic Planning process and noted that they are well on their way to putting a plan together because we are planning to roll out a 3-year plan by April of this year. Dr. Tracey commented that this has been her responsibility but Typhanie Jackson, Michelle Bonanno, Dr. Michele Sherban have taken it over and Mr. Wilcox has been involved every step of the way.

Ms. Jackson explained the process in detail along with a PowerPoint presentation.

Dr. Jackson-McArthur commented she really wants to know what we are doing in the schools. She is most interested in the curriculum and how we are going to drive that. Dr. Tracey answered Dr. Jackson-McArthur in detail. A lengthy discussion ensued with Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Conaway and Dr. Joyner participating.

Dr. Tracey suggested a Board Retreat, so that members will know where we are going.

Dr. Jackson-McArthur then, for the record, asked Dr. Tracey about bus stops and said she is still getting calls from parents about the unsafe bus stops. Mr. Goldson weighed in to this conversation. Dr. Tracey continued in detail. The next topic she spoke about for the record was the Science Kits. The F&O committee will handle this issue. Mr. Wilcox weighed in on this discussion as well.

Dalio Foundation RFI

Dr. Tracey called on Ms. Keisha Redd-Hannans, Assistant Superintendent, to present the Dalio Foundation RFI report.



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Ms. Hannans commented that the information before them is the result of the collective efforts of the Mayor's team, Dr. Tracey's team and Board members. About four weeks ago we had a brainstorming session to talk about what we can do with our disengaged and underserved populations which ties directly into the conversation that you are having today. The outcome was that we focused our efforts around three specific programs. She explained that they are focusing on job training and interagency partnerships and wraparound services that extend beyond the regular school day and involves home. They focused on Vocational Pathways which will strengthen the program we have in our schools as well as focusing on internships and job training. Many of our students don't want to attend college and we want to make sure that they are career ready because most jobs are requiring mid-level skills.

Ms. Redd-Hannans commented that they also want to look at an early college opportunity program which is very important because many districts around the country have students with associate degrees graduating from high school. She continued to explain.

Ms. Hannans named the members on Dr. Tracey's team: Dr. Whyte, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Carolina, Ms. Joseph-Lumpkin and Dr. Tracey.

In answer to a question by Mr. Goldson, Ms. Hannans remarked that the Dalio Program will strengthen our program and it expands what we are currently doing with Gateway to College. For the record, Mr. Goldson expressed his concerns about this Dalio five year grant and the fact that it is a private entity. He continued to express his issues and concerns about this contract.

Dr. Tracey added that we have received 37 folks from Puerto Rico, of which 17 are children one is an infant. We have been taking care of them and she thanked Danny Diaz and Jemma Joseph-Lumpkin.

Mr. Wilcox also expressed his concerns and reservations about this program, but he is happy that we are using this opportunity to shine a light on this student population. He agrees that we need to keep a focus on them.

Finance & Operations Committee Report

Ms. Rivera stated that we had two meetings; one on January 7th and the other on January 22nd.

Ms. Rivera reported that this committee met on January 7 and submits for approval, four abstracts and 8 agreements. For the Record, Ms. Rivera noted, the For Information Only Items.



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For the record, Mr. Conway expressed his concern about the agreement on the Obama School and he explained in detail. Mr. Wilcox remarked that he was also concerned and he asked for backup and he explained what was presented to them at the meeting. Mr. Conaway asked Mr. Wilcox how he found out about it and Mr. Wilcox said he asked Dr. Tracey and Mr. Pinto and he was satisfied with their explanations. He continued to explain.

Dr. Joyner joined the conversation and expressed his thoughts on the matter. Mr. Penn addressed this issue and commented there was a concern at the last F&O meeting and he explained in detail. This discussion continued at length.

