



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education Committee Regular Meeting Minutes August 14, 2023

Meeting held via Hybrid Zoom and Obama Magnet School

I. Call to Order: The meeting called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Ms. Rivera.

Attendees: Present: Ms. Yesenia, President; Mr. Matt Wilcox, Vice-President; Dr. Edward Joyner; Mayor Justin Elicker, Mr. Darnell Goldson, Dr. Orlando Yarborough III, Dr. Abie Benitez, Mr. Musser.

Staff: Dr. Madeline Negrón, Superintendent, Dr. Paul Whyte, Ms. Viviana Conner, Mr. Thomas Lamb, Atty. Alexiades.

II. Pledge of Allegiance: The assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Dr. Yarborough III.

III. Public Participation *Channel Name:* New Haven BOE TV
YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izZcNkcidjU> [27:31 – 31:27]

Summary: One participant Jeremy Schulich who represents the Greater New Haven Clean Cities Coalition one of the projects they are working on with the district in the deployment of Electric Busing. He discusses how NHPS stated the goal for electric busing to be implemented around 2030, but he states there is a Grant that could help fund the project to get it off the ground sooner.

IV. Action Items:

1. **Amend the Agenda to Add Executive Session 123-23** **Motion to Amend the Agenda to add an Executive Session to be briefed by the Superintendent on matter regarding theft of district funds Executive session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 1200(6)(B) and §§ 1-210(b)(4) & (10) regarding information to be used in prospective law enforcement action if information made public could lead to prejudicial action by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Dr. Joyner. (Motion Passed)**
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Musser, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.
2. **Board Meeting Minutes 7/10/23 Revised 124-23** **Motion to approve Board Meeting Revised Minutes for July 10, 2023 by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Joyner. (Motion Passed)**
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Musser, yes; Mr. Goldson, abstain.
3. **Board Meeting Minutes 7/24/23 125-23** **Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for July 24, 2023 by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Joyner. (Motion Passed)**
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Musser, yes; Mr. Goldson, abstain.
4. **Personnel Report 126-23** The Personnel Report was presented for Board approval by Dr. Negrón a discussion ensued. **Motion to approve Superintendent Personnel Report by Mr. Goldson seconded by Dr. Joyner. (Motion Passed)**
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Musser, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.



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5. **Amend the Agenda to Add Action Item: Superintendent Hires 127-23**
Motion to Amend the Agenda to add Action Item which will allow for the Superintendent to hire positions at the Principal level and below between today and the next board meeting by Mr. Goldson seconded by Mr. Wilcox. (Motion Passed)
 Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Musser, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.

6. **Superintendent Hires 128-23**
Motion to approve for the Superintendent to hire positions at the Principal level and below between today and the next board meeting by Mr. Goldson seconded by Dr. Joyner. (Motion Passed)
 Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Musser, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.

7. **Purchase Order #5 Brightly Software 129-23**
 Mr. Wilcox presented the Action Item for the Purchase Order #5 with Brightly for the Facilities Work Order Management Program. This one was separated out to discuss the financial impact that has differed this fiscal year. Due to the amount of the increase being a notable 22% in comparison. Mr. Lamb provided context stating the company School Dude has been purchased twice in the past year and due to the new management, the amounts were increased which we had no knowledge would happen. He added that the plan for facilities work orders is to stay with the current vendor while a thorough RFP is written that can include a migration of the data that is currently in the system as well as training for the various levels of staff and ensure there be a transition period for all to take place.
Motion to approve Purchase Order #5 with Brightly Software for Facilities Work Order Management by Mr. Wilcox seconded by Dr. Yarborough. (Motion Passed)
 Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Musser, yes; Mr. Goldson, no.

8. **Purchase Order #13 Valley Communications 130-23**
Motion to approve Purchase Order #13 with Valley Communications to provide support for BOE Meetings by Mr. Wilcox seconded by Dr. Yarborough. (Motion Passed)
 Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Musser, yes; Mr. Goldson, no.

9. **Finance & Operations Action Items 131-23**
Motion to approve 16 Agreements, 21 Contracts and 11 Purchase Orders and 1 MOU as recommended by the Finance & Operations Committee by Mr. Wilcox seconded by Dr. Yarborough. (Motion Passed)
 Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Musser, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.

10. **3 Abstracts Action Items 132-23**
Motion to approve 3 abstracts as recommended by the Finance & Operations Committee by Mr. Wilcox seconded by Dr. Yarborough. (Motion Passed)
 Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Musser, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.



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IV. Students' Report: No Students Report at this time.

V. Teaching & Learning Report: Dr. Joyner states No Report at this time.

VI. Facilities Naming Report: Dr. Joyner states No Report at this time.

VII. Superintendents Report: Dr. Negrón presents the Superintendents report. She provided information regarding plans for the upcoming academic year which includes welcoming back all the teachers and staff and acknowledge the amazing work that the staff does. She has updated the Board members on the vacancies throughout the District. Which also includes staff who are out on a variation of extended leaves. She presented Recruitment Strategies on how the District plans to combat this shortage of staff. There was discussion on ensuring a tracking of exit interview data.

VIII. Presidents Report: Ms. Rivera states No Report at this time.

IX. Head Start Report: Mr. Wilcox states the next meeting is set for this coming Thursday an update should be available by the next board meeting.

X. Citywide School Building Stewardship Report: Mr. Wilcox states the report is posted on the website on the website for board members to review. It was also stressed at that meeting about the Field House Track needing to be repaired. But we are working with the Athletics Director Erik Patchofsky in regard to coordination of those repairs since that is a heavily utilized facility.

XI. Finance & Operations Report: Mr. Wilcox states there was discussion around the Policy of School Building Use Permits as well as Policy 1330 around School Facilities and around Security related policies which will be sent over to Governance Committee.

XII. Governance Report: Dr. Benitez states the committee has around 4 policies that will be reviewed on the 28th this month. She adds to Mr. Wilcox to forward over any policies that are ready for review as the next meeting.



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**XII. Food Service
Task Force Report:**

Dr. Yarborough III states the previous meeting there was a review of the allergy plan and we are still updating the new director on the policy as well. The district has completed its summer meals and this is the food gap time, so we are still looking and finding ways to still provide food to families during this gapped time.

**XII. Executive
Session:
133-23**

Executive Session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(6)(B) and 1-210(B) 9 & 10 Regarding Records, Reports and Statements of Strategy or Negotiations with respect to the Collective Bargaining (Local 287) and Records of Communications Privilege by the Attorney Client Privilege or Relationship and Executive Session to be briefed by the Superintendent on matter regarding theft of district funds Executive session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 1200(6)(B) and §§ 1-210(b)(4) & (10) regarding information to be used in prospective law enforcement action if information made public could lead to prejudicial action by Ms. Rivera seconded by Dr. Yarborough.

Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes;
Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Musser, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.

Ms. Rivera states that there were No Votes taken during Executive Session.

**1. Local 287
Contract:
134-23**

Motion to accept the tentative contract between Local 287 and the Board of Education pursuant to the terms discussed in Executive Session by Dr. Joyner seconded by Dr. Benitez.

Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Musser, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.

**2. Local 287
Exec. Contract.
135-23**

Motion to authorize Ms. Yesenia Rivera of the New Haven Board of Education to execute the agreement between Local 287 and the Board of Education pursuant to the terms discussed in Executive Session by Dr. Joyner seconded by Dr. Benitez.

Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Musser, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.

**Adjournment:
136-23**

**Motion to adjourn by Mr. Goldson seconded by Mr. Wilcox meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes;
Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Salina Manning

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Executive Administrative Assistant

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