



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Board of Education Committee
August 23, 2021 via Zoom

I. Called to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:33p.m. by President Rivera
Attendees:	Present: Ms. Yesenia Rivera, President; Mr. Matt Wilcox, Vice-President; Mayor Justin Elicker, Dr. Edward Joyner, Secretary, Mr. Darnell Goldson, Dr. Tamiko Jackson-McArthur, Dr. Iline Tracey, Mr. Larry Conaway. Absent: Ms. Romans, Mr. Fiore
II Pledge of Allegiance	Mr. Joyner led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
III. Public Participation	Channel Name: BOE TV You Tube Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gEY46ioJn9U Public Participation (1 Participant) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teresa Johnson • Kirsten Hope-McFadden • Rachel Glover
IV. Action Items 153-21 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes August 9, 2021 154-21 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes June 28, 2021	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve the August 9, 2021 minutes seconded by Dr. Joyner.</p> <p>Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mr. Conaway yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes. (passed)</p> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve the June 28, 2021 revised minutes seconded by Dr. Joyner.</p> <p>Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mr. Conaway yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes. (passed)</p>
iii. 158-21 Finance and Operations Committee <i>Mr. Matthew Wilcox.</i>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve F & O item #8 - Agreement with City of New Haven Corporation Counsel to provide a staff attorney dedicated to Board of Education legal matters, July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 seconded by Dr. Joyner.</p> <p>Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Goldson, No; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mr. Conaway yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes. (passed)</p>



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<p>ii Superintendent's Report 155-21</p> <p>• MOU for Actg. Chief Financial Officer</p> <p>156-21</p>	<p>Search for Chief Financial Officer has still been unsuccessful by search agencies and interviews. In collaboration with the Union and the District, Ms. Linda Hannans was recommended to be interim Actg. Chief Financial Officer until a candidate is found or should Ms. Hannans relinquish the position prior.</p> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve the MOU for Ms. Linda Hannan's appointment as temporary Actg. Financial Officer seconded by Mr. Wilcox.</p> <p>Discussion: It was questioned why was the Board voting on the MOU when the City of New Haven is signatory on behalf of the New Haven Public Schools on the Memorandum of Agreement.</p> <p>The MOU is negotiated, entered into and signed by the City as well as the Union and is precedented and does not subvert the authority of the school Board and the Superintendent.</p> <p>Request was made for legal opinion on the authority and precedence of New Haven Public School re contracts, agreement and MOUs to be provided for the next meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Goldson, abstain; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mr. Conaway yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes. (passed)</p> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve the Personnel Report seconded by Dr. Joyner.</p> <p>Dr. Tracey reported that Ms. Linda Hannans (CFO), Adam Conaway (Interim Principal) and Mr. Michael Finley (Chief of Staff) were recommended for new appointments. They expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to serve the district.</p> <p>Questions raised by the public and their responses are now posted on the District's website.</p> <p>Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Goldson, abstain; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, No; Mr. Conaway recused; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes. (passed)</p>
<p>Sabbatical Request Ms. Carolyn Streets</p> <p>157-21</p>	<p>The superintendent sought approval for sabbatical with compensation for teacher, Ms. Carolyn Streets a who will be in Finland for a year on a Fulbright Scholarship. Estimated remuneration while absent will be approximately \$48, 500.00 (3/4 of her current salary) and certified substitute replacement remuneration will approximate \$35,463.00. Ms. Streets will return and represent the school system.</p> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve the sabbatical request for Ms. Carolyn Streets seconded by Dr. Joyner.</p> <p>Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Goldson, Abstain; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mr. Conaway yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes. (passed)</p>
<p>Cont'd 159-21</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve 3 Abstracts, 7, Agreement, 1 Lease Agreement, 1 Contract and 2 Purchase Orders seconded by Dr. Joyner.</p>



