



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Minutes – Board of Education Meeting – February 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Mr. D. Goldson, President. The meeting was held in the Celentano Magnet School Cafetorium, 400 Canner Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

Present: Mr. D. Goldson, President; Mr. J. Cotto, Vice-President; Dr. T. Jackson-McArthur, Secretary (by phone); Dr. E. Joyner, Mr. J. Rodriguez, Mayor T. Harp, Dr. C. Birks

Absent: Mr. N. Rivera, Ms. M. Dawkins

Dr. Joyner led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Goldson announced that Spanish translation was available in the back of the room for those who need it.

Superintendent’s Report

Achievement Acknowledgements

Worthington Hooker Arpeggios Dr. Birks announced the Worthington Hooker Arpeggios, their select choir, directed by Mr. Myles Ross. Mr. Ross introduced the members of the choir: Avery Rodeheffer, Nao Tomita, Alex Pedersen, KeQing Tan, Natalia Braithwaite, Yetunde Olowosoyo, Evelyn Liu, Keren Tan, Cici Zhang, Lulu Angelini, Mia Baldwin, Ada Semmel, and Emily Zhang. The Choir performed two selections: “I Want to Stare at My Phone with You” and “La, La, La” After a magnificent performance the Choir and Mr. Ross were recognized by a round of applause.

Dr. Birks thanked all of the students, Mr. Ross and Principal Margaret Mary Gethings.

I Rise Student of the Month, Lincy Valeta

High School in the Community

Dr. Birks introduced Lincy Valeta, I Rise Student of the Month. Lincy is a senior at High School in the Community. She has won the prestigious Flight award and has received all City honors in band. Her favorite subjects are music and math and she hopes to work in music education someday. Lincy is a member and Deputy Dream Director of the Futures Project, a performer with the Southern Regional Festival and a member of the International Festival of the Arts and Ideas as well as a member of the SCSU band. Lincy played a solo on the Contrabass Flute. She was recognized by a round of applause.

Dr. Birks pointed out Lincy’s mom and her first grade teacher who were in the audience. They were recognized with a round of applause.

Boys and Girls Cross Country Track Teams

HHHS State Champions

Dr. Birks announced that the Hillhouse High School Boys and Girls Track Teams have won the State Championship. We will be having a big celebration for them at an upcoming Board meeting.



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Teacher Acknowledgements

Ms. Lanna Mack, Wilbur Cross

Dr. Birks announced that Ms. Lanna Mack, a Video Game and Computer Science teacher of Wilbur Cross has received the 2019 Associate CT Affiliated Aspirations and Computer Education Award. Dr. Birks thanked Ms. Mack for her commitment and her service to all students. She was acknowledged with a round of applause.

**Ms. Kristina DeNegre, Principal
Clinton Avenue School**

Dr. Birks commended and acknowledged Ms. DeNegre, a fantastic, superstar principal at Clinton Avenue School. We just recently learned from the State Department of Education that Clinton Avenue is going to receive funding for an additional year based on their Commissioner's Network status. Dr. Birks remarked that the State Board of Education went to visit the school and they were so impressed that they sent her a note saying they appreciate the work that Kristina and her team is doing and they are extremely proud of us; what a model for Commissioner's Network Schools in the state.

Ms. DeNegre was recognized with a round of applause. Dr. Birks mentioned the fantastic Racism Reduction and Awareness Program they have at Clinton Avenue School and she asked Ms. DeNegre to explain.

Ms. DeNegre remarked we are in our second year of a program to reduce racism and increase awareness in partnership with Laurel Ledge Principal Regina Murzak. The kids are so enthusiastic about the program that they want to do it again this year. Ms. DeNegre explained the program in detail and told how the kids have formulated friendships throughout the district. She thanked Dr. Joyner for all of his support in this initiative.

Public Participation

Ms. Ambar Santiago-Rojas, ESUMS 6th grader, president of the middle school, announced an event that will be held on February 18th from 6pm to 8pm and to which they are all invited; it will focus on the question of who could serve on the Board of Ed; Ms. Rojas explained further; Ms. Daniel Juarez, Columbus, Worthington Hooker parent, member NHPS Advocates, spoke about being a part of the conversation with the NHAdvocates and he went on to explain; Ms. Teresa Johnson, Beecher parent, member NHAdvocates, commented that she participated at the last Advocates meeting and their discussion focused around public participation; Ms. Sarah Miller, Columbus parent, member NHAdvocates, read a list of requirements they would like to see in board members (see attached list); Ms. Jill Kelly, parent, member NHAdvocates, presented a list of questions to board members (see attached list); Ms. Nijija Ife-Waters, parent, CPT president, remarked that she is going to support the New Haven Advocates as to who is sitting on the board. *Mr. Goldson asked her to give them their complaint in writing.* Ms. Maria Harris, parent, CPT member, explained why she was late signing the PP sheet; she told about an accident that her son had at Metropolitan; Ms. Hazel Pappas, retired matron, Title I Advocate, wanted to



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know the name of the instrument Lincy Valeta played; she was told that it was a Contrabass Flute.

