



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Minutes – Board of Education Meeting – April 22, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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; Dr. T. Jackson-McArthur, Secretary; Dr. E. Joyner, Mr. J. Rodriguez, Ms. Y. Rivera, Mayor T. Harp, Mr. M. Wilcox, Dr. C. Birks, Mr. N. Rivera

Absent: Ms. M. Dawkins

Mr. Rodriguez led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Goldson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Swearing in Ceremony

Mayor Harp remarked according to our City Charter, we swear in all Boards and Commissions. This being said, Mayor Harp administered the Oath of Office to new Board member, Mr. Matthew Wilcox. He was welcomed by a round of applause.

Mr. Wilcox’s family joined him at the podium and they were recognized with a round of applause.

294-19
Approve Board Minutes of March 25, 2019
On the motion by Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Ms. Rivera, to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 25, 2019, with one correction on Page 10. Add that Mr. Goldson abstained from the vote because his niece was listed as a paraprofessional on the report.

295-19
Approve Board Minutes of April 8, 2019
On the motion by Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Mr. Wilcox, to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 8, 2019.

296-19
Amend Agenda
On the motion by Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Ms. Rivera, it was unanimously voted to approve to Amend the Agenda to include a report from the committee on Student Elections.

Achievement Acknowledgements

2019 Science Fair Awards

Superintendent Birks remarked that she is happy to announce the 2019 Science Fair Awardees as follows:

Ms. Sophie Edelstein, a Wilbur Cross senior, whose project was on “Developing a Functional Tracheal Replacement Graft: Studying the Effects of Graft Stiffness on Host



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Response, was a finalist for the Life Science and Engineering High School categories; she took 2nd place in the High School Urban Challenge, and 5th Place in the Biotechnology category. She also received the Otereo Family Award, an award from the University of New Haven for a High School Project in Biochemistry and a Next Step Inventor Trophy from the CT Invention Convention.

Ms. Alexandra Northrup, a sophomore at Wilbur Cross. Ms. Northrup's project on "Association of Music Perception and Memory" was a finalist for the High School Life Science and Urban Challenge categories, and she received an award from the American Psychological Association.

Ms. Athena Brown is an 8th grader at Worthington Hooker. She received awards for her project "Saving the Ocean: 700,000 Microplastics at a Time"; 2nd place in 8th grade Physical Science; 2nd place for the Middle School Applied Technology and 5th place in the Middle School Urban Science Challenge, as well as a Society of Women Engineers Award.

Ms. Matilda Pethrick, an 8th grader at Betsy Arts Magnet School, was a finalist for 8th grade Life Sciences. She also received awards from US Metric Association and Yale's Peabody Museum for the project, "From Clean to Clan"

Ms. Julia Murphy, a 7th grader at Betsy Ross Arts Magnet School received 4th place for her project, "Salty Plants", in the Middle School Urban Challenge; 2nd place in 7th grade Biotechnology, and she also received an invitation to Broadcom Masters.

All the awardees were acknowledged by a round of applause, greeted by Board members and presented with Certificates of Achievement.

Dr. Birks recognized their teachers as well as their parents and they all stood to be acknowledged by a round of applause.

I Rise Student of the Month

Ms. Denise Ramirez, 7th grader

John S. Martinez Sea & Sky Stem Magnet School

Denise is a 7th grader at John Martinez and is involved in a number of programs including concert band and marching band. Outside of school she is involved in MATHCOUNTS, Slate, Yale's All-City Honors Band Ensemble and Yale's Morse Summer Music Academy. Denise is a student in strong academic standing and maintains an honor roll status throughout all academic quarters. She enjoys reading, drawing, listening to music and performing on her musical instruments. For her future Denise aspires to pursue a law degree and become a prosecutor. Ms. Ramirez was not present to receive her certificate.

Singing Performance by Ms. Brianna Chance

Ms. Chance is a senior at Wilbur Cross. She was an NHPS "You Are the Light" recipient in March, the first time the award was given. Ms. Chance was the lead in the school production



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of “Sister Act” and is an accomplished flutist. She will be attending UCONN next year as a Music Major.

