



**NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

CONNECTICUT  
 Board of Education Committee  
 Regular Meeting Minutes  
 August 8, 2022 via Zoom

I. Called to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm by President, Yesenia 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 Dave Cruz-Bustamante, Student Board Member Ma'shai Roman, Student Board Member
Others Present	Dr. Iline Tracey – Superintendent, NHPS Attorney Elias Alexaides, Corporation Counsel
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Dr. Yarborough led in the Pledge of allegiance.
III Public Participation	Channel Name: BOE TV You Tube Link: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U</a>  1. Leslie Blatteau                      2. Sarah Levine 3. Jennifer Graves                      4. Shafiq Abdussabur 5. Kirsten Hopes-McFadden      6. Toni Criscuolo
IV i 115- 22 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes July 25, 2022	<b>On the motion by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Mr. Wilcox, to approve the amended minutes for July 25, 2022.</b>  <b>Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (passed)</b>
ii. 116-22 Personnel Report Dr. Iline Tracey	<b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve the Action Items of the Superintendent's Personnel's Report, seconded by Dr. Joyner.</b>  <u>Discussion/ comments</u> Teacher recruitment and retention was intensely discussed as well solutions with housing perks with community partnerships as strategies to attract teachers to the District. Ms. Lisa Mack gave highlights on ideas and solutions the District have employed and invited suggestions to resolve the teacher shortfall crisis. Dr. Tracey



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	<p>gave update on the new staff recruits (42) as well as resignations and retirements. Ms. Sarah Diggs was recruited to serve as Administrator to support Human Resource Department. Ms. Ivelisse Velasquez resigned and Ms. Keisha Redd-Hannans was re-assigned to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum &amp; Instructions.  <b>Suggestion:</b> Communicate with the New Haven Board of Alderman to brainstorm ideas re providing housing as a perk for teacher recruitment.</p> <p><b>Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes. (Passed)</b></p>
<p>iii.          Discussion and Possible Approval of Agreement with SJ Services – Dr. Michael Finley           117-22</p>	<p>Dr. Finlay gave overview of the process, including the financial cost of to underwrite this custodial one-year contract with option to renew. He also shared the compared financial difference between the two proposed contractors, Echo Urban and S.J Services for years 2023 – 2027. Factors related to prior S. J. Services performance was discussed at length.</p> <p><b>On the Motion by Mayor Elicker to approve the Contractual Agreement with S.J. Services as proposed, seconded by Dr. Joyner.</b></p> <p><b>Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, abstained; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, No; Ms. Rivera, yes. (Passed)</b></p>
<p>iv.          Finance and Operations Committee – Mr. Matthew Wilcox.          118-22</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Dr. Yarborough, seconded by Dr. Joyner, to approve Amendment #1 to Agreement #96363001 with Clifford Beers Guidance Clinic, to expand the Scope of Service to include up to 150 McKinney Vento families in the three Family Fun Days programs at Camp Farnam on August 26-28, 2022, and to increase funding of \$198,000.00 by \$34,000.00 to \$232,000.00</b></p> <p><b>Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, recused; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes. (Passed)</b></p>
<p>119-22</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve remaining 21 Agreements, 2 Contracts and 2 Change Orders as recommended by the F &amp; O Committee, seconded by Dr. Yarborough.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Ms. Rivera yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; (Remaining &amp; O Items passed)</b></p>



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<p>V.  <i>Student's Report</i>  <i>Mr. Cruz-Bustamante</i></p>	<p>Mr. Cruz-Bustamante gave report on the City-Wide Student Council.          Plan for mitigating school issues &amp; conducting student council meetings          Proposed meeting time September to May 2022-2023, 9:30am-12:30pm (last day of each month). Venue: Hill House High school with meal and transportation provided.</p> <p><b>Mission and Goals:</b> To assembly student leaders' general ideas to address student issues with grounding guided by Robert Rules and Orders. Student circles will be implemented.          Time structured topics will be followed throughout the planned meetings.          Dr. Joyner invited student board members to attend Teaching &amp; Learning meetings.          SRO phase-out program status update requested by Mr. Cruz Bustamante          Mr. Wilson reported that the District is now working on new MOU with the Police Department          F &amp; O committee to review required staff ratios and how they will be distributed in schools.          Ma'Shai asked what were the COVID-19 protocols for the new the school year and will locker availability be reinstated. Dr. Tracey reported that mask wearing will be optional and friendly and lockers will be available.          Ma'Shai also requested that student be added to emails list on student related matters as some parents do not read them. She suggested mental health awareness resources accessibility be promoted in schools.</p> <p><b>Suggestions:</b> Request BOE members to attend City-Wide student council meetings.          City-Wide Student Council meeting dates be made available.</p>
<p>VI.          Teaching and Learning          Report – Dr. Edward Joyner</p>	<p>Dr. Joyner spoke on how data is presented to children who met requirements for learning          At each grade level identify student who have not met pre-requisites for learning          Gather data that will indicate the lowest level of achievement in the District</p>
<p>VII.          Superintendent's Report          • District update  <i>Dr. Tracey</i></p>	<p>Dr. Tracey expressed concern re teacher shortage in the classroom.          Back to school distribution of school material to families will be done.          Exploration of location for Adult Education Center. Various locations have been identified.          Suggestion: Utilizing prior NHPS unused building e.g. The Strong School.          Request was made for update on AP classes at Wilbur Cross School.</p>
<p>VIII. President's Report –          Ms. Yesenia Rivera</p>	<p>Final executive session re Dr. Tracy's evaluation will be scheduled for next week.          Additional information will be forwarded.</p>
<p>IX.          Head Start Report – Mr.          Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>No Report          New student registration vacancies are still available</p>



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X. Citywide School Bldg. Committee Report <i>Mr. Matthew Wilcox</i>	No Report Rescheduled for date to be announced
XI. F& O Report Mr. Matthew Wilcox	Meeting will convene on Monday, August 15 at 4:30pm. Special meeting request will be made. Specific policy request should be submitted to the committee for review prior to meeting.
XII. Governance Report Dr. Abie Benitez	Date of next meeting is August 15, 2022. Food service 6000 series will be reviewed.
XIII. Food Service Task Group Report Dr. OrLando Yarborough	Date of next meeting is this Wednesday. Food gap issues will be discussed. Request for data of meal distribution for past years to be made available for next meeting.
XIV. 120-22 Adjournment	<p>On the Motion to adjourn by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Dr. Joyner, the meeting was adjourned by roll call at 8:42pm.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes.; Dr Benitez, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes. (passed)</p>

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

*Respectfully Submitted*  
*Myrtis Mason*  
*Recording Secretary*