



**NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

CONNECTICUT

Board of Education Committee Regular Meeting  
July 11, 2022 via Zoom

<b>I. Called to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm by President, Yesenia Rivera.
Board Members Present	Ms. Yesenia Rivera, President Mr. Matthew Wilcox, Vice President Dr. Edward Joyner, Secretary Mayor Justin Elicker Dr. OrLando Yarborough III Mr. Darnell Goldson Dr. Abie Benitez Dave Cruz-Bustamante, Student Board Member
Absent were	Ma'shai Roman, Student Board Member
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Joyner
III. Swearing in of new Student Representative, Dave John Cruz-Bustamante	New Student Board Member, Dave John Cruz-Bustamante took the Oath of Office which was facilitated by, Mayor Elicker.
IV i. Public Participation	Channel Name: BOE TV You Tube Link: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U</a> No public participation
V i <b>100 - 22</b> Approval of Board Meeting Minutes June 27, 2022	<b>On the motion by Dr. Yarborough, seconded by Mr. Wilcox to approve the amended minutes for June 27, 2022.</b>  <u>Discussion/Amendments</u> WMB instead of WMBS. “Footsteps To Brilliance” should reflect Keisha Redd-Hannans and Viviana O’Connor as the presenters.  <b>Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes. (passed)</b>
ii. Personnel Report Ms. Keisha Redd-Hannans  <b>101-22</b>	<b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve the Action Item of the Superintendent’s Personnel’s Report, seconded by Dr. Joyner.</b>  <b>Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes. (Passed)</b>



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<p>iii Finance and Operations Committee Mr. Matthew Wilcox <b>102-22</b></p>	<p>On the Motion by Dr. Yarborough to approve Agreement with Clifford W. Beers Guidance Clinic, Inc., to provide mental health interventions for students, families and staff in the Head Start program, from August 12, 2022 to June 30,2023, in an amount not to exceed \$76,500.00, seconded by Mayor Elicker.</p> <p><b>Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, recused; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes. (Passed)</b></p>
<p><b>103-22</b></p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve Agreement #17, Eco-Urban Pioneers, LLC. to provide part-time custodial services, from July 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$905,669.44 seconded by Dr. Yarborough.</b></p> <p><u>Discussion/Comments</u></p> <p>Concerns were raised regarding the delayed timeline used to process the bid for contractual renewal and rate. It was also highlighted that there was an overlap of the services between Agreement #17 and #19. Mr. Lamb explained that the overlap is designed to relay institutional knowledge re process, procedures and policies to the new contractor.</p> <p><b>Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes. (Passed)</b></p>
<p><b>104-22</b></p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve Agreement #18 with ABM to provide facilities management services, from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$1,776,051.00, seconded by Dr. Yarborough.</b></p> <p><b>Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Ms. Rivera yes. (Passed)</b></p>
<p><b>105-22</b></p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve Agreement #19 with Go to Services to provide facilities management services, from July 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$288,701.12., seconded by Dr. Yarborough.</b></p>



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<p><b>106-22</b></p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Joyner to approve Agreement #21 with City of New Haven Corporation Counsel to provide legal representation of the Board of Education regarding salary reimbursement for Assistant Corporation Counsel position, from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$84,036.00.</b></p> <p>Discussion/comments Concerns were raised re reason for primary increase of contractual cost from \$30,000 to \$84,000.00 for the Board's legal service. Attorney Patricia King explained that it was to undertake the full cost of the salary for the position of attorney for the Board of Education. Mayor Elicker reminded us that we all have the same goals and interests as Board and City. Suggestion: Evaluate and review standard procedural autonomy re hire process of the Assistant Corporation Counsel's contract and role to continue favorable outcomes for the Board of Education.</p> <p><b>Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, No; Ms. Rivera yes. (Passed)</b></p>
<p><b>107-22</b></p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve remaining 2 Abstracts, 16 Agreements, 10 Contracts and 2 Change Orders seconded by Dr. Yarborough.</b></p> <p><b>Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Ms. Rivera yes. (Passed)</b></p>