On the motion by Ms. Rivera, seconded by Mr. Conaway, it was unanimously voted to approve the following January 7, 2020 FINANCE AND OPERATIONS-RELATED ITEMS:

ABSTRACTS

- 111-20 **State Bilingual Education Grant**, in the amount of \$220,399 for 2019 to 2020
- 112-20 **Carl D. Perkins Grant**, in the amount of \$489,882.00 for 2019 to 2020
- 113-20 **21st Century Community Learning Center** – Barnard, Brennan, Celentano grant, in the amount of \$200,000 for 2019 to 2020
- 114-20 **State After-School Grant** – Martinez, Columbus, Hill Central, Fair Haven, in the amount of \$169,660 for 2019-2020

AGREEMENTS

- 115-20
PowerSchool An agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and PowerSchool, LLC, to provide customized on-site training for up to 15 participants and 20 hours of Keys to Ownership remote on-demand support, from January 14 to June 30, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$20,200.
- 116-20
Elm Village An agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and Elm Village, to provide training for students and staff at Wexler-Grant from October 7, 2019 to June 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$8,760.
- 117-20
Outfront Media Inc. An agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and Outfront Media, Inc., to provide highway and City billboard advertising for the Choice & Enrollment application process from January 14 to April 30, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$22,450.



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- 118-20
NBC Universal LLC** An agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and NBC Universal, LLC, to provide informational commercials about New Haven Public School education to support the Choice & Enrollment application process from January 14 to April 30, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$33,235.29.
- 119-20
Focus Schools** An agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and Focus Schools, to provide a monthly professional development program to staff at Hillhouse to build systems and structures to improve instruction and learning, from January 14 to June 30, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$33,172.
- 120-20
ACES** An agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and Area Cooperative Educational Services, (ACES), to provide 33 full days of professional development sessions to staff at Hillhouse, from January 14 to June 30, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$33,172.
- 121-20
Community Christian
Action Agency** An agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and Christian Community Action Agency, to provide homeless youth support and services for enrollment in New Haven Public Schools, from January 14, 2019 to June 30, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$9,996.21.
- 122-20
Junta for
Progressive Action** An agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and Junta for Progressive Action, to provide support and services for homeless children and youth who desire enrollment in or are currently enrolled in New Haven Public Schools, from January
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- 123-20
Approval of
Resolution** **On the motion by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Mr. Conaway, it was unanimously voted to approve the Resolution as presented by President Rivera.**
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- On the motion by Ms. Rivera, seconded by Mr. Conaway, it was unanimously voted to approve the following January 27, 2020 FINANCE AND OPERATIONS-RELATED ITEMS:**
- AGREEMENTS**
- 124-20
Amendment #7,
Giordano Constr. Co.** Amendment #7 to the Construction Manager Agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and Giordano Construction Co., 1155 Main St., Branford, CT related to the new Strong 21st Century Communications Magnet & Lab School (aka Obama School) increasing the compensation amount from \$36,706,152 by \$93,295 to \$36,799,447 for Out of Scope Changes to the CM agreement.
- 125-20
Amendment #1,
ACES** Amendment #1 to Agreement # 96108356 with Area Cooperative Educational Services, (ACES), to decrease funding of \$579,075.00 from Operating Budget, acct. # 190-410-00-56694 and, to increase funding of \$900,000.00 by \$579,075.00 from Alliance Program, with no increase in the total funding of \$1,479,000.



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- 126-20
National SAM
Innovation Project** An agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and National SAM Innovation Project, to provide online software tools for school leaders, coaching and other professional development support from January 27 to June 30, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$25,800.
- 127-20
MOU, ST of CT
Judicial Branch
Barnard** Memorandum of Understanding by and between the New Haven Board of Education on behalf of Barnard Environmental Studies School and the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, to provide funding under the Youth Services Prevention Program to support afterschool programs, from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 per year.
- 128-20
MOU, ST of CT,
Judicial Branch,
Brennan Rogers** Memorandum of Understanding by and between the New Haven Board of Education on behalf of Brennan Rogers School of Communication and Media and the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, to provide funding under the Youth Services Prevention Program to support afterschool programs, from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.
- 129-20
MOU, ST of CT
Judicial Branch,
L. W. Beecher** Memorandum of Understanding by and between the New Haven Board of Education on behalf of L.W. Beecher Museum School of Arts & Sciences and the State of Connecticut from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 per year.
- 130-20
MOU, ST of CT,
Lincoln Bassett** Memorandum of Understanding by and between the New Haven Board of Education on behalf of Lincoln Bassett Community School and the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, to provide funding under the Youth Services Prevention Program to support afterschool programs, from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 per year.
- 131-20
MOU, ST of CT,
Judicial Branch,
West Rock** Memorandum of Understanding by and between the New Haven Board of Education on behalf of West Rock STREAM Academy and the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, to provide funding under the Youth Services Prevention Program to support afterschool programs, from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 per year.
- 132-20
MOU, ST of CT,
Judicial Branch,
Youth Services
Prevention Program** Memorandum of Understanding by and between the New Haven Board of Education on behalf of Wexler-Grant Community School and the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, to provide funding under the Youth Services Prevention Program to support afterschool programs, from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 per year.