On the completion of a magnificent performance of, "She Used to be Mine" from the Broadway musical "Waitress", Ms. Chance was acknowledged by a rousing round of applause. Mr. Rivera pointed out, for the record, that Ms. Chance is his friend. Dr. Birks remarked she is also a very good musician as well as a singer.

Public Participation

Dr. Jackson-McArthur reminded everyone to adhere to the 3-minute rule so that everyone who signed up could have an opportunity to speak.

Ms. Camille Ansley, parent, invited all New Haven parents to attend Parent University this Saturday, April 27th from 9am to 2pm at Metropolitan Business Academy, breakfast and lunch will be served. If you need more information, she can be reached at teamworkmakesthedreamwork00@gmail.com. Mr. Danny Diaz commented he hopes they all can come to Parent University. We have nine workshops planned and we are expecting about 150 parents and children to attend. Mr. Diaz remarked we hope some Board members will be able to attend. They are hoping to hold this event two or three times a year providing parents with more tools so they can continue to support. We will also have a great speaker and childcare will be provided. Ms. Ansley noted that some of the workshops were created by parents such as 21st Century Learning & Teaching, Engaging Parents via Technology, College 101, etc. She encouraged everyone to please register at NHPS.net; Ms. Jill Kelly, parent, member NHPS Advocates, read a list of questions to be answered by Board members (see attached); Ms. Sonya Marie, ESUMS parent, remarked based upon newspaper articles, we know that Dr. Birks has circumvented the Board of Ed to pay for consultants that she is personally familiar with; she had more questions for Dr. Birks and Board members to answer such as why are programs that have been in place for 30 years not being supported, why are we providing food at numerous meetings, why did we spend \$10,000 on membership to the African/ American Mayor’s Organization, etc. She asked is that helping children?, she thought it was Children First; Ms. Krystal Augustine, parent, expressed her disappointment in feeling that we are not keeping kids first and that it appears that we are not collaborating together; she referred to the contract that was signed by Dr. Joyner and Dr. Birks for the Superintendent search and she commented on this in detail; morale is down in the community, staff and teachers, and she doesn’t see collaboration with the Board publically; she hopes we can come together because paying someone a top salary with the title of Chief Executive Officer of the Board and Chief Education Officer of the NHPS, our children have to come first, she wants to see more accountability not only from Dr. Birks but also some of the staff; for the record, Ms. Augustine remarked she should not have to come here year after year for her son, who has a 504 plan; why does she always have to start from the beginning to have things done; we have to come together to keep the kids first and our employees; she continued in detail; Ms. Augustine described herself as a “disgruntled parent” at this time; Ms. Robin Miller Godwin, former parent, taxpayer, stated



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that there is a governance committee that should govern this body, and she read the duties of said committee; she remarked, each time we come to meetings we are not following proper protocol, your guidance is Roberts Rules of Order, but this afternoon you didn't make a motion to approve the agenda but you made a motion to amend the agenda, she continued her comments; Mr. Almando Harris, student, commented that in 2012 the school system acknowledged his disability of autism and since then he has not been provided with an appropriate education or given help to receive services to help him get post-secondary skills; Ms. Maria Harris, parent, member CPT, remarked that this is her third senior graduating from this school system and all three have 504 plans, i.e. the American Disability Act; NHPS continues to acknowledge that but she feels her special education team is not doing their job; she told about another one of her children who has problems with his sight and she explained this in detail; she also spoke about transitional services; she explained all the attempts she has made to speak with someone on behalf of her children; Ms. Nijija Waters, parent, CPT President, commented on the Board's demeanor during public comment. Mr. Asima Towe, parent, Ms. Waters' husband also discussed his concerns. Ms. Sarah Miller, Columbus parent, member NHPS Advocates, invited everyone to a meeting of the NHPS Advocates on Wednesday, April 24th at the YMCA at 52 Howe Street from 6pm to 8pm, its focus is on Restorative Practices and the Code of Conduct, she continued to explain restorative practices; there will be childcare and supervised swimming at the Y pool, with a lifeguard for children ages 3-6; Ms. Kirsten-Hopes McFadden, ESUMS parent, teacher, member NHPS Advocates, reads the Independent often and what has been going on in this city does not seem to be putting kids first, there's a lot of stress amongst teachers, especially new teachers who were affected by the lay-offs last year and there is stress among the parents as well; both her children have had three different teachers in their class this year and she gave the reasons, so the children are stressed as well; she continued to explain her thoughts in detail; Ms. Hazel Pappas, retired matron, Title I Advocate, commented there are somethings that have to be handled by adults and not involve children; there are somethings you don't talk about in front of kids; let us be good to one another; when our superintendent came here we were in a mess with money so don't blame her; we need to work together in order to get the money for our kids to give them a good education; she continued; Ms. Florence Caldwell, retired matron, Title I Advocate, welcomed new Board member Mr. Matthew Wilcox and she knows he has been in the audience at other meetings and she knows we are better than this, we are not being respectful to each other all it takes is common courtesy; she acknowledged Ms. Chance and thanked her on her stellar performance; she went on to explain her thoughts in detail; Ms. Caldwell announced the 40th Florence Caldwell Title I Awards Program to be held on Wednesday, May 15th at Fair Haven at 5pm, she asked them to please put that date on their calendars because they would like the students and parents see the Board of Ed celebrating with them.