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<p><b>VI.</b> <b>Student's Report</b> <b>Mr. Cruz-Bustamante</b></p>	<p>Mr. Cruz-Bustamante highlighted the proposed focus areas of advocacy he will undertake as a Student Board representative.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Student electoral reform – democratic student representation efficacy</li> <li>2. Demilitarization and transformative justice – substance abuse increase and mental health concerns</li> <li>3. Community, school and social harmony – transforms school to be center of neighborhoods</li> </ol>
<p><b>VII.</b> <b>Teaching and Learning Report – Dr. Edward Joyner</b></p>	<p>Committee met and discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proposed Taskforce – To analyze student behavior and policy priorities for the last two years of the pandemic. Taskforce four focus areas are student and Teaching &amp; Learning issues; K-12; 5-8; 9-12. They will review negative and positive outcomes of Teaching &amp; Learning.</li> <li>2. Advanced Course initiative Proposed taskforce chairpersons were Dr. Benitez (K-4); Dr Yarborough/Mr. Goldson (5-8); Dr. Joyner/Ms. Rivera, (9-12) and Mr. Wilcox to seek State funding to underwrite costs. In addition, the committee seeks all union to support the taskforce plans. Tasks force will do needs and assessment analysis of the past and generate solutions.</li> </ol>
<p><b>VII.</b> <b>Superintendent's Report Updates/Acknowledgements</b> <b>Ms. Keisha Redd-Hannans</b></p>	<p>Summer school begun on July 5, 2022. Formal report will be submitted to the Board Superintendent fitness and reading challenge was held at East Shore Park. Next challenge will be on July 19, 2022 at Edgerton Park.</p>
<p><b>VIII.</b> <b>President's Report – Ms. Yesenia Rivera</b></p>	<p>Superintendent evaluation will continue at the next meeting.</p>
<p><b>IX.</b> <b>Head Start Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</b></p>	<p>Next meeting July 21, 2022 Focus Area 2 review results revealed that the Head Start requirements were met. Mr. Wilcox congratulated and thanked all who impacted this achievement. t Head Start student vacancies are still available</p>
<p><b>X.</b> <b>Citywide School Bldg. Committee Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</b></p>	<p>Next meeting July 7, 2022</p>



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<p>XI. Finance &amp; Operations Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>PA system at Beecher school will be repaired for the new school year.</p> <p>The search for a new location for the Adult Education Center continues. Various proposed sites are considered. Committee will meet at the Lincoln Bassett School on July 8, 2022 to discuss a potential site which is located at 188 Bassett Street, New Haven.</p>
<p>XII. Governance Dr. Abie Benitez SECOND READING: Statement of Philosophy on Teaching and Learning   Series 6000</p>	<p>Clarification given – This is the introduction of the second reading of the Statement of Philosophy on Teaching and Learning   Series 6000.</p> <p>Ms. Tiffany Jackson gave Policy updates</p> <p>Outdated Policies were updated in the Series 6000 group. Other engaging policies within T&amp;L and Operation will continue to be reviewed.</p> <p>Transgender Non-conforming Policy Guide document draft - Professional training done with schools' principals on how to protect rights of trans gender non-conforming youths, how to get this information in our school handbook, gender neutral bathrooms and extra-curricular sport activities. Elements of Policy is to protect the rights of students and increase sensitivity awareness to the adults while abiding by our laws. Committee is concerned with training of administrators as well.</p> <p>Request was made for copy of this Policy that was voted on as well as the implementation guide document to be made available to the Board members.</p>
<p>XIII. Food Service Task Group Report Dr. OrLando Yarborough</p>	<p>Meeting scheduled for July 6, 2022.</p>
<p>XV. <b>108-22</b> Adjournment</p>	<p><b>On the Motion to adjourn, by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Joyner the meeting was adjourned by roll call at 8: 11pm.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr Benitez, yes; Mr. Cruz-Bustamante, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes. (passed)</b></p>

"A video of this meeting is available the NHPS website, NHPS.net, Public Meeting

*Respectfully Submitted*  
*Myrtis Mason*  
*Recording Secretary*