



**NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

CONNECTICUT  
 Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
 January 23, 2023 via Zoom

I. Called to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm by President, Yesenia Rivera.							
Board Members Present          Board Members Absent   Others 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  Dr. Iline Tracey – Superintendent, NHPS Attorney Alexaides – Corporation Counsel, City of New Haven							
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Dr. Yarborough led the pledge of allegiance.							
President Report	Update – Superintendent search  Dr. Judy Sclair-Stein, McPherson and Jacobsen presented correspondence on their expected process. Committee meeting scheduled and available for public view on January 25, 2023, 3:00pm – 6:00pm. A zoom link will be posted on the District's website as well as the Superintendent search content.							
Public Participation	Channel Name: BOE TV YouTube Link <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U</a> Public Participation <table border="1" data-bbox="587 1465 1490 1900"> <tr> <td data-bbox="587 1465 1036 1537">Ashley Stockton</td> <td data-bbox="1036 1465 1490 1537">Request in-person Board meeting Hazel Pappas death,</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="587 1537 1036 1650">Erin Mchaud, Teacher, Beecher Museum Magnet School and LGBTQ Youth Taskforce</td> <td data-bbox="1036 1537 1490 1650">Support Mr. Matt Wilcox reappointment</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="587 1650 1036 1906">Kirsten Hopes-McFadden, Attorney</td> <td data-bbox="1036 1650 1490 1906">Expressed condescended on the passing of Ms. Pappas, a community member who attended Board meetings. Requested Board convene public meetings, hybrid or in-person.</td> </tr> </table>		Ashley Stockton	Request in-person Board meeting Hazel Pappas death,	Erin Mchaud, Teacher, Beecher Museum Magnet School and LGBTQ Youth Taskforce	Support Mr. Matt Wilcox reappointment	Kirsten Hopes-McFadden, Attorney	Expressed condescended on the passing of Ms. Pappas, a community member who attended Board meetings. Requested Board convene public meetings, hybrid or in-person.
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	<p>David Weinrod, New Haven LGBTQ youth taskforce member</p> <p>Mr. Darnell Goldson – Board member</p>	<p>Support Mr. Matt Wilcox’s reappointment</p> <p><b>The following items requested were still not received:</b> score sheet re approved of cleaning contract, FOI emails between Board members and Communications Director which directly related to silencing Mr. Goldson; Briefing of student transfers at Brennan Rogers School; request for hybrid Board meetings..</p>
<p>i. 016 -23 Approval of Board Minutes – January 9, 2023</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mayor Elicker seconded by Dr. Joyner to approve the January 9, 2023.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes. (Passed)</b></p>	
<p>ii. 017 -23 Personnel Report – Dr. Iline Tracey</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Dr. Benitez to approve the Superintendent’s Personnel Report.</b></p> <p><u>Discussion/comments</u></p> <p>Epitaphs were expressed for the late Hazel Pappas and her contribution to the NHPS District as an educational activist and community member. Were shared.</p> <p>Dr Tracey reported that there were 9 new hires, 4 resignations and 2 retirement. Congratulations offered for more new hires than resignations.</p> <p><b>Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes. (Passed)</b></p>	
<p>iii. 018 - 23 Discussion and Possible Action: MOA Local 3429 CBA July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2023</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Dr. Yarborough to approve the Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the para- professionals - Local 3429 for July 1, -- June 30, 2023.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes. (Passed)</b></p>	



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<p>iv. 019 - 23 Discussion and Possible Action: Elm City Montessori Charter Renewal</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by President Rivera to renew the Elm City Montessori Charter.</b></p> <p><u>Comments</u> This school was commended for its exemplary educational performance and contribution to the New Haven community. 179 of 182 stakeholders voted for the renewal of the school charter.</p> <p><b>Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; Dr. Yarborough, abstain. (Passed)</b></p>
<p>v. <b>020 - 23</b> SECOND READINGS of Governance Policy 5112(a) Age of Attendance;</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Goldson to approve second reading of Governance Policy 5112.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes. (Passed)</b></p>
<p>021 - 23 Policy 5131.7(a) Weapons and Dangerous Instruments</p> <p>022 - 23</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Goldson to approve the bus conduct Policy 5131.7(a) Weapons and Dangerous Instruments.</b></p> <p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Goldson seconded by Dr. Yarborough to amend motion 021 -23, to include Policy 5131.7(a) &amp; (b) additional language.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes. (Passed)</b></p> <p>Concerns – Weapons and dangerous instruments Difficulties were expressed re dealing with these instruments when in a six-year old child’s possession. This can result in multiple serious situations in schools when an child put his or herself and peers in jeopardy.</p>
<p>023- 23 Policy 5131.1 Bus Conduct; Policy</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Dr. Yarborough to approve Policy 5131.1, 5131.1(a) and 5131.1(b).</b></p> <p>Suggestion: Add language to allow due process</p> <p><b>Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes;</b></p>