President's Report

Mr. Goldson announced the PSEE, Parents Supporting Educational Excellence, a group of New Haven parents learning to navigate a complex system that is our school district. It is coordinated by the CT Center for School Change and the CT Commission on Children. Mr.



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Goldson asked the members of the group to please stand to be acknowledged. He commented that he hoped they had an interesting and exciting introduction to the New Haven School Board.

Mr. Goldson also announced that at our next meeting we will be electing the vacant Vice-President position. Those Board members, who are interested, please start talking to your fellow Board members and let us know.

Superintendents' Report

Dr. Birks greeted everyone and commented that tonight we have three brief presentations that will begin with Mr. Marquelle Middleton, Director of Choice & Enrollment. He will be joined by Dr. Nielsen and team. As you know we had a glitch in our 9th grade population with our Choice & Enrollment process, so we just want to clarify for the Board what happened in the community.

Department of Choice & Enrollment Presentation

Mr. Middleton introduced himself and thanked the Board for this opportunity. He commented it is an honor to work for the district and to ensure that the process is equitable. He introduced some of his staff. With a PowerPoint presentation Mr. Middleton explained the timeline of events and explained the enrollment process in detail (this presentation is available on NHPS.net in its entirety). Mr. Middleton commented that his department is planning community forums to explain the program in detail to parents.

Professor Nielson continued with the presentation. He explained that they are working to improve transparency and the ways parents can take advantage of the choice system. He is a researcher and a New Haven parent and that is how he became involved. He continued with the presentation and explained his role in the process. He also explained some of the methods that have been put in place to help improve the process and the results they have seen (the presentation is available in its entirety at NHPS.net)

Mr. Middleton remarked that the Choice & Enrollment Office is committed to ensuring that the process is not only equitable but transparent, so we are planning a full board report for a future meeting and hope to release an abundance of data that will be available to the public in the spirit of transparency.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked the presenters for their explanation. He referred to the glitch in the system, and wanted to know if it was related to this. Mr. Middleton said it was separate from this and he explained in detail.

Mr. Rodriguez commented that he hopes that during this process we are documenting with this particular vendor so when their contract comes up for renewal we have some sets of standards. He asked that the Board be informed when we are in the process of vetting when the contract comes up. Mr. Rodriguez pointed out that Mr. Middleton mentioned that his department is working to reduce the isolation settings standard and he wanted to know what the contributing factors look like to him. Mr. Middleton responded in detail.



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Mr. Rodriguez remarked to Mr. Middleton that in his community efforts to ensure that parent groups are informed, to please be mindful that there are multiple student and parent organizations in this district and to make sure that they reach out to all groups so that all of them know what is going on. Mr. Middleton said they hope to hold a district-wide session and he will rely on Danny Diaz for his help.

