



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education Committee Regular Meeting Minutes August 28, 2023

Meeting held via Hybrid Zoom and Obama Magnet School

I. Call to Order: The meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Mr. Wilcox.

Attendees: Present: Mr. Matt Wilcox, Vice-President; 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 Mr. Wilcox

III. Public Participation *Channel Name:* New Haven BOE TV
YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDfYyS-4m0&t=285s> [1:47-4:30]

Summary: Maria Harris has been requesting information from various BOE and City staff regarding bullying protocols and has yet to receive a response from either party.

IV. Action Items:

1. **Board Meeting Minutes 8/14/23 Revised 137-23** **Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for August 14, 2023 by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Dr. Yarborough III (Motion Passed)**
Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.

2. **Personnel Report 138-23** The Personnel Report was presented for Board approval by Dr. Negrón a discussion ensued.
Motion to approve Superintendent Personnel Report by Dr. Benitez seconded by Dr. Yarborough. (Motion Passed)
Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.

3. **Finance & Operations Action Items 139-23** Finance and Operations Action Items were presented to the Board members. Additional information was requested for select Agreements and Purchase Orders for more context. Ms. Typhanie Jackson provided background and context to the agreements in question. Mr. Wilcox elaborated on the need for the Purchase Orders regarding Conte School, which were due to the recent roof replacement not being properly sealed and there was water damage from a rain storm. Which the contractor's insurance will be reimbursing the district for all of the purchase orders in reference to those.
Motion to approve 17 Agreements, 2 Contracts and 12 Purchase Orders 3 Change Orders as recommended by the Finance & Operations Committee by Mr. Wilcox seconded by Dr. Yarborough. (Motion Passed)
Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.



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

V. Teaching & Learning Report: Meeting was moved to this coming Monday, otherwise No Report at this time.

VI. Facilities Naming Report: No Report at this time.

VII. Superintendents Report: Dr. Negrón presents the Superintendents report. Convocation was this morning and she extends her gratitude to the Convocation Group that put together a wonderful event to kick start the new school year beginning. She discussed the vacancies that are affecting the district, and the plan of assigning more substitutes per school to combat the vacancies. She also touched on the vacancies on the principal level.

It was also presented the Assessment results for the 2022-2023 academic year for the SBAC, SAT, LAS Links and NGSS. Ms. Redd-Hannans presented data regarding chronic absenteeism rate in comparison to last year.

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

IX. Head Start Report: Mr. Wilcox states the most recent meeting was held on the 17th, he also announced there are spaces available still in Head Start.

X. Citywide School Building Stewardship Report: Mr. Wilcox states we recently met and facilities report is available on the website for review.

XI. Finance & Operations Report: Mr. Wilcox states Lil Snyder who runs the Small Contractor Development Program for the City of New Haven provided a report or update at the meeting. As well as a presentation regarding the Transportation update grant.

XII. Governance Report: Dr. Benitez states the meeting was postponed for next week and update will be provided at the next meeting.



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**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.

**XII. Executive
Session:
140-23**

Motion to enter into 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 Collective Bargaining (Local 217). by Mr. Wilcox seconded by Mr. Goldson.
Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.

**1. Local 217
Contract:
141-23**

Motion to accept the proposed settlement agreement for Local 217 as discussed in Executive Session and further we authorize the Superintendent to execute the settlement agreement by Mr. Wilcox seconded by Mr. Goldson.
Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.

**XIII.
Amend the Agenda
to Add Action Item:
Superintendent
Hires
142-23**

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 Dr. Benitez seconded by Mr. Goldson. (Motion Passed)
Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.

**1. Superintendent
Hires
143-23**

Motion to approve Action Item to allow for the Superintendent to hire positions at the Principal level and below between today and the next board meeting by Dr. Benitez seconded by Mr. Goldson. (Motion Passed)
Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.

**Adjournment:
144-23**

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Goldson seconded by Dr. Benitez meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.
Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes;
Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Salina Manning

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Executive Administrative Assistant

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