



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Board of Education Regular Meeting
(Monday, March 11, 2024)**

Members present

Yesenia Rivera, Dr Edward Joyner, Matthew Wilcox, Justin Elicker, Dr Orlando Yarborough, Andrea Downer, John Serana Musser, Mx. Cruz-Bustamante

1. Welcome

Procedural: 1.01 Call to Order

Ms. Rivera called the meeting to order at 5:33pm

Procedural: 1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Wilcox led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Participation

Procedural: 2.01 Public Participation

3. Action Items - Discussion and vote anticipated on each topic

Action, Minutes: 3.01 Approval of the Minutes of February 26, 2024

Motion to approve the Minutes of February 26, 2024 as presented.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Motion by Matthew Wilcox, second by Dr Edward Joyner.

Yes: Dr Edward Joyner, Matthew Wilcox, Justin Elicker, Dr Orlando Yarborough, Andrea Downer, John Serana Musser
Abstain/Recuse: Yesenia Rivera, Dave Cruz-Bustamante

Action: 3.02 Personnel Report - Dr. Madeline Negrón

Dr. Negrón presents the Personnel Report to Board Members.

Motion to approve the Superintendent Personnel Report as presented

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Motion by Matthew Wilcox, second by Justin Elicker.

Yes: Yesenia Rivera, Dr Edward Joyner, Matthew Wilcox, Justin Elicker, Dr Orlando Yarborough, Andrea Downer, Dave Cruz-Bustamante, John Serana Musser

Action, Discussion: 3.03 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 10 Month Calendar

Dr. Negrón acknowledges the teams that put together the calendars presented.

Motion to approve 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 10 Month Calendar

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Motion by Matthew Wilcox, second by Dr Orlando Yarborough.

Yes: Yesenia Rivera, Dr Edward Joyner, Matthew Wilcox, Justin Elicker, Dr Orlando Yarborough, Andrea Downer, Dave Cruz-Bustamante, John Serana Musser

Action, Discussion: 3.04 Award of Multi year Contract to First Student

Motion to approve Transportation Contract award of Multi-year Contract to First Student to be the commercial provider of the student transportation services from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2028 in an amount not to exceed \$124,856,051.31, this four-year contract also includes two one-year renewal options. (Multi-year contracts will seek Aldermanic approval).

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Motion by Matthew Wilcox, second by Dr Orlando Yarborough.

Yes: Yesenia Rivera, Dr Edward Joyner, Matthew Wilcox, Justin Elicker, Dr Orlando Yarborough, Andrea Downer, Dave Cruz-Bustamante, John Serana Musser

Action, Discussion: 3.05 Finance and Operations Committee - Mr. Matthew Wilcox

Motion to approve of Agreement #10 with BRD Builders as recommended by the Finance & Operations Committee.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Motion by Matthew Wilcox, second by Dr Orlando Yarborough.

Yes: Yesenia Rivera, Dr Edward Joyner, Matthew Wilcox, Justin Elicker, Dr Orlando Yarborough, Andrea Downer, Dave Cruz-Bustamante, John Serana Musser

Motion to approve of 1 Change Order New Haven Painters as recommended by the Finance & Operations Committee with the language update to include "not to exceed \$420,001.41".

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Motion by Matthew Wilcox, second by Dr Orlando Yarborough.

Yes: Yesenia Rivera, Dr Edward Joyner, Matthew Wilcox, Justin Elicker, Dr Orlando Yarborough
No: Andrea Downer
Abstain/Recuse: John Serana Musser
Not Present at Vote: Dave Cruz-Bustamante

Motion to approve of 1 Abstracts, 10 Agreements, 1 Contracts, 2 purchase Orders as recommended by the Finance & Operations Committee

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Motion by Matthew Wilcox, second by Dr Orlando Yarborough.

Yes: Yesenia Rivera, Dr Edward Joyner, Matthew Wilcox, Justin Elicker, Dr Orlando Yarborough, Andrea Downer, John Serana Musser

Not Present at Vote: Dave Cruz-Bustamante

4. Abstracts

Abstract: 4.01 Educators Rising Mini-Grant to expand the program to include Wilbur Cross High School, in the amount of \$5,000.00 for February 5, 2024 to June 30, 2024. Funding Source: Connecticut State Department of Education

5. Agreements

Agreements: 5.01 Agreement with Smart Start Education, LLC, to provide math tutors to ten schools, one tutor per school for grades 6th-8th, at Barnard, Betsy Ross, Celentano, Conte, Daniels, Fair Haven, Hill Central, Jepson, King Robinson, and Truman, from March 12, 2024 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$222,187.68. Funding Source: ARP ESSER III Carryover Program Acct. #2553-6399-56694-0410