Dr. Jackson-McArthur commented that she has received a lot of questions from a lot of parents who are having trouble getting into these schools and she is having a lot of trouble understanding this. She asked why the ratio is 65-35 and why it isn't a 75 percentage. Mr. Middleton explained. Dr. Jackson-McArthur said why the percentage can't be raised to 70 or 75 and continued to ask for clarification on this issue. Dr. Jackson-McArthur had more questions and Mr. Middleton answered to her satisfaction.

Dr. Joyner told Mr. Middleton to relax because this has nothing to do with him and he is doing a great job, but he has been put into an impossible situation. He went on to explain the history of integrated education and he went on to explain his thoughts in detail.

Mayor Harp referred to a slide that showed only one school in the 2018-19 school year, ESUMS, showed that it was over the required amount and asked what happens when New Haven residents are at 65 and other schools are at 21, when do you add New Haven students to get up to the 70%? Mr. Middleton said he would get back to her on that. Mayor Harp continued in detail.

Mr. Goldson, in terms of the glitch in the lottery, did we do a test run before we actually launched it? Mr. Middleton answered yes, and explained in detail.

Mr. Goldson also commented that he never liked this system and Dr. Joyner can attest to that. He remarked they named it "choice" but it's really a lottery. What really concerns him is that we keep being told that we are going to lose money if we don't take the suburban kids but it doesn't seem that way. He went on to explain his thoughts. He implored this Board to, before the end of this year, take a serious look if we want to be involved in this process. Mr. Goldson went on in detail. A discussion ensued.

Dr. Joyner suggested that they write a letter stating that we have grave concerns about the impact of the Magnet Program on the children of the City of New Haven and that we would like to sit down and talk with people to figure out a solution that is a win, win solution. Mr. Goldson agreed and commented that we should have the letter ready by the next Board meeting. Mr. Rodriguez also agreed and suggested making a motion that they adopt such a letter contingent upon additional material and facts provided by the administration.

Mr. Wilcox commented that he is behind writing a letter but he would need more facts. The Mayor also cautioned about what the letter says and remarked she hopes we are careful about the money and very clear around balance; that economic balance is as important as



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racial. Dr. Joyner commented we should do a cost analysis and make it clear that we are trying to find a solution, which is in the best interest of the children.

Mr. Rodriguez remarked that the intent of a letter is for us to act. In the spirit of moving this conversation into action was his intent. Any letter will be submitted to the full Board for their approval. Mr. Goldson agreed. Dr. Birks noted that they are working with their lobbyists and the legislators on this matter. Mr. Goldson agreed.

297-19
Approve Letter to
State Magnet
Program

On the motion by Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Dr. Joyner, it was unanimously voted to write a letter to the State Department of Education stating that we have grave concerns about the impact of the Magnet Program on the children of the City of New Haven and that we would like to sit down and talk with people to figure out a win-win solution.

Riverside Academy Presentation

Dr. Birks commented that this presentation builds on our previous presentation presented to the Board back in July to reimagine Riverside Academy. This is an extended presentation that includes several stakeholders.

She introduced Dr. Paul Whyte, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Leadership, who gave a PowerPoint presentation. He pointed out the population stats as of April 5th and the NHPS' commitment to Riverside. He explained in detail.

Dr. Whyte commented that members of the design team are welcomed to join him in presenting. Dr. Whyte noted that the new location for Riverside will be at 375 Quinnipiac Avenue which is currently Elm City Montessori. The building is currently a school which will help with the transition. The mission of Riverside is not changing and the goal of Riverside is for students to finish.

Dr. Whyte remarked that the design team is working on what students want because to make a plan that they don't want, will fail. He explained the other things the design team has talked about. He also talked about supports that will be in place for families and students. We are trying to make Riverside a stronger place than it has been. (This presentation can be seen in its entirety at NHPS.net)

Mr. Larry Conaway, principal of Riverside, commented that Dr. Whyte is accurate in what he is saying. The only thing we have to look at, is to get into that building to find some multipurpose space, a cafeteria and then something for physical education and if we carry that out, we'll be good.