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<p>024 - 23 Policy 7551 Naming and Renaming Facilities</p>	<p><b>Dr. Yarborough, yes. (Passed)</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Goldson seconded by Dr. Joyner to approve Policy 7551 Naming and Renaming Facilities.</b></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> - Board President's role to appoint members to committee created by the Board.  <b>Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, No; Mr. Cruz- Bustamante, yes. (passed)</b></p>
<p>Vi .025 - 23 Finance and Operations Committee – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by President Rivera to approve Agreement # 10 – Agreement with Friends Center for Children, to provide funding to support costs associated with provision of 60 full day/full year early childhood spaces, from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$57,600.00.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr Yarborough, abstain; Mr. Goldson; abstain; Mr. Cruz- Bustamante, yes. (passed)</b></p>
<p>026 – 23</p>	<p><b>On the Motion Dr. Yarborough seconded by Dr. Joyner to approve Agreement #15, with New Haven Public Schools, to provide funding to support costs associated with provision of 142 full day/full year and 68-part day/school year early childhood spaces, from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$123,520.00.</b></p> <p><u>Concerns/comment</u>          NHPS District entering into a contract with itself. Attorney Alexiades will review the agreement for the next Board meeting. Decision to defer motion until clarification is done. Motion to approve and second withdrawn. Agreement # 15, motion deferred to next meeting. <b>(deferred)</b></p>
<p>027 – 23</p>	<p><b>On the motion by Dr. Yarborough, seconded by Dr. Joyner to approve Agreement #23, Amendment #1 to Agreement A22-1616 with Shipman &amp; Goodwin Labor to increase funding amount from \$80,000.00 by \$437,204.60 for a total amount of \$517,204.60, to invoices received and cover costs incurred for remainder of FY.</b></p> <p><u>Discussion</u></p>



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<p>028 – 23</p>          029 – 23	<p>Reason for significant increase in legal fees without notice. Request for administration to provide briefing on these fees.</p> <p><b>On the motion by Mr. Goldson to table the motion until the administration provide additional information. No second. (failed)</b></p> <p><b>Suggestion:</b> Superintendent to give notification of contracts when costs begin to escalate with timely reports.</p> <p><b>Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr Yarborough; Mr. yes; Mr. Goldson No; Mr. Cruz- Bustamante, No. (passed)</b></p> <p><b>On the Motion by Dr. Yarborough seconded by Mr. Goldson to approve the remaining 21 Agreements, 1 Abstract and 5 contracts as listed on the agenda.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr Yarborough; Mr. yes; Mr. Goldson No; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, No. (passed)</b></p>
<p>V. Student’s Report Mr. Cruz-Bustamante</p>	<p>City-wide student council meeting scheduled for January 29, 2023 at 9:30 – 12:30pm.</p>
<p>VI. Teaching and Learning Report Dr. Edward Joyner</p>	<p><u>Committee discussed pilot science curriculum</u></p> <p>Presentation done on educators thriving – a piloted program which expressed concern about teachers social and emotional wellbeing. Supervisors assigned to pilot the new curriculum.</p>
<p>VII. Facilities Naming Committee Report, Dr. Edward Joyner</p>	<p>Dr. Joyner reported that the committee projected goals were accomplished.</p>
<p>VIII. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Iline Tracey</p>	<p>No Report</p>
<p>X. Head Start Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>Met on January 18, 2023. Slots still available in the Head Start program.</p>
<p>XI.</p>	<p>Committee met on January 12, 2023. Project management report posted. Work order status across the District will be reviewed.</p>



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Citywide School Building Committee Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox	
XII. Finance & Operations Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox	Worked on series 3000. Policies will be forward to Governance committee. Update received on staff guidelines.
XIII. Governance Report – Dr. Abie Benitez	No report
XIV. Food Service Task Group Report – Dr. OrLando Yarborough	Committee met on January 11, 2023. Food director position posted. Received agreement on good food purchased. Food was delivered in December by the task group.
XV. 030 - 23 Adjournment	<p><b>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Dr. Yarborough the meeting was adjourned by roll call at 8:23pm.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr Yarborough, yes; Mr. yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (passed)</b></p>

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

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