



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Connecticut

Meeting Minutes: November 9, 2020

**Board of Education Committee**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**November 9, 2020 via Zoom**

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**Call to Order:** The meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Ms. Yesenia Rivera.

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**Attendees:** Present: Ms. Yesenia, President; Mr. Matt Wilcox, Vice-President; Dr. Edward Joyner, Secretary; Mayor Justin Elicker, Dr. Iline Tracey, Dr. Paul Whyte, Dr. Tamiko Jackson-McArthur, Mr. Darnell Goldson, Mr. Larry Conaway, Mr. Anthony Fiore, Ms. Lihame Arouna,.

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

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**723-20**  
**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:**  
**10/13/2020**

i. Amend Page 8 of the *'Reopening Schools Update'* to reflect Mr. Goldson opposition to the Reopening of Schools.  
**On the motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Joyner, it was voted to Approve the Minutes of October 13, 2020 as amended.**  
**Mr. Goldson, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Dr. Jackson, Yes; Mr. Conaway, Yes; Dr. Joyner, Yes; Mayor Elicker, Yes; Mr. Fiore, Yes; Ms. Arouna, Yes; Ms. Rivera, Yes. Motion Passed.**

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**724-20**  
**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:**  
**10/26/2020**  
**POSTPONED**

ii. Amendment request on Page 2 Motion 702-20 to clarify the relation of an individual on the report and Mr. Goldson in regards to his abstention.  
Amend Page 6 regarding XV. Executive Session; request to review the footage for the exact language regarding the request for a legal opinion.

Ms. Rivera noted that the Board Minutes of October 26, 2020, did not pass and they will be discussed at our next meeting once amended.

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**Students' Report:** Ms. Arouna shared that the first virtual student council meeting was held via Google Meets on October 26, 2020, attendance was approx. 20 students per school. A student survey was distributed regarding Virtual Learning Concerns and Social Concerns, and have received over 700 responses. The majority of students are concerned with the following (but not limited to): Food Allergy Services, Recycling, Climate Change LGBTQ+ inclusion, Black Lives Matter, etc. They have been working with the new Grant Writer in finding Grants that correspond with the students values received in the surveys.



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**725-20**  
**Superintendent's**  
**Report:**  
*Dr. Iline Tracey*

A discussion ensued regarding the First Student Covid investigation that was launched by the City of New Haven Health Department due to an increase in staff positive cases. The Health Dept. has since shut down the company until November 13, 2020. It is required they provide a Corrective Action Plan which we should have tomorrow November 10, 2020 for review.

**On the Motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Wilcox, it was voted to Approve the Superintendent's Report as presented.**

**Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mayor Elicker, Yes; Mr. Fiore, Yes; Ms. Arouna, Yes; Mr. Goldson, Yes; Dr. Jackson, Yes; Mr. Conaway, Yes; Dr. Joyner, Yes; Ms. Rivera, Yes. Motion Passed.**

**Presidents**  
**Report:**

No President Report at this time.

**726-20**  
**Finance &**  
**Operations**  
**Report:**

**On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve 2 Abstracts, 5 Agreements (Excluding Agreement #6), 3 Contracts, 3 Change Orders of the Finance & Operations Related Items; the Motion Passed:**

**ABSTRACTS**

**727-20**  
**Title IVA**

**Title IVA – Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant**, in the amount of \$739,916.00 for 2021.

**728-20**  
**Title III**

**Title III English Language Acquisition Grant**, in the amount of \$483,066.00 for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

**AGREEMENTS**

**729-20**  
**Friends Center for**  
**Children**

Amendment #1 to Agreement # 95384503 with Friends Center for Children to increase the number of School Readiness spaces from 54 full day by 6 full day to 60 full day spaces for the period October 20, 2020 to June 30, 2021 and to increase funding of \$481,896.00 by \$40,158.18 to \$522,054.18.

**730-20**  
**June R. Levy,**  
**PHD.**

Agreement with June R. Levy, PhD, to provide professional development and curriculum support for staff at Celentano Biotech, Health and Medical Magnet School from October 27, 2020 to May 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.



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**731-20  
Focused Schools** Agreement with Focused Schools to provide professional development for the Instructional Leadership Team and executive coaching for administrators at Truman School, from October 15, 2020 to June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$\$24,875.00.

**732-20  
Rodriguez Assoc.,  
LLC** Agreement with Sergio Rodriguez d/b/a Rodriguez Associates, LLC to provide support and services for the McKinney Vento program from November 10, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$19,560.00.

**733-20  
Fuss & O'Neill** Amendment #1 to Agreement with Fuss & O'Neill for Building Reopening consultation services related to heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems during Covid-19; to change the Acct # from 2550-6105-56694-0442 to Acct # 25506342-56694-0000 with no change in total funding.

**CONTRACTS**

**734-20  
Cheapscares,  
LLC.** Award of Contract #21707B-1-5 with Cheapscares, LLC for On-Call Landscaping Services from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

**735-20  
Select Fence &  
Guardrail, LLC.** Award of Contract #21637-2-2 with Select Fence & Guardrail, LLC. for On-Call Fence Repair Services from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

**736-20  
Trassig Corp.** Award of Contract #21684-1-3 with Trassig Corp. for On-Call Playground Inspections & Services from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

**CHANGE ORDER**

**737-20  
Concrete  
Creations** Change Order #1 to Contract # 21693-1-4 with Concrete Creations for On-Call Duct Cleaning, to increase the funding amount of \$100,000.00 by \$181,516.40 to \$281,516.40.

**738-20  
Tucker  
Mechanical** Change Order #1 to Contract # 21632A-2-2 with Tucker Mechanical for On-Call HVAC Repairs, to increase the funding amount of \$200,000.00 by \$200,000.00 to \$400,000.00.

**739-20  
Biosvert** Change Order #1 to Contract # 21632B-2-2 with Biosvert for On-Call HVAC Repairs, to increase the funding amount of \$200,000.00 by \$200,000.00 to \$400,000.00.

Agreement #6 requires revision prior to approval.

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**Head Start  
Report:** Mr. Wilcox updated the board regarding the corrective action required. All Teachers and Paras have been trained and have been cooperative and compliant with trainings in regards to the corrective action.



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**Governance Report:** i. Dr. Jackson stated that the Policy submitted is the second reading for review.  
ii. She recalled what Ms. Arouna stated in her student report. As well as provided updates regarding the Public Participation community forum, to spread the word out via ParentLink and Website posting.

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**Teaching & Learning Report:** Dr. Joyner spoke in remembrance of Mr. Terrazzi as he recently passed away, and would like to dedicate something in honor of him in the near future for the service he provided NHPS over the course of his career.

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**Food Service Task Force Report:** Mr. Conaway states the Task Force is currently reviewing the food allergies and life threatening allergies, and review of the Series 3000 policies to update as needed. Chain of custody regarding allergies and having it standardized within the schools.

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**Facilities Naming Report:** No Facilities Naming Report at this time.

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**Citywide School Building Stewardship Report:** No Citywide School Building Stewardship Report at this time.

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**Adjournment:** **On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Goldson, it was voted by roll call to adjourn at 7:22p.m.**  
**Mr. Goldson, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Dr. Jackson, Yes; Mr. Conaway, Yes; Dr. Joyner, Yes; Mr. Fiore, Yes; Mayor Elicker, Yes; Ms. Rivera, Yes. Motion Passed.**

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Respectfully Submitted,

*Salina Manning*

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Executive Administrative Assistant

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