Mr. Goldson thanked everyone who participated in this session.

Mr. Goldson reminded everyone that the Governance Committee will be receiving and responding to, in consultation with the Superintendent, all questions and concerns that are brought before this Board. In answer to a question, Dr. Jackson-McArthur said the meetings are at 4:00 before the last Board meeting of each month in the Library here at Celentano. All are welcome. Dr. Jackson-McArthur can be reached at boetamiko@gmail.com

President's Report

For the record, Dr. Goldson announced the following committee assignments:

Committee Assignments

Finance & Operations

Chair, Jamell Cotto; Vice Chair, Joseph Rodriguez; Member, Dr. Jackson-McArthur

Teaching & Learning

Chair, Mayor Harp – new appointments will be appointed members

Governance Committee

Chair, Dr. Jackson-McArthur; Vice-Chair, Darnell Goldson; Member, Dr. Joyner

Dr. Goldson remarked that he will send a letter to Board members asking them to serve as liaisons to the Charter Schools per state law. He is volunteering for Amistad Academy if it fits within our schedule.

School Building & Stewardship Committee

To be determined

Food Task Force Group

Chair, Joseph Rodriguez

Mr. Goldson commented that he would also like to talk to Board members to start a Cultural Awareness Committee and a School Facilities Committee.

Meeting Space Change

Mr. Goldson commented that he would like the Board to think about changing our meeting location and asked them to get back to him by next Board meeting. He would like recommendations before the next Board meeting.



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Citywide Parent Team Report

Ms. Ife-Waters, CPT President, remarked that at this time we are working with Wexler/Grant as schools reach out to us to support them as they develop their parent team. We are hoping to hold a Family Game Night and Summer Information program at Wexler/Grant. We are reaching out to the community to have different organizations participate. She explained in detail.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Birks commented that this evening we have three reports accompanied PowerPoint presentations:

1. Evaluation Statistics by Dr. Michelle Sherban, Supervisor, Research, Assessment & Student Information
2. Student Disciplinary Infraction Data by Ms. Gemma Joseph-Lumpkin, Chief, Youth Family & Community Engagement; Mr. Kermit Carolina, Youth Family & Community Engagement; Ms. Typhanie Jackson, Director, Student Services;
3. 2016 through 2019 Funding History by Ms. Keisha Hannans, Asst. Superintendent for Instructional Leadership

Each of these presentations may be seen in their entirety at NHPS.net, BOE meetings.

Evaluation Statistics Report

Dr. Sherban provided some background on the evaluation program and remarked in 2009, as part of school reform, we totally revised the process and, in 2015, we did some small revisions in collaboration with the Teacher's Union and the Administrator's Union. Some key aspects of our evaluation process is that it prioritizes coaching and developing of educators it is not just an evaluation process but an evaluation and development process. What is unique to our process is student growth, and the state incorporated it into their process as well. Dr. Sherban continued with a PowerPoint presentation.

Upon completion of the presentation, there was a question and answer period. Dr. Sherban answered Board members' questions in detail.

Student Disciplinary Infraction Data Report

Dr. Sherban stated that at the end of marking period one, we presented to the Board the suspension data as an aggregate and the Board requested we present a breakdown by the infraction category. These include all of the suspensions and all of the students for marking period one. She explained in detail.

Ms. Joseph-Lumpkin commented that this is a national issue; it is not unique to New Haven. We are working to address this problem not only in the schools but by engaging our community partners as well, in order to develop alternatives and diversionary programs to exclusion. She explained in detail.



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Ms. Typhanie Jackson expanded on the national trend and explained that the Obama Administration, the Department of Justice and the Department of Education have come up with some joined guidance for school districts relevant to concerns on this issue. The Department of Education, under the direction of Ms. DeVos, has changed all that and some of the recommendations are no longer a requirement. Ms. Jackson continued to explain in detail.

