



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education Committee Regular Meeting Minutes September 11, 2023

Meeting held via Hybrid Zoom and Obama Magnet School

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

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

Staff:
Dr. Madeline Negrón, Superintendent, Dr. Paul Whyte.

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

III. Public Participation *Channel Name:* New Haven BOE TV
YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xl1ep8w0xZ0> [3:00-22:00]

Summary: Ms. Jessica is a mother of students at Davis Academy states that the afterschool program at that location she was told was on hold. Ms. Glover also a parent at Davis School and echoes the same concerns about having children who have a hard time connecting with others and the SEL assists with this. Ms. Waters is a parent of an 8th grader at East Rock states that those in positions to make change have made no differences in the district and her child has been affected due to her voicing concerns previously. Ms. Rivera requested that Dr. Negrón assign staff to speak with the families who expressed their concerns this evening.

IV. Action Items:

1. **Board Meeting Minutes 8/28/23 145-23** **Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for August 28, 2023 by Mayor Elicker, seconded by Dr. Joyner (Motion Passed)**
Ms. Rivera, abstain; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.

2. **CSDE Authorized Signatures Change Form ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs 146-23** Dr. Negrón states that this is a formality that must be completed with the change of Superintendent that must be formalized with the State of the change. Which requires a signature from the Boards secretary and Board approval.
Motion to approve CSDE Authorized signatures Change Form ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Dr. Benitez (Motion Passed)
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.

3. **Personnel Report 147-23** The Personnel Report was presented for Board approval by Dr. Negrón.
Motion to approve Superintendent Personnel Report by Dr. Joyner seconded by Dr. Benitez. (Motion Passed)
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.



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**4. Finance & Operations Action Items
148-23**

Finance and Operations Action Items were presented to the Board members. Purchase Orders 3 and 4 for Conte repairs due to the water damage was previously approved at the last meeting and the language was carried over onto this agenda in error.

Motion to approve 2 Abstracts, 12 Agreements, 2 Contracts and 2 Purchase Orders 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. Goldson, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.

IV. Students' Report:

No Students Report at this time.

V. Teaching & Learning Report:

Dr. Benitez reports the Superintendents initiatives and priorities have been shared with the staff and dedicated that meeting to discussing literacy initiatives. As well as trips for Cross High School and Sound School but both to get student understand their goals and lives regarding ecosystems.

Several policies will be reviewed and will an update on those will be provided at the Governance update.

VI. Facilities Naming Report:

Dr. Joyner states there needs to be some administrative and IT support, but there is an app <https://www.change.org/> that seems like it can be a platform used to gather petition signatures for memorialization. This should be publicized on the website where we can have the public see the list of nominees and sign the petition for memorization. Dr. Negrón states she will assign staff to look into this task.

VII. Superintendents Report:

Dr. Negrón gives a brief update on the extreme heat we experienced last week. There were multiple districts that closed early due to the sudden heat wave. The school buildings aren't designed to withstand such heat waves with the aging infrastructure. The inconsistent air conditioning which makes the internal temperature in certain locations to an uncomfortable level. We will collect information and analysis of how much repairs will be and provide a capital plan.

Ms. Hannans presents a Career Connected Pathways, to connect with our students with their careers and on the State level as well.

VIII. Presidents Report:

Ms. Rivera states No Report at this time.

IX. Head Start Report:

Mr. Wilcox states there is no update at this time the next meetings are coming and an update will be available by the next meeting.



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X. Citywide School Building Stewardship Report:

Mr. Wilcox states there is no update at this time the next meetings are coming and an update will be available by the next meeting.

XI. Finance & Operations Report:

Mr. Wilcox states we are rescheduling the Finance Meeting that was scheduled for 9/18 due to the board retreat will be moved to Tuesday 9/19/2023 and the update has been posted on the City and website. The tentative discussion calendar will be posted on the website as well. We moved Policy 1330 Use of School Facilities has been moved to Governance for review.

XII. Governance Report:

Dr. Benitez states the meeting is this coming week and the committee will be reviewing series 5000 and 6000 policies and update Series 3000 as they are received.

XII. Food Service Task Force Report:

Dr. Yarborough III states the next meeting is set for September 14th and he hopes there will be updates regarding the Food Gap to provide at the next Board Meeting.

**Adjournment:
149-23**

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Wilcox seconded by Dr. Benitez meeting adjourned at 7:14pm. Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Salina Manning

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