Agreements: 5.02 Agreement with Curriculum Associates, LLC to provide i-Ready professional development will be provided to all teachers of math, over a five-month period from February 16, 2024 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00. Funding Source: School Improvement Grant (SIG) Acct. #2531-6458-56694

Agreements: 5.03 Non-Financial Agreement with Dalkia Solutions for the shared energy savings agreement for replacement of heating units for pools at Conte school, Hillhouse, Cross, Martinez, Career and Sound School from March 11, 2024 to June 30, 2024

Agreements: 5.04 Agreement with Catholic Charities, Inc., Archdiocese of Hartford, to provide 164 full day/full year School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$127,811.00. Funding Source: School Readiness COLA Program Acct. #2523-6428-56697-0442

Agreements: 5.05 Agreement with Clifford W. Beers Child Guidance Clinic, Inc., to provide 60 full day/full year School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$46,760.00. Funding Source: School Readiness COLA Program Acct. #2523-6428-56697-0442

Agreements: 5.06 Agreement with LULAC Head Start to provide 118 full day/full year School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$77,933.00. Funding Source: School Readiness COLA Program Acct. #2523-6428-56697-0442

Agreements: 5.07 Agreement with Montessori on Edgewood, to provide 31 full day/full year School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$24,159.00. Funding Source: School Readiness COLA Program Acct. #2523-6428-56697-0442

Agreements: 5.08 Agreement with Morning Glory Early Learning Center, to provide 10 School Readiness full day/full year School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$14,028.00. Funding Source: School Readiness COLA Program Acct. #2523-6428-56697-0442

Agreements: 5.09 Agreement with Yale New Haven Hospital Day Care Center, to provide 22 full day/full year School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$17,145.00. Funding Source: School Readiness COLA Program Acct. #2523-6428-56697-0442

Agreements: 5.11 Agreement with Lexia Learning Systems, LLC to provide early childhood curriculum of 4 modules for comprehensive professional learning from March 12, 2024 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$63,990.00. Funding Source: Head Start Basic Carryover Acct. #2532-6326-56697-0443

6. Purchase Orders

Purchase Order: 6.01 Purchase Order under PEPPM 2022 Contract 536202-023 with CDW Government to provide Google for Education from February 19, 2024 to February 17, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$112,500.00. Funding Source: 2024-2025 Capital Projects Acct. #3C22-2263-58704

Purchase Order: 6.02 Purchase Order under State Contract 23PSX0149 with Obrien & Sons to provide playground surface equipment and installation at Nathan Hale School from March 11, 2024 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$180,575.20. Funding Source: 2023-2024 Capital Projects Acct. #3C24-2461-58101

7. Contracts

Contracts: 7.01 Award of Contract 21919X with Irwin Seating Company for the replacement and installation of the bleacher system for the Floyd Little Athletic Center from March 11, 2024 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$1,385,660.29. Funding Source: 2023-2024 Capital Projects Acct. #3C22-2266-58101 (\$1,200,000.00) 2023-2024 Capital Projects Acct. #3C20-2084-58101 (\$185,660.29)

8. Change Orders

Change Order, Contracts: 8.01 Change Order 1 to Contract 21852 for on call drywall painting services with New Haven Painters to increase funding amount from \$300,000.00 by \$120,001.41 for a total amount of \$420,001.41 to cover costs incurred for the remainder of the fiscal year. Funding Source: 2023-2024 Capital Projects Acct. #3C22-2261-58101 (\$300,000.00) 2023-2024 Capital Projects Acct. #3C19-1988-58101 (\$43,486.41) 2023-2024 Capital Projects Acct. #3C24-2461-58101 (\$76,515.00)
Discussion ensued regarding the Change order exceeding the 20% threshold. Mr. Wilcox provides context that the funds that are being merged with the contract is because what was originally two contracts is being merged into one single contract. Dr. Yarborough adds the funds in the proposed allocation were already documented to be expended for these services, the department is just allocating it to the active vendor for service.

9. Other Materials - Information Only Finance & Operations Items

Information Only: 9.01 Information Only - Finance & Operations Items

Information Only, Purchase Order: 9.02 Purchase Order under Sole Source 29172X with Severin Intermediate Holdings, LLC dba Power School Group LLC to provide Powerschool load balancer upgrade which includes a new kemp technologies load balancer, from March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$1,250.00. Funding Source: 2023-2024 Operating Budget Acct. #190-47200-56694

Information Only, Purchase Order: 9.03 Purchase Order under State Contract 19PSX0088 with Utility Communications, Inc. to provide Wooster PI security enhancements from March 11, 2024 to June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$15,559.69. Funding Source: 2023-2024 Capital Projects Acct. #3C24-2461-58101

Agreements, Information Only: 9.04 Agreement with Tanaeya Ervin, LCSW, to provide social and emotional support for students attending St. Thomas Day School under the Title IVA Non-Public Grant, from March 12, 2024 to June 28, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$5,400.00. Funding Source: Title IVA Program Acct. #2511-6291-56905-NP07

Information Only, Minutes: 9.06 Minutes - Finance & Operations Committee

10. Other Materials - Reports

Information Only, Reports: 10.01 Information Only - Personnel Report

11. Student's Report

Reports: 11.01 Student Members

Mr. Musser presents the student report.

