



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education Committee Regular Meeting Minutes November 13, 2023

Meeting held via Hybrid (Zoom and Obama School)

I. Call to Order: The meeting called to order at 5:40pm by Ms. Rivera.

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

Staff: Dr. Madeline Negrón, Superintendent, Atty Alexiades, Dr. Finley.

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

III. Public Participation: Channel Name: New Haven BOE TV YouTube Link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dvW3COTZM64> [0:45-19:54]

IV: Action Items:

1. **Board Meeting Minutes 10/23/23** After review it has been requested that the video be reviewed for accurate language for the motion regarding the warming center MOU, before approving of the minutes.

2. **Second Reading of 6000 policies series. 175-23** There were board members that didn't have enough time to go through all the policies that are up for possible action this evening. In an effort to continue reviewing and approving these policies, select policies will be approved while the others remain under review to allow time for board members to review and provide comment.

Motion to approve policies 6200(a)(b) and policies 6146.2(a)(b) by Dr. Benitez seconded by Dr. Joyner. (Motion Passed)

Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Goldson, abstain; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Crus-Bustamante, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.

3. **Personnel Report 176-23** Dr. Negrón notes a revision to the Personnel Report, to remove the first resignation listed.
Motion to approve Superintendents Personnel Report as amended by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Mr. Wilcox. (Motion Passed)
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, no; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Crus-Bustamante, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.



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4. Finance & Operations Action Items 177-23

Motion to approve 2 Abstracts 29 agreements, 10 contract, 2 change orders and 9 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, no; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Crus-Bustamante, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.

V. Students Report:

The students report included a report/presentation that outlined where the students are with the requests regarding changes to the school culture. This was a collaborative effort between many students who participated in work groups to discuss ideas and brainstorm on what a better school would look like. Students would like more say in the school atmosphere that they have to dwell in and would like their opinions be heard or implemented to make the school place culture better for students. The would like better maintained bathrooms, health facilities that function. An inclusive curriculum that its encourages students to embrace change. Safer Schools that uplift student mental health and can function similar to a community center.

VI. Teaching & Learning Report:

Dr. Joyner makes the motion to amend the agenda to include the action item list of field trips approved at the most recent Teaching & Learning committee meeting.

Amend Agenda to add Action Item for Field Trip Approvals 178-23

Motion to amend Agenda to include Action Items list of Field Trips for Board approval by Dr. Joyner seconded by Mr. Goldson. (Motion Passed)

Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, no; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Crus-Bustamante, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.

Field Trip Approvals 179-23

Motion to approve the Action Items list of Field Trips for Board approval by Dr. Joyner seconded by Mr. Goldson. (Motion Passed)

Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, no; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Crus-Bustamante, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.

VII. Facilities Naming Report:

Dr. Joyner states that he has a meeting with Eric in IT this week to continue to work on the app that will be utilized for the voting system.

VIII. Superintendents Report:

Dr. Negrón had her team present the "On the Path to Mathematics Student Success" which included a representative from I Ready that assisted with explaining the data.



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IX. Presidents Report: No report at this time.

X. Head Start Report: There are Head Start committee will be undergoing a training on how Head Start works and the governance policy councils.

XI. Citywide School Building Committee Report: The committee met actively this past week and the majority of the meeting was comprised of the stewardship report, which is available for review on the committee page.

XII. Finance & Operations Report: The Finance and Operations there was a brief presentation on the timeline for putting out the Transportation contract which is schedule to go out in the coming weeks.

XIII. Governance Report: Dr. Benitez the Governance team has been very ambitious in regard to policy review and turn around. She will be slowing down a bit to ensure that all board members have ample time for review of these recommended policies as they move to the board for approvals.

XIV. Food Service Task Force Report: Dr. Yarborough states the committee in collaboration with Blue Earth compost implemented a pilot program which has begun at Barnard, High School in the Community, New Haven Academy and John Martinez schools. The focus is on food recovery and food scrap compost. Partnerships allow us to establish and facilitate collection and redistribution of surplus food from school cafeterias to work on sustainability efforts. The food service audit is still in preparation both at the physical locations as well as ensuring all proper documentation is in place as well.

XV. Executive Session: 180-23 **Motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(6)(B) and 1-201(B) 9 & 10 Regarding Records, Reports and Statements of Strategy or Negotiations with respect to Collective Bargaining (Local 3429, Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO).**

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 CHRO ex rel. Rachel Genn v. BOE, including discussion which would result in the disclosure of attorney-client privileged communications by Mr. Rivera seconded by Dr. Joyner.

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

No votes taken during executive session.



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Approve settlement in CHRO ex rel. Rachel Genn and Authorize Superintendent to execute agreement. 181-23

Motion to approve the proposed settlement in CHRO ex rel. Rachel Genn and authorize the Superintendent Dr. Madeline Negrón to execute settlement agreement stipulation and other necessary documents by Mr. Rivera seconded by Dr. Joyner.
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes.

XVI. Adjournment: 182-23

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Goldson seconded by Dr. Joyner meeting adjourned at 9:32pm.
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Salina Manning

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Executive Administrative Assistant

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