Ms. Joanne Wilcox commented that as she looked over the plan she wants to make sure we are emphasizing the fact that these kids need healing and that is primary to their needs. We have a lot of kids who have multiple layers of trauma and she didn't see enough of that in the presentation and she wants to make sure that we talk about that first and foremost,



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because she can tell that they are just not ready to learn. Having been through her own trauma and feeling the frayed edges she can sense it, she's in their presence every day and she tells them all the time that when they haven't transitioned their trauma, it's going to transfer to someone else. Ms. Wilcox said that she feels this is our opportunity to meet those needs and the kids are ripe for it, they're asking for it, they need it, they're not afraid to talk about it, and we have to be brave enough to listen to them.

Dr. Whyte referred to the slide on Restorative Practices and about Trauma Informed those are the elements that we are going to be building out in our goal of making Riverside as strong as it can be.

Dr. Jackson-McArthur thanked Dr. Whyte for spearheading this effort to make sure that Riverside is on the right path with all of their transitions and moves.

Dr. Joyner also thanked Dr. Whyte. He said that one of the qualities in working with at-risk kids is providing them with cultural enrichment activities beyond their community. He referred to a program at Hillhouse back in the 70's and those kids are still successful. He wanted to know if that idea is built into the program. He continued in detail. Dr. Whyte answered to Dr. Joyner's satisfaction.

Mayor Harp thanked him for the idea of involving a lot of people who feel strongly about this school to help build out the concept of the school. She asked Dr. Whyte about adult education and how that is going to work. Dr. Whyte explained in detail.

Mr. Wilcox referred to Dr. Whyte's remark that Riverside is going to be like any other high school and he wanted to know if that is an open commitment to Riverside. Dr. Whyte said, yes. Mr. Wilcox remarked given the time of year it is, it seems like a strange time to be making this transition, so he hopes that there are plans in place to make this transition successful.

Mr. Rodriguez addressed Mr. Wilcox and said beyond Central Office commitment this Board is also committed to an alternative. He echoed the work done by the Superintendent's office especially Dr. Whyte. Mr. Rodriguez remarked that he certainly stands committed to ensuring that this community stays intact and that we provide the services for our young people.

Dr. Joyner added his comments and thoughts. He remarked that he believes that an alternative education should be the norm in a school system rather than the exception.

Mr. Goldson thanked Dr. Whyte for answering their questions and addressing all of the issues. Dr. Whyte noted that all of this started with Dr. Birks and Principal Conaway before these last few weeks.



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Monthly Financial Report – March 2019

Dr. Birks commented that the next report is the Monthly Financial Report and she called Ms. Mazyck and Ms. Hannans to join her.

Mr. Goldson commented that because there was no report in their packets, he suggested a more detailed report for the next Board meeting. Mr. Rodriguez asked if the report could be emailed and Dr. Birks said yes.

298-19
Approval of
Personnel Report

On the motion by Mayor Harp, seconded by Dr. Jackson-McArthur, it was unanimously voted to approve the Superintendent’s Personnel Report.

Finance & Operations Committee Report

Mr. Goldson noted that Mr. Rodriguez was absent for that meeting so Dr. Jackson-McArthur will give the report. Dr. Jackson-McArthur reported that the committee met and brings to the Board for their approval three abstracts, three agreements, two change orders and nine contracts.

ABSTRACTS

299-19

Open Choice, in the amount of \$612,698.00 for 2018-2019.

300-19

Head Start Enhancement, in the amount of \$132,078.00 for 2018-2019

301-19

NHPS Cross Program Management & Planning Team, in the amount of \$67,000 for 2019.

AGREEMENTS

302-19
Amendment #1,
Agreement #96149141,
Boys and Girls Club of
New Haven

Amendment #1 to Agreement #96149141, with Boys and Girls Club of New Haven to decrease funding of \$121,005 by \$27,144 to \$93,860 to reflect delay in program start.