Mr. Kermit Carolina emphasized to the audience that this is a very urgent issue. Mr. Carolina began by sharing some national data. He remarked that over the last five years our expulsion rates have decreased significantly. He explained in detail how this came about due in part to the YouthSTAT Program other youth organizations in the City and he thanked them for all their support in this effort. He then compared suspension rates between New Haven, Hartford, and Waterbury and by race/ethnicity and explained in detail. Mr. Carolina provided a list of barriers to success, such as abandonment, feelings of feeling unsafe, etc., according to Dr. Pedro Noguera, Distinguished Professor of Education at UCLA who goes around the country talking about this issue.

At the completion of the presentation a question and answer discussion with Board members ensued.

Mr. Goldson thanked the presenters. He called them a dream team and if anyone can get the job done they can.

Mayor Harp thanked the group and the work that they have done.

FY 2019-2020 Budget Proposal

Dr. Birks present estimated proposals for the 2019-20 FY. She thanked the team in advance for all their hard work. Dr. Birks gave statistics on students, school staff and then presented the budget process. Our expenditures are based on our priorities and she explained the priorities. With a PowerPoint presentation Dr. Birks explained in detail the profit proposal.

Ms. Keisha Hannans explained the funding history for FY 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19. She explained this in detail.

Dr. Birks fielded questions by Board members. A discussion ensued.

Ms. Hannans concluded the budget report.

This presentation may be seen in its entirety at NHPS.net, BOE meetings.

169-19
Approval of
Personnel Report

On the motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Mayor Harp, it was unanimously voted to approve the Superintendent's Personnel Report.



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**Chief Operating Officer,
Attorney Michael Pinto**

Dr. Birks presented to the Board the new COO, Atty. Michael Pinto. He will be starting in March. Atty. Pinto lived in New Haven and attended New Haven Public schools. We are excited that he is on our team. He is currently transportation deputy director for the City.

Atty. Pinto thanked the Superintendent and commented that he is honored and humbled to be here. New Haven Public Schools have been part of his family’s history since 1916. He recognizes the magnitude of this job and he would like to be pragmatic and he remarked he just wants to get the job done. He thanked them for bringing him home.

**Director of Head Start
Ms. Elizabeth Gaffney**

Dr. Birks presented the new Head Start Director, Ms. Elizabeth Gaffney. She is a native of New Haven and she will be joining our Head Start team. She has been teaching in Connecticut for 26 years. Dr. Birks continued with her credentials. She comes to us from New Britain as an instructional coach and we are extremely elated that she is joining our team.

Ms. Gaffney commented she is elated as well and she thanked them for bestowing this honor on her. As a former Head Start teacher she knows the importance Head Start plays in the lives of our students and their families and she will work hard every day to ensure that our children are receiving the best. Ms. Gaffney gave some personal information about her life in New Haven when she was young. She is thrilled to be back in New Haven and she feels she has come full circle. She looks forward to work with the Head Start staff.

Finance & Operations Committee Report

Dr. Jackson-McArthur chaired this meeting and reported the committee met and present for approval 12 agreements and two change orders. Dr. Jackson-McArthur noted that a resolution regarding a piece of land at Roberto Clemente was tabled in committee and she explained in detail.

On the motion by Dr. Jackson-McArthur, seconded by Mr. Cotto, it was unanimously voted to approve the following FINANCE AND OPERATIONS-RELATED ITEMS:

AGREEMENTS

**170-19
ACES**

An agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and Area Cooperative Educational Services, ACES, to provide professional development for staff at Troup School from February 12 to June 30, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$24,342.91.