Recommendation re Strong School Use

Ms. Rivera read the following Resolution:



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The Board of Education approves the use of space at 130 Orchard Street (Strong School) for the school district’s Science Kit Refurbishment, Storage and Distribution Center from January 27 through June 30, 2020. The classroom space to be used cannot be significantly modified from classroom usage.

The Administration will present to the Board a proposal for use of surplus and warehouse space for Board review and eventual approval by April 2020.

**133-20
Approve
Resolution**

On the motion by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Mr. Conaway, it was unanimously voted to approve the Resolution to use 130 Orchard St. for Science Kit Refurbishment, Storage and Distribution Center.

Mitigation Committee Update

Dr. Kelly reviewed the recommendations of the budget deficit committee. the committee members discussed the process for reviewing and responding. Dr. Tracey reported that she will review the recommendations with the executive leadership team and respond by the February 18th at the committee meeting.

Dr. Goldson remarked that he is very pleased with the results of establishing that committee. A group of community people came in and looked at the organization from top to bottom and worked with the administration to review different departments and what they did. They came up with some good recommendations that we will eventually see. His favorite recommendation is that they want to see an advocacy group working with this board to advocate for the district both locally and statewide. He continued in detail. Mr. Goldson thanked Dr. Jill Kelly one of the co-chairs, who really kept it moving making sure it didn’t lose focus.

Head Start Carryover Budget

Ms. Rivera referred Board members to the Head Start Budget in their packets for discussion and narrative.

**134-20
Approve Head
Start Budget**

On the motion by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Mr. Conaway, it was unanimously voted to move the Head Start Budget Narrative for discussion and approval.

Mr. Wilcox explained the process that this document went through before coming to this Board. The Head Start Committee looked at it at their December and January meetings and the Policy Council which is the Head Start mandated parent group chaired by Mr. Eddie Blue also looked at it. One of the major goals was to provide a level of equity between the satellite sights and the programs we have at the Mayo School as well as a lot of training for not only the teachers but paraprofessionals and some of the parents as well.



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Governance Committee Report

Dr. Jackson-McArthur commented that tonight is the First Reading of the Student Privacy Policy, Series #6162.51 for their perusal. If they have any questions, please let her know. Dr. Jackson-McArthur directed members to a list of policies and noted that the ones that are highlighted are complete and the ones not highlighted we will be working on. The next meeting Homeless Students, Series 5000, and Migrant Students policies will be the first read. The committee is also working on an infrastructure for extended school hours with the department of youth family and community engagement. She continued to explain.

Dr. Jackson-McArthur commented that this committee has worked to expand the seats available to New Haven residents in relation to the lottery. The committee has worked to expand the seats available to New Haven parents and the state has given us permission to offer more seats when available. This is a win/win for our students and the community.

Teaching & Learning Committee

Mr. Wilcox remarked that the committee has had two meetings since our last meeting and are recommending five field trips for approval.

**135-20
Amend Agenda to
Include Field Trips**

On the motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Mr. Goldson, it was unanimously voted, by roll call, to amend the agenda to include five overnight field trips.