The Citywide Student Council meeting is scheduled to be held at Hillhouse High School 3/15/2024.

12. Teaching and Learning Report

Reports: 12.01 Dr. Edward Joyner

Dr. Joyner provided a signs of interest handout in the board packets.

He stresses when planning to envision the classroom and those that are within it, the teachers and students both and take into account the resources available to them. He has requested Dr. Negron select staff to collaborate and work with him on the Series

6000 policies and adding ones as necessary. He adds that we need to clarify the definition of Literacy as its not solely readings its overall general knowledge Literacy.

13. Facilities Naming Committee Report

Reports: 13.01 Dr. Edward Joyner

Dr. Negrón states she worked with the schools and forwarded the information late last week and he will review and follow up.

14. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Madeline Negrón

Discussion, Reports: 14.01 Dr. Madeline Negrón

Dr. Negrón acknowledges the March holidays is Board of Education member month and thanks all board members for the services to govern the school district.

Update, Reports: 14.02 Mid-Year Literacy and Math Update

Dr. Negrón notes from the report that the 4th Grade Class was the group of students during the shutdown in March 2020 were impacted the most. Although the data presented shows that there are significant trends that we're pleased with and shows that the district is heading in the right direction. But we are not complacent we understand there is more work to be done.

Action, Discussion, Reports: 14.03 Report - Proposed 2024-2025 Budget

Motion to approve proposed draft 2024-2025 Budget as presented

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Motion by Matthew Wilcox, second by Dr Edward Joyner.

Yes: Yesenia Rivera, Dr Edward Joyner, Matthew Wilcox, Dr Orlando Yarborough, Andrea Downer

Abstain/Recuse: Justin Elicker

15. President's Report

Discussion, Reports: 15.01 Ms. Yesenia Rivera

Ms. Rivera states the board recently met on Monday March 4th for a Board Retreat there will be a day 2 which we are currently scheduling.

The topics that are planned for that session are Board Goals, Superintendent Goals and Superintendent evaluation and a couple others if needed.

16. Head Start Report

Discussion, Reports: 16.01 Mr. Wilcox

Mr. Wilcox states there is no update, the next meeting is scheduled for 3/21/2024.

An update should be available by the next regular board meeting.

17. Citywide School Building Committee Report

Discussion, Reports: 17.01 Mr. Wilcox

Mr. Wilcox states there is no update, the next meeting is scheduled for 3/14/2024.

An update should be available by the next regular board meeting.

18. Finance & Operations Report

Discussion, Reports: 18.01 Mr. Wilcox

Mr. Wilcox states the Finance & Operations minutes and materials were provided in the Board packets.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 3/18/2024, materials will be posted for review on Friday.

19. Governance Report

Discussion, Reports: 19.01 Ms. Downer

Ms. Downer states they committee has not met to date, but an update should be available at the next meeting.

20. Food Service Task Group Report

Discussion, Reports: 20.01 Dr. Yarborough

Dr. Yarborough states there is no update at this time, the next meeting is scheduled for 3/13/2024.

An update should be available by the next regular board meeting.

21. Executive Session

Action: 21.01 Motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(6)(B) re: discussion concerning contractual agreements of public officers in the positions of: (a) Gemma Joseph-Lumpkin, Chief of Youth, Family, and Community Engagement; (b) Lisa Mack, Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations; and (c) Keisha Redd-Hannans, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; (d) Dr. Paul Whyte, Assistant Superintendents; and (e) Linda Hannans, Chief Financial Officer.

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Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Motion by Matthew Wilcox, second by Dr Edward Joyner.

Yes: Yesenia Rivera, Dr Edward Joyner, Matthew Wilcox, Justin Elicker, Dr Orlando Yarborough, Andrea Downer

Not Present at Vote: Dave Cruz-Bustamante, John Serana Musser

22. Return to Public Session

Action, Discussion: 22.01 Discussion and possible action on matters heard in Executive Session

No votes or action taken during Executive Session.

23. Adjournment

Action: 23.01 Move to Adjourn

Move to adjourn at 9:20pm

Motion Passes

Motion by Dr Orlando Yarborough, second by Dr Edward Joyner.

Yes: Yesenia Rivera, Dr Edward Joyner, Matthew Wilcox, Justin Elicker, Dr Orlando Yarborough, Andrea Downer

Respectfully Submitted,
Salina Manning
Executive Administrative Assistant

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