



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education Committee Regular Meeting Minutes December 11, 2023

Meeting held via Hybrid
(Zoom and Obama School)

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

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

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

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/live/sTUrJin1ziU?si=pAMeDE7RrJn6suME&t=467> [7:47-1:10:04]

IV: Action Items:

1. **Board Meeting Minutes 11/13/23 190-23** **Motion to approve Board Meeting revised minutes for November 13, 2023 of by Dr. Joyner seconded by Mr. Wilcox. (Motion Passed)**
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.
- Board Meeting Minutes 11/27/23 191-23** **Motion to approve Board Meeting revised minutes for November 27, 2023 of by Mr. Wilcox seconded by Dr. Joyner. (Motion Passed)**
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.
2. **Committee Meeting Calendar 24-25 192-23** **Motion to approve the Committee Meeting Calendar 2024/2025 dates with the amendment to the Governance Committee meetings will take place on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 4:30pm by Dr. Joyner seconded by Mr. Wilcox. (Motion Passed)**
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.
3. **Head Start Grant Application 193-23** **Motion to approve the submission of the districts Head Start Grant Application and direct the board of education president to sign the attestation that says the district can apply by Mr. Wilcox seconded by Dr. Joyner. (Motion Passed)**
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.



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4. **Personnel Report 194-23** Dr. Negrón presents the Personnel Report.
Motion to approve Superintendents Personnel Report by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Joyner. (Motion Passed)
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.
- Superintendent Hiring Approval 195-23** Dr. Negrón requests with the large gap due to the holiday until the next board meeting, that she be approved to continue to fill vacancies in the district until the next board meeting on January 8th 2024.
Motion to grant the superintendent the request the approval to hire all staff (exempt administrator's) until the next regular board meeting set for January 8th 2024 by Dr. Joyner seconded by Dr. Benitez. (Motion Passed)
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.
5. **Finance & Operations Action Items 196-23** Dr. Negrón requests Agreement #8 be withdrawn, she will be working with her team on this particular submission and will resubmit for the next regular Board Meeting.
Mr. Wilcox corrects an amount on Agreement #2 from the Special Finance and Operations Meeting that was held. The amount will be corrected to reflect the total amount being the \$70,360.00.
Motion to approve the 3 Abstracts, 12 Agreements, 3 Purchase Orders, 1 Contract and 1 Change Order as amended by Mr. Wilcox seconded by Dr. Yarborough.
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.
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- V. Students Report:** No report at this time
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- VI. Teaching & Learning Report:** The next meeting is coming up later in the week.
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- VII. Facilities Naming Report:** The technical side on the district is set up, the committee is looking to two individuals to be honored for the library at Clemente and the foyer at Hillhouse. Dr. Joyner also states that he is relying on the superintendent and her staff to empower a Building site committee to get this going.
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- VIII. Superintendents Report:** Dr. Negrón also speaks on Darnell Goldson and his time working for NHPS families and the impact that he has had as a member of the board has been essential the successes of all involved.
Dr. Negrón thanks all who were involved in the search for the Hillhouse principal, she was informed there are recommendations of candidates were brought to her attention. So the next steps with the team is to schedule interviews and select the best candidate to offer the position so we can have the individual begin as soon as possible.
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IX. Presidents Report: Ms. Rivera says kind words regarding the Darnell Goldson and his achievements within the board and thanks him for his years of service to the community and our NHPS families.

X. Head Start Report: Mr. Wilcox reiterates his thanks for those who worked on the Head Start Grant Application and the next meeting is next week.

XI. Citywide School Building Committee Report: Mr. Wilcox states that committee provides a stewardship report that is available for all committee members for review on the webpage. The report outlines current facilities related projects in the district.

XII. Finance & Operations Report: The Finance and Operations states there was discussion for the budget process in comparison to other districts of similar size. As well as the discussion calendar was posted that outlines some of the topics that will be covered at the meetings for the rest of the fiscal year.

XIII. Governance Report: No report at this time.

XIV. Food Service Task Force Report: Dr. Yarborough touches on the recent audit that has been occurring within the food service department. As well as the preparation to cover the food gap which occurs during winter break.

XVI. Adjournment: 197-23 **Motion to adjourn by Dr. Joyner seconded by Mr. Wilcox meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.**
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Salina Manning
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Executive Administrative Assistant

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