



## NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION HYBRID MEETING  
May 8, 2023, 5:30 PM  
at Barack H. Obama Magnet University School  
69 Farnham Ave, New Haven, CT

I. Called to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm 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 Dr. Finley, Ms. Tiffany Jackson, Mr. Thomas Lamb
II Pledge of Allegiance	Dr. Yarborough led the pledge of allegiance.
<b>Transportation RFP Executive Session Discussion</b>  070-23	<b>On the Motion by President Rivera, seconded by Mr. Wilcox to go into executive session as authorized by Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 1-200(6)(B) and §§ 61-201(B) (24) concerning Transportation RFP.</b>  Attendees: Dr. Iline Tracey, Attorney Alexiades, Dr. Finley, Ms. Tiffany Jackson, Mr. Thomas Lamb  <b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes, Dr. Yarborough, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes. (passed)</b>
III. Public Participation	Channel Name: BOETV-You Tube <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U</a>  Climate Resolution Emergency Committee members, Young-In-Kim – Senior Wilbur Cross High School, Rosie and Liam Mock, ESUMS spoke on



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	<p>Emergency Climate Resolution Implementation in the schools, They continued their Advocate for climate initiative resolution coordinator for the District as well.</p>
<p>071-23          Approval of Board Minutes <i>April 19, 2023 Special</i></p> <p>072-23  <i>April 24, 2023</i></p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Mr. Wilcox to approve the April 19, 2023 minutes.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes, Dr. Yarborough, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes. (passed)</b></p> <p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Mr. Goldson to approve the April 24, 2023 minutes.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes, Dr. Yarborough, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes. (passed)</b></p>
<p>ii.          073-23          Personnel Report – Dr. Iline Tracey</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Yarborough to approve the action items of the Superintendent’s Personnel Report</b></p> <p><b><u>Promotional appointments and comments</u></b>          Monica Abbott – University of Connecticut, Susan Amenta – Assistant Principal, Ross/Woodward Magnet School, Paul Camarco -Assistant Principal James Hill House High School; Jo-Ann Bonanno-Ferris - Assistant Principal; Conte West Hills Magnet School; Maria Cristina Ryan –Principal, Hill Central Music Academy; Dr. Jennifer Sinal Swingler –Supervisor of Secondary English Language Arts- Gateway; Jennifer Tousignant – Supervisor of Elementary Reading and Language Arts.          Everyone expressed their appreciation to serve building on the foundation of the school district. They also extended gratitude to their mentors and families for their continued support.</p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes, Dr. Yarborough, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes. (passed)</b></p>
<p>iii.          074-23          Discussion and Possible Action:          Non-Certified Instructors for 2023          “Summer of Fun” Program</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Goldson, to approve the Non-Certified Instructors for 2023 Summer of Fun Program, seconded by Mr. Wilson.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes, Dr. Yarborough, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes. (passed)</b></p>



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<p>iv. 075-23 Finance and Operations Committee – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Yarborough to approve 11 Agreements and 2 Contracts.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes, Dr. Yarborough, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes. (passed)</b></p>
<p>076-23</p> <p>077-23</p> <p>078-23</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Yarborough to approve 1<sup>st</sup> “Healthy Food Certification Statement” – Addendum to an Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes, Dr. Yarborough, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes. (passed)</b></p> <p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Yarborough to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Healthy Food Certification, to allow Food and Beverage Exemptions.</b></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>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to amend the agenda to add discussion and possible action concerning responses to the solicitation of proposals to Transportation Services as authorized by Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 1-200 -6(E) and Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 1-201(B)(24).</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>Student Board representative elections – Multiple candidates met eligibility requirements for the student candidacy for election.          Candidates forum will be held at City Hall, May 12, 2023 at 9:30am. May will be 19 is election day. All are invited.          April congress meeting was productive.          Directives were arrived e.g. strengthening student councils and student committees to make policy decision at high schools.          Incorporating more mental health resources.          Students exhibited a sense of hope and power.</p>



