



# NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Board of Education Committee Special Meeting Minutes September 26, 2023

### Meeting held via Hybrid Zoom and Obama Magnet School

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting called to order at 5:34pm by Ms. Rivera.

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

**Staff:** Dr. Madeline Negrón, Superintendent.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance:** The assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Public Participation** *Channel Name:* New Haven BOE TV  
YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJ5mluZ24d0> [0:00-7:55]

**IV. Action Items:**

**1. Board Meeting Minutes 9/11/23 150-23** **Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2023 by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Wilcox (Motion Passed)**  
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.

**2. Personnel Report 151-23** **Motion to approve Superintendent Personnel Report by Dr. Joyner seconded by Mr. Wilcox. (Motion Passed)**  
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.

**3. F&O Action Items Agreement #3 152-23** **Motion to approve Agreement #3 with PowerSchool recommended by the Finance & Operations Committee by Mr. Wilcox seconded by Dr. Joyner. (Motion Passed)**  
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Mr. Goldson, no.

**4. F&O Action Items 153-23** **Motion to approve 2 Abstracts, 5 Agreements, 1 Contracts and 1 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; Mr. Goldson, yes.

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



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**V. Teaching & Learning Report:**

Dr. Benitez reports the August meeting Principal engagement was discussed and training for staff. There was discussion regarding improving the attendance of our students and partnership utilization to support NHPS families.

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**VI. Facilities Naming Report:**

Dr. Joyner reiterates the need for technical support for the digital petition for the committee to be able to collect potential signatures for community to vote on naming of facilities. Dr. Negron states she will assign someone to the task.

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**VII. Superintendents Report:**

Dr. Negrón presents a Student Attendance Chronic Absenteeism report to the board. She discusses where the district stands in regard to Daily Attendance from August 31 – September 26 2023. Several slides were presented breaking down the information and presented to the Board including strategies for support. Ms. Hannans and Ms. Jennifer Tousignant presented the K-5 Core Program Implementation report to the Board members.

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**VIII. Presidents Report:**

Ms. Rivera states there is an update to the phase 5 of the Superintendents hire with McPherson and Jacobson will be on October 16<sup>th</sup> this is to replace the Special meeting that did not occur previously.

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**IX. Head Start Report:**

Mr. Wilcox states there are 50 students pending due to requirements. Staff has been working diligently on filling those spaces. A Head Start staff in collaboration with Mayo school staff are working to reapply for a grant for the program. There was a meeting in early November that various staff attending along with the Superintendent which was very informative and engaging.

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**X. Citywide School Building Stewardship Report:**

Mr. Wilcox states there is minimal updates, and states the capital projects ongoing are outlined in the Stewardship report available on the website.

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**XI. Finance & Operations Report:**

Mr. Wilcox states the CFO Ms. Linda Hannans presented at the last FO meeting a August financial report which is available on the website for viewing. We discussing Policies on Student Data Privacy and Information Security .

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**XII. Governance  
Report:**

Dr. Benitez states over 15 Policies were submitted to the Committee, however they are only able to move on 9 currently. The others are being further discussed as questions arise from more committee members or staff.

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**XII. Food Service  
Task Force Report:**

No Update available at this time.

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**XIII: Executive  
Session  
RE: Cyber Security  
154-23**

**Motion to enter into Executive session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(6)(B) (pending claims) and (C) (security) regarding update on status of cyber theft investigation and security by Ms. Rivera seconded by Mr. Goldson. (Motion Passed)**

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

No votes taken during Executive Session.

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**Adjournment:  
155-23**

**Motion to adjourn by Dr. Joyner seconded by Dr. Benitez meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.  
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes.**

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Respectfully Submitted,

*Salina Manning*

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Executive Administrative Assistant

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