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- 171-19 Amendment #1, Agreement #95124007, Cornell-Scott Hill Health Center** Amendment #1 to Agreement #95124007 by and between the New Haven Board of Education with Cornell-Scott Hill Health Center to increase funding of \$25,434 by \$30,000 to \$275,434 to support costs for hiring and supervising a new social worker for the Lincoln-Bassett School Health Center from February 14 to June 30, 2019.
- 172-19 Creative Leadership Solutions** An agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and Creative Leadership Solutions to provide professional development and coaching to staff at Lincoln-Bassett School from January 28 to March 29, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$42,900.
- 173-19 Great Schools Partnership** An agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and Great Schools Partnership to provide professional development to CTE staff in six high schools from February 11 to June 30, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$72,890.
- 174-19 Amendment #1, Agreement #95384043, St. Francis/St. Rose of Lima PreK** Amendment #1 to Agreement #95384043 with St. Francis and St. Rose of Lima PreK to reduce remaining balance of \$323,492.10 for 87 full-day School Readiness spaces by \$323,492.10 to \$0.00 and to end the agreement effective February 4, 2019.
- 175-19 Amendment #2, Agreement #9538406, Catholic Charities, Inc.** Amendment #2 to Agreement #95384016 with Catholic Charities, Inc., to: 1) increase funding of \$700,534 by \$323,492.10 to \$1,024,026.10; 2) to increase the number of full-day School Readiness spaces in the Agreement from 77 by 87 to 164 be provided at the St. Francis and St. Rose of Lima School as of February 4, 2019.
- 176-19 National Center on Education and the Economy** An agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and National Center on Education and the Economy, d/b/a Criterion Education, LLC to facilitate phase one of a two phase strategic planning process for the New Haven Public School District from March 1 to June 30, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$90,500.
- 177-19 WestEd Qtel** An agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and WestEd Qtel to review the program for English Language Learners at Fair Haven School and provide professional development programs from January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$189,999.70.
- 178-19 Grant Contract, of CT Office of Early Childhood** A Grant Contract with the State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood to provide funding for the Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Teens program from October 1, 2018 to State September 30, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.
- 179-19 Amendment #2, Agreement #95265020,** Amendment #2 to Agreement #95265010 with Sergio Rodriguez to: 1) increase total amount of agreement from \$39,200 by \$26,947.64 to \$66,147.64 based on a daily rate of \$280 per 7 hour day for 89 days through June 30, 2019; 2) change the compensation



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Sergio Rodriguez section to read, FICA withholding shall be \$1,858.18 and Workers Compensation shall be \$169.46; 3) to change funding source and account number from Title 1 Carryover Program, Acct. #2531-5265-56694-0000 to McKinney-Vento Program, Acct. #2503-5027-56694-0000.

**180-19
The Boys and
Girls Club** An agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and The Boys and Girls Club of New Haven to provide afterschool programming for students at Truman and Bishop Woods schools from October 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$61,800.

**181-19
TCI, Inc.** An agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and Total Communications, Inc., TCI, 333 Burnham St., East Hartford, CT to procure, configure and install new network equipment in six (6) schools in an amount not to exceed \$228,591.28, which is the NHPS E-Rate match of the total cost of the contract \$584,063.35. This agreement is contingent upon E-Rate approval and funding.

CHANGE ORDERS

**182-19
Change Order #1,
Contract #21559-1-2,
CT Pest Elimination** Change Order #1 to Contract #21559-1-2 to CT Pest Elimination, 273 Indian River Rd., Orange, CT for Pest Control to include language adding services needed by the school district.

Original Amount of Contract:	\$35,000
Change Order #1	<u>-0-</u>
Total Amount of Contract:	\$35,000

**183-19
Change Order #1,
Contract #21583-1-2,
Tri-State Maintenance** Change Order #1 to Contract #21583-1-2 to Tri-State Maintenance, 356 Old Maple Ave., North Haven CT for Generator Maintenance to add Troup School and Hooker Elementary to the list of schools serviced, and remove Hooker Middle School from the contract.

Original Amount of Contract:	\$50,000
Change Order #1	<u>-0-</u>
Total Amount of Contract:	\$50,000

**184-19
Change Agreement #8,
Account Number** On the motion by Dr. Jackson-McArthur, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, it was unanimously voted to amend the aforementioned motion to correct the typo on account number for Agreement #8 from 2531-6294-46694 to 2531-6294-56694.

**185-19
Amend Agreement w/
Eco-Urban Pioneers** On the motion by Mr. Cotto, seconded by Mayor Harp, it was unanimously voted to amend the agreement with Eco-Urban Pioneers, LLC for Custodial Services from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 from \$4,687,046.58 to \$4,680,681.77, a reduction of \$6,364.81.



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Dr. Joyner initiated a discussion regarding this amendment and Mr. Goldson explained in detail.

Governance Committee Report

Dr. Jackson-McArthur announced we are meeting next Monday in the Library. She continued to explain.

Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting

Mayor Harp reported that this committee hasn't met but there are a couple of changes in terms of meeting dates. She gave the schedule of new dates.