303-19
New Haven Reads

An agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and New Haven Reads, to provide a one-to-one tutorial service for students, grades K-8, who are enrolled in Title I schools, from April 8, 2019 to June 30, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$39,996.00,

304-19
CT Violence
Intervention Program

Agreement by and between the New Haven Board of Education and Connecticut Violence Intervention Program, to provide behavioral intervention and support for students with attendance problems, from April 23, 2019 to June 30, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$20,020.00



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CHANGE ORDERS

305-19 Change Order #3 to Contract #21568-1-2 to Sports Construction, 61 East Street, Plainville, CT for On Call Gym Equipment Repairs for the NHPS for FY 2018-19 increasing the amount of contract to cover additional bleachers, scoreboards, gym curtains and motor repairs districtwide in addition to track repairs and installation of baseball nets at the Field House.
Change Order #3,
Contract #21568-1-2,
Sports Construction

Original Amount of Contract:	\$ 25,000
Change Order #1	45,000
Change Order #2	25,000
Change Order #3	<u>15,000</u>
Total Amount of Contract Incl. Change Orders:	\$110,000

306-19 Change Order #2 to Contract #50488C-1-2 to Lior Excavating, 129 Church St., New Haven, CT for Snow Plowing Services for the NHPS for FY 2018-19 increasing the amount of contract, which exceeded with the last snowstorm.
Change Order #2,
Contract #50488C-1-2,
Lior Excavating

Original Amount of Contract:	\$38,619
Change Order #1	-0-
Change Order #2	<u>5,686</u>
Total Amount of Contract Incl. Change Orders:	\$44,305

CONTRACTS

307-19 Renew Contract #21558-2-2 to Hillyard, Inc. d/b/a RoVic, Box 1140, Manchester, CT for Gym Floor Refinishing for the NHPS for FY 2019-2020, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.
Renew
Contract #21558-2-2,
RoVic

308-19 Renew Contract #21560-2-2 to Winterberry Irrigation, LLC, 2070 West Street, Southington, CT for On Call Irrigation System Repairs and Maintenance for the NHPS for FY 2019-2020, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.
Renew
Contract #21560-2-2,
Winterberry Irrigation, LLC

309-19 Renew Contract #21566AB-2-2 for On-Call Landscaping for the NHPS for FY 2019- 2020 to the following bidders:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>In an amount not to exceed:</u>
(A) Tim's Enterprises LLC, 39 Myrtle Ave., Ansonia, CT	\$25,000.00



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(B) Amazon Landscaping Design & Handyman \$135,050.00
226 Forest Rd., West Haven, CT

310-19 Renew Contract #21571-2-2 to Trassig Corp., 564 Danbury Rd., New Milford, CT for
Renew Playground Inspections and Repairs for the NHPS for FY 2019-2020, in an amount not to
Contract #21571-2-2, exceed \$25,000
Trassig Corp.

311-19 Renew Contract #21575-2-2 to Clearwater Industries, Inc., 415 Bridgeport Ave., Shelton,
Renew CT for On-Call HVAC Water Treatment Services for the NHPS for FY 2019- 2020, in an
Contract #21575-2-2, amount not to exceed \$6,000.
Clearwater Industries, Inc.

312-19 Renew Contract #21591-2-2 to Duct Clean Corporation, 230 Stag St., Stratford, CT for On-
Renew Call Duct Cleaning Service for the NHPS for Fiscal Year 2019-20, in an amount not to
Contract #21591-2-2, exceed \$100,000.
Duct Clean Corp.

313-19 Renew Contract #50449-2-2 to G. Capasso & Sons, LLC, 15 Oxford Street, New Haven,
Renew CT for On-Call Sidewalk Repairs for the NHPS for FY 2019-2020, in an amount not to
Contract #50449-2-2, exceed \$25,000
G. Capasso & Sons

314-19 Renew Contract #50458ABC-2-2 for On-Call Painting Services for the NHPS for Fiscal
Renew Contract Year 2019-20, to the following low bidders:
#5048ABC-2-2,
Various Vendors

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>In an amount not to exceed:</u>
(A) Amazon Landscaping Design & Handyman 226 Forest Road, West Haven, CT	\$33,500.00
(B) Hewitt Construction Services, LLC 138 Huntington Ave., New Haven, CT 06512	\$33,500.00
(C) Tim's Enterprises, LLC 39 Myrtle Ave., Ansonia, CT 06401	\$33,500.00