Mr. Wilcox gave the list of field trips in detail. The representatives of these field trips explained each one in detail at the meeting. The trips include:

Edgewood to Natures Classroom, Ivoryton, CT; HSC, two trips for college tours, Philadelphia, PA and Providence, RI; Mauro/Sheridan to Walt Disney Epcot Center , Orlando, FL and Barnard to the battlefields of Gettysburg

**136-20
Approval of
Overnight Field Trips**

On the motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Mr. Goldson, it was unanimously voted to approve the five overnight field trips as presented by Mr. Wilcox.

Mr. Wilcox reported that in December and January the committee spent time on the high school supports for the 8th to 9th grade transition. They discussed the importance of information to parents and the role of guidance counselors in the school choice process. He explained in detail. They also discussed the curriculum audit playing a role in the strategic planning efforts and they had a play-based learning update. In January they had a discussion on the process for how we revise board policies as related to instruction. He continued to explain. Mr. Wilcox commented their next meeting is on February 12th at 54 Meadow St., at 4:30pm. He reminded everyone that this is a committee of the whole, thus everyone is invited to attend.



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Facility Naming Committee

Ms. Rivera referred members to the information on the Clifton Bush Memorial Clock to be erected in front of Hillhouse High School.

137-20

**Approval of Clifton
Bush Memorial Clock**

On the motion by Ms. Rivera, seconded by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Mr. Conaway, it was unanimously voted to approve the Clifton Bush Memorial Clock to be erected in front of Hillhouse High School.

Mr. Goldson gave a history of Clifton Bush, Jr. and the reasons why this is a wonderful way to honor this great New Haven educator. Mr. Goldson communicated the reasons why this honor is so well deserved.

Mr. Conaway agreed with Mr. Goldson and thanked and commended whoever put the package together on the Bush Memorial Clock.

Ms. Rivera reported that they also discussed the remaining policies and decided to work on the policies and approve them at Facilities Naming and they will then go to Governance.

Food Service Task Group

Mr. Wilcox reported that this committee met in January and they received information that the chocolate milk pilot is complete but they don't have any further information. They will be getting data on this pilot. Students expressed concerns about cafeteria food waste, composting and plastic use. There was a continued discussion regarding the summer meals program as well as gaps in the food program as it relates to deadly allergies.

Citywide School Building & Stewardship Committee

Mr. Goldson gave an update on the Obama School. He remarked that they were a few days late in getting in but it is a great looking school. He thinks the grand opening will be in the spring sometime to see the school and talk about the great progress they made.

Head Start Committee Meeting

Mr. Wilcox reported that they had their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 16th. On December 23rd they received notification that the Regional 1 Office has determined that the officer's previous findings that we were under corrective action have been corrected. He explained the process that led to this and thanked everyone that was involved in the district and he named them all. However, they do have a notice of non-compliance for the lack of a mental health contract and we have 120 days to implement a contract and staff is currently interviewing potential contractors and we should have something to present to this Board soon.

Dr. Tracey commended Mr. Wilcox for his tenacity in these matters.



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Mr. Goldson added background information regarding this issue.

Census Update

Mr. Wilcox reported he attended the 2020 Census Planning meeting in an effort everyone is making sure that there is no census undercounts in New Haven. They are looking to hire census takers and the job starts at \$25/hour. The website is 2020census.gov. He explained in detail.

**138-20
Convene
Executive Session**

On the motion by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Dr. Joyner, it was unanimously voted to go into executive session at 8:30pm to review the SAA Contract. Mr. Penn, Mr. Pinto, Ms. Mack and Dr. Tracey were invited to attend.

**139-20
Adjourn
Executive Session**

On the motion by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Dr. Joyner, it was unanimously voted to adjourn Executive Session at 8:40pm.

**140-20
Reconvene in
Public Session**

On the motion by Mr. Conaway, seconded by Dr. Joyner, it was unanimously voted to Reconvene in Public Session at 8:45pm.

**141-20
Approval of
SAA Contract**

On the motion by Mr. Conaway, seconded by Dr. Joyner, it was unanimously voted to approve the agreement between the New Haven Board of Education and the School Administrators Association from July 2020 to July 2023.

**142-20
Adjournment**

On the motion by Mr. Conaway, seconded by Dr. Joyner, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger McHugh

Recording Secretary

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