



# NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Board of Education Committee Regular Meeting Minutes October 23, 2023

**Meeting held via Hybrid  
(Zoom and Obama School)**

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting called to order at 6:13pm 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, Mr. Carlos Sosa-Lombardo.

**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=p9Ervr6JvyQ> [4:52-8:27]

### **IV: Action Items:**

1. **Board Meeting Minutes 9/26/23 165-23** **Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for September 26, 2023 as revised by Mr. Wilcox seconded by Mr. Goldson. (Motion Passed)**  
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Cruz-Bustamante, yes.

2. **Board Meeting Minutes 10/10/23 166-23** **Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2023 by Mr. Wilcox seconded by Mr. Goldson. (Motion Passed)**  
Ms. Rivera, abstain; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Cruz-Bustamante, abstain.

3. **Personnel Report 167-23** **Motion to approve Superintendent Personnel Report by Mr. Wilcox seconded by Ms. Rivera. (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.

There was discussion which ensued post vote regarding the plan to replace some of those that are retiring in the middle of the school year as well as the HR Director Lisa Flegler providing context on the substitutes in the district.



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**4. 130 Orchard St –  
Warming Center**

Mr. Sosa-Lombardo has provided context on the homelessness crisis that has increased these few years. Mr. Wilcox adds context that was discussed during Finance & Operations that touched on the responsibility during these concerns and states that the MOU should be reflective of these items as well. Mr. Goldson asks who is going to running the shelter and what is there experience in doing the same or similar. Mr. Sosa-Lombardo states that Upon this Rock Ministries will be running the shelter, they currently are running the overflow shelter on terminal lane with the Columbus house.

Ms. Rivera inquired if the alders that represent the community if they are aware and if they were able to discuss with their respective constituents that they serve in the same community. Dr. Yarborough states that there should be additional term on the MOU to include a review term to make sure the plan is working as alleged to allow us to change course if the situation is unhealthy as there is an occupied in proximity to the proposed location. An increase of security would make the board members and the community that surrounds the property in the early mornings and around dismissal time in the afternoons while the shelter is in use which was discussed at length. Attorney Alexiades has address the language that should be contained within the MOU and shall make the adjustments prior to its execution.

**Amend -  
Warming Center  
MOU  
168-23**

**Motion to amend MOU to include a CT certified security guard located for the exterior of the building from the mornings 6-8am and 4-8pm in the evening of the shelter by Mr. Goldson seconded by Dr. Yarborough. (Motion Passed)**

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

**130 Orchard St –  
Warming Center  
169-23**

**Motion to approve the MOU between the New Haven Board of Education and the City of New Haven concerning the use of a portion of 130 Orchard St as a warming shelter for persons experiencing homelessness as amended by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Joyner. (Motion Passed)**

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

**5. Finance &  
Operations  
Action Items  
170-23**

**Motion to approve 2 Abstracts, remaining 5 agreements, 4 contract and 2 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; Mr. Musser, yes.

**V. Students Report:**

No Students report at this time.



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**VI. Teaching & Learning Report:**

There is a meeting set coming up for Wednesday.

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**VII. Facilities Naming Report:**

Dr. Joyner states that Dr. Negrón has assigned an IT staff person to assist with the app for nomination of facilities.

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**VIII. Superintendents Report:**

Dr. Negrón was going to present the “On the Path to Mathematics Student Success” but due to the late hour it has been recommended to be presented at the next regular board meeting. Due to this the presentation will be moved to the top of the agenda for the next meeting after public participation.

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**IX. Presidents Report:**

No report at this time.

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**X. Head Start Report:**

There are Head Start spots still available. The information on where those slots are available at are all on the website.

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**XI. Citywide School Building Committee Report:**

The meeting occurred this Thursday and although Mr. Wilcox was unable to attend. The report for stewardship of the buildings are available on the website that outlines projects that are being worked on actively.

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**XII. Finance & Operations Report:**

The Finance minutes are available in the board packets as well as posted to the website. The staff has been working hard on showing their progress in mitigating the budget, and there was also discussion on the progress of the positions that were approved in September in the MOU between the district and the City of New Haven.

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**XIII. Governance Report:**

Dr. Benitez states that the committee just met earlier in the day and that they are doing second readings for series 3000 and 6000 policies. These are set to be submitted for the second November meeting for lengthy discussion. Bullying policies are included in those that are currently being reviewed and updated at this time.

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

Dr. Yarborough states the committee met on October 11, 2023 and have been preparing for upcoming audits. The allergy plan is currently about to undergo its review and possible update as



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recommended and is planned to be brought to board for discussion and view of the task force progress.

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**XV. Adjournment:  
171-23**

**Motion to adjourn by Mr. Goldson seconded by Dr. Benitez meeting adjourned at 9:16pm.**  
Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes;  
Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Musser, yes.

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Respectfully Submitted,

*Salina Manning*

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Executive Administrative Assistant

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“A video of this meeting is available on the [YouTube – New Haven BOE TV](#) and [NHPS.net, About Us - Public Meetings](#)”

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