**186-19
Amend Teaching &
Meeting Dates**

On the motion by Mayor Harp, seconded by Dr. Joyner, it was unanimously voted to amend the T&L Committee calendar to change meeting dates as follows: 2/20 meeting cancelled, Special Meeting 2/27; 4/17 rescheduled to 4/24; 5/15 meeting rescheduled to 5/23 as stated by Mayor Harp, Chair of the committee.

Food Service Task Group

Mr. Rodriguez reported this committee is scheduled to meet this Wednesday at 5:30pm.

School Construction & Stewardship Committee

Mayor Harp reported this committee will meet on February 14th at 4:30 in City Hall, 157 Church Street.

**187-19
Adjournment**

On the motion by Dr. Jackson-McArthur, seconded by Mr. Goldson, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger McHugh

Recording Secretary

“A video of the meeting is available on the NHPS website, NHPS.net, Public Meetings”



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PERSONNEL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

APPOINTMENT-Executive Management:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Michael Pinto Quinnipiac University-J.D.	Chief Operations Officer Gateway Center General Funds 19047000-50110	March 5, 2019	\$145,000

APPOINTMENT-Administrator:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Elizabeth Gaffney Central Connecticut State University -6 th yr.	Director of Head Start Gateway Center Head Start PA 22 Basic 25325279-50110	TBD	\$115,000

RESIGNATION – Administrator:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Rosalyn Bannon	Principal Barnard Magnet School General Funds 19044002-50113	February 25, 2019

RETIREMENT-Teacher:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
John Stacey	Teacher – History/Social Studies High School in the Community Inter-District Funds 27041566-50115	June 30, 2019

RESIGNATIONS – Teachers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Katie Checko	Teacher - TESOL Worthington Hooker School General Funds 19041238-50115	March 1, 2019



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RESIGNATIONS – Teachers (Continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Eftyhia Koulouros	Teacher-Magnet School Resource East Rock Magnet School Magnet 17-22 East Rock Cultural Studies 25176252-50115	February 23, 2019
Rebecca Looney	Teacher-Art K-8 Troup Magnet School General Funds 19042115-50115	February 23, 2019

APPOINTMENTS –Teachers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Sarah Gelb University of CT - MA	Teacher – Music Lincoln Bassett School General Funds 19042220-50115	February 25, 2019	\$47,551 (Step B, 0yrs.exp.)
Emma Kunze University of CT - BA	Teacher – Music West Rock Stream Academy General Funds 19042249-50115	February 11, 2019	\$51,040 (Step D, 3yrs.exp.)
Tina Taylor Southern Connecticut State University-MA	Teacher-Science John Martinez Magnet School General Funds 19041408-50115	February 11, 2019	\$74,405 (Step M, 11yrs.exp.)

APPOINTMENTS –Teachers (Pending Certification):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Victoria Hultgren Moore College of Art & Design-BFA	Teacher-Art West Rock Stream Academy General Funds 19042149-50115	February 25, 2019	\$46,708 (Step C, 1yrs.exp.)
Kevin Northcutt Stonehill College - BA	Teacher – Grade 3 Edgewood Magnet School General Funds 19041012-50115	February 25, 2019	\$45,357 (Step B, 0yrs.exp.)



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APPOINTMENT-Paraprofessional:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Courtney Mayberry Central CT State University – MS	Assistant Teacher – SPED Lincoln Basset School General Funds 19049020-50128	February 25, 2019	\$22,313 (Group I, Step 1)

RETIREMENT – Non-Instructional Staff:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Cheryl Barbara	Cook/Lead Worthington Hooker School Food Services 25215200-50126	February 1, 2019

CHANGE IN FUNDING – Non-Instructional Staff:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Bria Harvin	Magnet School Recruitment Specialist Gateway Center Magnet 16-19 Central Office 25176226-50124	Magnet School Recruitment Specialist Gateway Center Magnet 17-22 Central Office 25176251-50124	February 12, 2019

RESIGNATIONS – Security:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Tamara Bell	School Security Officer – 10 Mos. Security-Chief Reddish Office General Funds 19047300-50127	February 4, 2019
Robert House	School Security Officer – 10 Mos. West Rock Stream Academy General Funds 19047349-50127	January 28, 2019



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APPOINTMENTS-Food Services:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
Michele Burlakoff	General Worker Celentano 15.00 hrs. /week \$18.88/hour	3.00 10:00-1:00
Marteina Carter	General Worker Strong 12.50 hrs. /week \$18.88/hour	2.5 11:00-1:30
Nadia Edmundson	General Worker John Martinez 12.50 hrs. /week \$18.88/hour	2.5 10:30-1:00
Ihsane Hmami	General Worker Mauro/Sheridan 15.00 hrs. /week \$18.88/hour	3.0 10:30-1:30
Aysegul Uzun	General Worker Wexler 15.00 hrs. /week \$18.88/hour	3.0 9:45-12:45

CORRECTION/CHANGE ITEMS:

The following items are previous Board Actions approved. The action items below represent all the necessary changes and/or corrections.