315-19 Renew Contract #50478-2-2 to Cohen's Key Shop, Inc., 127 Fitch St., New Haven, CT for
Renew On-Call Locksmith & Hardware Repair Services for the NHPS for FY 2019-2020, in an
Contract #50478-2-2, amount not to exceed \$50,000.
Cohen's Key Shop



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316-19 On the motion by Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Ms. Rivera, it was unanimously voted
Amend Agenda to to add to the agenda to amend the Finance & Operations meeting schedule.
Change F&O Meeting Schedule

317-19 On the motion by Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Ms. Rivera, it was unanimously voted
Amend Meeting to amend the Finance & Operations Meeting Schedule from 4:00pm to 4:30pm the
Schedule 1st and 3rd Monday of the month.

Governance Committee Report

Dr. Jackson-McArthur commented that this committee did not meet today at its regularly scheduled time due to the Special Board Meeting that was called. We will meet at our next scheduled time.

Teaching & Learning Report

Mayor Harp reported the committee will meet on May 1st at 4:30pm in the Meadow Street Conference Room.

Food Service Task Force Report

Mr. Rodriguez thanked Ms. Pat DeMaio for her leadership and helping to lead at the last meeting. He remarked that the New Haven Food Policy Council reported that they are working with the school district to identify summer meal sites. As previously reported, we have identified our summer lunch sites but we are making sure we identify summer meal sites as well. We are also working on what is called “the August Meal Gap” when school ends in July and when the school year starts because families are still in need of the services. They are working with stakeholders to fill in that gap. Mr. Rodriguez commended the Council on this effort and he thanked them for their leadership. He also thanked the committee and those who attended the meeting.

School Construction Report

Mayor Harp reported that this committee will meet on May 9th at 4:30pm at City Hall.

Student Election Committee

Mr. Rodriguez introduced Ms. Ross-Lee to give a brief report on the Student Election Committee. He remarked that they have been meeting over the last several months and there have been news articles related to our efforts.

Ms. Ross-Lee said she is happy to announce that we will have an election this year. We have two female students who have met the requirements to run for student representative to the Board of Education, Lahan Arona from COOP and Sophia Morales from New Haven Academy. There will be a Candidate Forum on Wednesday at 4:00 – 5:30pm at City Hall. You can meet the candidates at that time and you will be able to hear their platform. Principals will make the announcements at the schools and we look forward to having student participation at these events. The elections will take place from May 1st to May 3rd and the ballots will be counted on Friday, May 3rd and then the announcement will be made.



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Mr. Rodriguez thanked and commended Ms. Ross-Lee and on behalf of the Board of Ed thanked her for her efforts and for being a constant figure at the meetings. He also thanked Dr. Whyte who has been very helpful as well as the entire staff of the district. Mr. Rodriguez gave some background on the process when it began and asked Ms. Ross-Lee to relate an incident that occurred.

Ms. Ross-Lee noted that they started with seven candidates interested in the position but our requirements are that the students have 50 signatures from the school they are attending and 50 signatures from other schools in the district. We had some students that received signatures from schools out of the district, i.e., Milford, Cheshire, etc., and we could not accept them but they did have 50 signatures of which one was from Amistad, which students are allowed to petition to. The committee met and decided that that signature could be counted because we were not clear in our instructions. In the end they met their requirement and the committee met and decided that the Amistad signature could be accepted.

Mr. Rodriguez added that we have to continuously stress to all the high schools that they have to push the importance of civic engagement and in particular our student election process. The superintendent's office is continuing to work to identify individuals at each school to serve as representatives to ensure that each student has the support of their local school. He continued to explain.

Mr. Goldson asked that the student who got the signatures from out of district schools did not go to Cheshire and Ms. Ross-Lee said that is correct. They were enrolled in an afterschool program in New Haven and just assumed that everyone on the bus was from New Haven; it was an honest mistake. Mr. Rodriguez continued with the explanation.

Students' Report

Mr. Rivera reported that the students are focused on the elections, as just presented, and we are happy and joyful that more than one person ran this year. Students are getting ready for AP testing and we are pushing hard and striving to get better at AP testing especially at our magnet schools, i.e. Metro, COOP, etc.

