



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2023

Meeting held via Hybrid Zoom and Obama Magnet School

I. Call to Order: The meeting called to order at 5:40 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. John Carlos Serana Musser.

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance: The assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by a board member.

Mayor Elicker swears in the new Student Elect Board Member, Mr. John Carlos Serana Musser who is a sophomore at Wilbur Cross High School.

III. Action Items: On the motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Ms. Rivera to approve the June 26, 2023 minutes. (Motion Passed)

**1. Minute Approval
Reg 6/26/2023
108-23** Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, Yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.

The Personnel Report was presented by Dr. Madeline Negrón.

**2. Personnel Report
109-23** On the motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Mr. Goldson to approve the Personnel Report as presented. (Motion Passed)
Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Serana Musser, yes.

**3. Finance & Operations
Action Items
110-23** Mr. Wilcox presented the items that are recommended for approval for the Board. There was discussion that ensued regarding the clarification needed to understand the distinction between multiyear agreements and contracts that have renewal options available. Which will be discussed and at the next Finance & Operations Committee meeting with the invitation to the City Purchasing Dept for clarification.

On the motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Yarborough III to approve the 2 Abstracts, 13 Agreements, 11 Contracts and 7 Purchase Orders as recommended by the Finance & Operations Committee. (Motion Passed)

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



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IV. Students' Report: There are no updates at this time.

V. Teaching & Learning Report: Dr. Joyner states there are no updates at this time.

VI. Facilities Naming Report: Dr. Joyner states there was a meeting last week, currently the committee is in the process of creating a task list and specific administrative procedures in place for a nomination form which can be completed and provided with signatures for facilities naming submissions.

VII. Superintendents Report: Dr. Negrón presents the Superintendents report which includes the Superintendents Entry Plan.

Goal 1 – Highly Effective District Governance Team

Goal 2 – Trusting, Productive and Collaborative Working Relationship

Goal 3 – Teaching and Learning Approach

Goal 4 – Operational Effectiveness

Mr. Goldson, Dr. Joyner and Mayor Elicker welcomed the new superintendent to the district and state how they are excited to work alongside her to guide the district toward a stronger collaborative environment.

Mr. Goldson also inquired if there would be any information provided in regard to a HVAC Grant that was made available that New Haven did not apply for. The reason no application was submitted for the district is in question as there are two schools currently closed due to HVAC related issues. It is encouraged to keep this on the radar and see if anything can be done regarding this issue.

VIII. Presidents Report: Ms. Rivera states there are no updates at this time.

IX. Head Start Report: Mr. Wilcox states the next regular scheduled Head Start Committee Meeting is set for next week and an update should be made available by the next regular Board Meeting.

X. Citywide School Building Stewardship Report: Mr. Wilcox states the next regular scheduled Head Start Committee Meeting is set for later this week and an update should be made available by the next regular Board Meeting.



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XI. Finance & Operations Report:

Mr. Wilcox states the meeting was on Wednesday July 5th due to the holiday. The key points from that meeting were, the MOU for the salary reimbursements for the three positions with the City is still in the draft phase and will continue to be discussed in committee at the next regular meeting. He adds that the Board of Alders has agreed to the Transportation contract extension.

XII. Governance Report:

Dr. Benitez states the committee met two weeks ago, there are two new policies that have been reviewed for First Read. The committee is asked to provide the committee with any questions or revisions, the goal is to have finalized versions available for the second read for approval.

Policies: [First Reading](#)

- 3542.22(a) Food Sales other than National School Lunch
- 3542.45(a) Vending Machines.

XII. Food Service Task Force Report:

Dr. Yarborough III welcomes the new Food Service Director Mr. Baron Young who just started today. He will attend his first Food Service Task Force Committee Meeting which is set for this month. Further updates will be made available at the next regular meeting.

XII. Executive Session: 111-23

Re: Strategy and negotiations in the matter of Chernovetz v. Harries.

On the motion by Ms. Rivera, seconded by Mr. Goldson to enter into Executive session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 1-200(6)(B) and §§ 1-210(b)(4) & (10) concerning strategy and negotiations with respect to pending litigation in the matter of Chernovetz v. Harries, and discussion which would result in the disclosure of attorney-client privileged communications. (Motion Passed)

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

Ms. Rivera states that there were no votes taken during Executive Session.

Adjournment: 112-23

On the Motion by Ms. Rivera to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Goldson, it was voted by roll call to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Goldson, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Dr. Jackson, Yes; Mr. Conaway, Yes; Mayor Elicker, Yes; Ms. Rivera, Yes. (Motion Passed).

Respectfully Submitted,

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