CHANGE IN START DATE – Paraprofessional

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Liah Sinquefield	Assistant Teacher - SPED Dr. R. Mayo Early Learning Pre School Incentive 25045035-50128	January 29, 2019	February 1, 2019

**Summary of NHPS Advocates Forum
Hot Topics in the NHPS: Who Can Serve on the Board of Ed?”
Friday February 8, 2019, from 6-8 PM**

This event brought together a diverse group of families, educators, and community members

There were about 45 people participating from 18 schools: Beecher, Betsy Ross, Career, Columbus, Conte, Davis, East Rock, Edgewood, Elm City Montessori, ESUMS, Fair Haven, HSC, Hooker, Mauro-Sheridan, Metro, Nathan Hale, West Rock, and Wilbur Cross

We were honored to have Dr. Tamiko Jackson-McArthur in the conversation

It started with a presentation on the composition of the Board of Education

City Clerk Michael Smart provided an overview of the process of running for an elected seats

Esther Armmand from the Mayor’s Office and Al Lucas, director of Legislative Services for the Board of Alders, provided some information about the appointment process

Then we broke into small groups that addressed the following questions

What’s working well on the Board of Education?

What could be improved?

What perspectives, experiences, and expertise should be represented on the Board, in order to serve all of our children?

We want to invite everyone to the Advocates’ next meeting on Wednesday February 27 from 6-8, at Marsh Hall, 360 Prospect Street

The topic is: Do Our Students Have Enough? Follow the Funding.

We hope to see you there.

NHPSA Questions to the Board of Education 2-11-2019 presented by Jill Kelly

1. What is financial relationship between the Center for School Change, NHPS, and Robert Villanova?
2. Were any parents involved in the development of the new school climate survey? What is the plan for its rollout? We are concerned that the questions seem to reflect a deficit mindset, focused on identifying weaknesses rather than strengths.
3. What is the rationale for spending up to \$90,500 on a strategic plan? Can the process not be carried out internally by district leadership? If external parties are indeed needed, is there no one qualified at Yale or elsewhere in New Haven who might do so pro bono or for a lower fee? Why was NCEE chosen for strategic planning, over the lower bid? In addition, that \$90,000 covers phase one, which only lasts 4 months. What happens at the end of that time?
4. What is the total amount of Alliance dollars available to NHPS this year? How much has been spent and on what? How much remains to be spent and what are the options for what it can be spent on?
5. What is the total amount of Extended School Hours funding received by the district for this year? How much has been spent thus far and on what? How and by whom are spending decisions made?



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FOR BOARD INFORMATION ONLY

I. FINANCE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

The Superintendent approved the following finance and operations-related items:

A. INFORMATION ONLY

1. Agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and Center for Collaborative Classroom, to provide professional development for staff at Celentano BioTech, Health and Medical School, from January 22, 2019 to June 30, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$7,800.00.
Funding Source: School Improvement Grant (SIG) 1003 – Celentano Program
Acct. # 2531-6276-56694-0048
2. Agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and Public Good, LLC, to design and install signage and wall covering to communicate the Magnet theme at Bishop Woods Architecture & Design Magnet School, from February 12, 2019 to June 28, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$11,760.00.
Funding Source: Magnet 16-19 Bishop Woods Program
Acct. # 2517-6234-56694-0043
3. Agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and Voiance Language Services, to provide telephone-based and document translation services, from February 12, 2019 to June 30, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00.
Funding Source: Title IVA Student Support & Academic Enrichment Program
Acct. # 2511-6269-56694-0000
4. Agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing, to provide professional development for staff at Strong 21st Century Communications Magnet and SCSU Lab School, from February 12, 2019 to June 30, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$5,900.00.
Funding Source: School Improvement Grant (SIG) – Strong Program
Acct. # 2531-6279-56694-0028
5. Non-Financial Agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and the Gateway Community College, 20 Church Street, New Haven, CT to provide Vocational Training to New Haven Public Schools students from September 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.