Mr. Rivera referred to the eruption earlier in the meeting and commented that as Board of Education members we have certain etiquette and he has fallen victim to someone disrespecting him outside of these four walls. No one in this room should go up to that microphone and disrespect members of this Board. Mr. Rivera remarked that our tax dollars are important but they mean nothing if we don't have people to work for what we want. At the end of the day, we are the people who sit in hour-long meetings to get what we need and want for our district, so just please give us a little respect.

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Adjournment**

On the motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:55pm.



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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

RETIREMENTS-Teachers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Michael Moore	Teacher-Grade 6 Troup School General Funds 19041015-50115	June 30, 2019
Roleen Bisailon Sheehan	Teacher-Art Lincoln-Bassett School General Funds 19042120-50115	June 30, 2019

RESIGNATIONS – Teachers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Fernando Lopez-Leon	Bilingual - Grade 3 Fair Haven School General Funds 19041216-50115	June 30, 2019
Mariyka Roman	Itinerant -Special Education K-8 General Funds 19049098-50115	May 8, 2019

APPOINTMENT–Teacher:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Kassandra Frey Southern Connecticut State University-BA	Itinerant- Special Education General Funds 19049000-50115	May 6, 2019	\$45,357 (Step B, 0yrs.exp)
Hannah Johnson Southern Connecticut State University-BS	Special Education Celentano Magnet School General Funds 19049048-50115	April 11, 2019	\$47,551 (Step B, 0yrs.exp)



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RESIGNATION-Paraprofessional:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Tamara Coleman	Assistant Teacher-Head Start Dr. Reginald Mayo Early Learning Center Head Start PA 22 Basic 25325279-50128	April 8, 2019

RETIREMENT – Non-Instructional Staff:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Valerie Tilley	In-House Suspension Worker Jepson Magnet School Inter District Funding 27041018-50120	June 1, 2019

APPOINTMENT-Non-Instructional Staff: (*NOTES 10 MONTH SALARY CORRECTION)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
*Rosa Melendez	School Health Assistant 10-Months Gateway Center ECS Alliance-Culture & Climate 25476108-50124	April 8, 2019	\$25,734 (Range 1, Step 1)

APPOINTMENTS-Coaches:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Cristobal Alvarez	Head Golf Coach Career High School General Funds 19040400-50117	March 29, 2019	\$4,991 (Step 2)
Gregory Johnson, Jr.	Assistant Baseball Coach Career High School General Funds 19040400-50117	March 29, 2019	\$3,284 (Step 1)

NHPSA questions to BoE 4/22/19

1. What are the reasons for closing the Troup School family resource center? Are there any plans to replace it or other funding sources that can support it?
2. Is there currently a federal investigation of the NHPS magnet office?
3. Did this year's lottery placement process already use the algorithm proposed by economics professors Christopher Neilson, Adam Kapur and Seth Zimmerman? If so, how were this year's placements different from last year's?
4. Christopher Nielson is also the founder of a company called ConsiliumBots (<https://www.consiliumbots.com/team>) that sells the same services currently under development by these professors in the NHPS magnet office. If these services turn out to be successful and popular, will the district be able to continue using them for free? If not, or if they are not found to be worthwhile for NHPS, will the researchers do the work necessary to restore the magnet process to its prior algorithm?
5. Is the City of New Haven Department of Public Works picking up recycling at schools? If so, why are they picking up just cardboard, since the rest of the City has single stream with plastic, aluminum, paper, cardboard etc. all together?
6. What is the status of the deficit review committee?
7. What is the district's protocol for making job offers?
8. Did a CFO candidate meet with City of New Haven officials after receiving a verbal offer? Why were non-BoE employees evaluating a potential BoE hire?
9. Last November, the Board approved a \$32,000 contract with Blackboard for a complete re-design of the NHPS website. Has this work been done? The district website looks about the same as ever and is remarkably out-of-date, listing Creed as an existing high school, Will Clark as COO, Sherri Davis-Googe as Director of Choice and Enrollment, and Gil Traverso as an assistant superintendent.