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	May 23, 2023 is student congress meeting
VI. Teaching and Learning Report – Dr. Edward Joyner	Commendation extended to Keisha Redd-Hannans and her team. Stratified sample of the district revealing a multi-language and multi-cultural District. Commended Mr. Cruz-Bustamante his work a Wilbur Cross Suggestion: Literacy, science and language arts program welcomed to present to the Board at the end of June.
VII. Facilities Naming Committee Report – Dr. Edward Joyner	Re Miss Pappas – Proposed checklist of required tasks will be done to create checklist as well a rubric to guide the process for facilities naming.
VIII. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Iline Tracey Literacy Schools Pilot Update	Low enrollment schools are being worked.  Ms. Redd-Hannans - Congratulated team who worked on the pilot program to give the best curriculum. Literacy K5- program (HMH and pilot program) implemented in twelve school. Math middle school I-Ready Program has continuity. Twenty-three schools had seen implementation of this digital platform Science: - K- 8 continues with Smithsonian. Spanish and English to ensure student have access to material to respond to changing demographics for the students. Commended administrator, principals and teachers who participated in the pilot program
IX President’s Report – Ms. Rivera	No report
X Head Start Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox	No report. Date of next meeting next Thursday
XI. Citywide School Building Committee Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox	May 12, 2023 is the next meeting
XIII. Finance & Operations Report Mr. Matthew Wilcox	Series 3000 policies continues.
XIII. Governance Report – Dr. Abie Benitez	April 24, 2023 was the last meeting on series. Webmaster liaison continues to integrate one platform access for policies data. Policies 3542 and 3542.31 first reading presented. School lunch services and free and reduced priced lunches respectively.
XIV.	



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<p>Food Service Task Group Report –          Dr. OrLando Yarborough</p>	<p>Will meet this week. Agenda will reflect search for food service director.</p>
<p>XV.          079-23          Executive Session</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Mr. Goldson to go into executive session to discuss responses to the solicitation of proposals to Transportation Services.</b></p> <p>Attendees: Attorney Alexiades, Dr. Tracey and Mr. Lamb.</p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (passed)</b></p>
<p>Out of Executive Session</p> <p>080-23</p> <p>081-23</p> <p>082-23</p>	<p><b>No votes taken in executive session.</b></p> <p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Joyner to award the NHPS Student Transportation Service under RFP 2023-03-1524 including regular and special education bussing services effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$93, 646,128.58 with the option of two additional fiscal years to First Student.</b></p> <p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Goldson, seconded by President Rivera to amend the previous motion (080-23) to provide First Student with the Contract 3 -years Transport regular education student and further, proposed that they be given an extension of 1 year on Special Education Contract and Award the Second Two Years of the Special Education Contract to WEE Transportation commencing July 1, 2023.</b></p> <p><b>Motion was misstated by Mr. Goldson and was restated as a change proposal and again seconded by Ms. Rivera. Restated motion now reads ... <i>rebid during the year and for upcoming July 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 year.</i></b></p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, No; Dr. Joyner, No; Dr. Benitez, No; Dr. Yarborough, No; Mayor Elicker, No; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (failed)</b></p> <p><b>Vote (080-23)</b>  <b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Benitez, No; Dr. Yarborough, No; Mayor Elicker, yes; Ms. Rivera, No; Mr. Goldson, No. (failed)</b></p> <p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to direct staff to negotiate with First Student for an option that is available under our current Contract.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, No. (passed)</b></p>



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<p>XV 083-23 Executive Session</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by President Rivera to enter into Executive session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 1-200(6)(B) and §§ 1-201(b)(4) &amp; (10) re strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims, and discussion which would result in the disclosure of attorney-client privileged communications, regarding New Haven Federation of Teachers versus New Haven Board of Education - Case 01-22-0004-7375.</b></p> <p><b>Attendees: Board members, Dr. Tracey, Attorneys Sierra -Nilan and Alexiades</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (passed)</b></p>
<p>XV1 084-23 Adjournment</p>	<p><b>No votes out of executive session.</b></p> <p><b>On the motion by Mr. Goldson seconded by Mr. Wilcox to adjourn the meeting, it was voted by roll call and adjourned at 8:30pm.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.</b></p>

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

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