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	<p>Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mr. Conaway yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes (F&O items passed)</p>
<p>V. Superintendent's Report</p> <p>• Director Bond – Health & Safety</p> <p>• Pay Equity info Part Time cost analysis</p> <p>• Summer School Report: Lisa Pietrosimone</p> <p>Gemma Joseph-Lumpkin Programs,</p> <p>Tracey Philpot High School, Typhanie Jackson - Special Education</p>	<p>Director Bond reported that the health department is working closely in monitoring COVID cases in the city, state and nationwide. CDC guidelines are incorporated and embedded in the COVID-19 protocols.</p> <p>The health department is in collaboration with the BOARD of Education - Cases are being tracked, vaccination sites set up; Governor's vaccine order has been issued and implemented; universal mask breaks, physical distancing within classrooms, mitigation strategies are in place for safety, contact tracing for staff and students, technical support and monitoring, cleaning and disinfection protocols, diagnostic testing , illustrative protocols, public health nurse coverage provided as well as utilizing health based center nurses - (clinic directors working with nurses and school principals) provide support working with bus companies. Suggestion – a more aggressive push to encourage vaccination. Vaccine clinics will be scheduled during school orientation for the up-coming week.</p> <p>Ms. Hannans A preliminary financial analysis of estimated cost for part-time staff increase was given. The reported projected increases between \$12 - \$15.00 per hour. Request was made for a final report to be produced re cost to underwrite a salary increase across the Board for part-time and full time para-professionals at \$15 per hour. F & O committee will continue to review and report.</p> <p>Over 1600 students were enrolled successfully. Three Hundred and Twenty Three students, grades 5 – 8, attended summer SOARS STEM Camp school. There was success in parents' responses to survey, celebrity guests (Little scientist, arts and learning, drumming, poetry, harps), LIT Camp program (engaging literacy, math kits, etc.) Students also earned credits for high school courses. Field day was also quite successful.</p> <p>Highlights: Approximately 400 students participated in different programs – Superintendent's challenge, 960 students who were chronically absent were contacted.</p> <p>Services were presented to students who were disabled. Provided after school for vulnerable students. High school credit program were in 6 sites and served summer school courses. Students were offered opportunity to earn credits for high school courses. School assisted student with additional components – social and emotional learning, 207 students completed programs and earned credit. There were trips to different places. 338 credits were completed by students in the programs. Annual summer school graduation saw 25 students participating.</p>
<p>VI. Students' Report</p>	<p>No Report</p>
<p>VII. President's Report – Ms. Rivera</p>	<p>No Report</p>
<p>VIII. Head Start Report Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>Focus area review will be in October 2021. Head Start enrollment continues with availability.</p>



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IX. Citywide School Bldg. Committee Report –Mr. Wilcox	Met on August 12, 2021. Discussed new ways to process work orders.
X. Finance & Operations Report	Para -time paraprofessional staff increase discussed. Work Order tracking To review the afterschool program, schools and funding.
XI. Governance Report – Dr. Jackson-McArthur	1 st Reading of 6172 Policy- Virtual learning as an alternative 1 st Reading for trans-gender non-conforming policy
• Presentation regarding Air Quality Policy Facilities <i>Mr. Lamb</i>	Mr. Lamb gave presentation on the new air quality procedures in the school facilities as a key component to promote health and indoor air quality. Highlights: Effective management of the air quality program, assessing school buildings and Filter replacement and inspection. HVAC function policy was highlighted as important. Current protocols will be monitored for future effectiveness of filters. All information generated for air quality will be posted on the website. Measures for checks and balances were implemented for effectiveness.
XII. Facility Naming Report – Dr. Jackson-McArthur	No Report
Teaching and Learning Report – Dr. Edward Joyner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create policy of clear expectations in different arenas of teaching & learning • Create a system with high level of academic press • Language development across all content areas Suggestion: Teaching and Learning report to be placed on the agenda for earlier meeting presentation.
XIV. Food Service Task Group Report – Mr. Larry Conaway • Accommodating Student with Special Dietary Needs/Food Allergy Management Plan	All summer food programs are now completed. Staff who were in the program are now preparing for the new school year Training staff re students dietary needs and accommodation New staff hire underway for the new school year; Reviewed Policy 3000 series Date of next meeting is in September. Policy is to ensure staff training ON how to respond to students with special dietary needs Ensure an emergency plan and proper signage Key points in management guidance: Highlights roles and responsibilities for all stakeholders Outline communication plan for life threatening allergies Policy update includes an annual review of NHPS Food Allergy Management Plan District monitoring (Implementation of life allergy checklist) Identifying students with life threatening allergies for lunch lines



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	<p>Key person at schools to have quarterly training Create a website portal to highlight key ingredients in food</p>
<p>XVI. Executive Session 160-21</p>	<p>On the Motion by Ms. Rivera to enter into executive Session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(6)(A) re: discussion concerning performance and evaluation of public officer or employee Dr. Iline Tracey, Superintendent.</p> <p>ii. Executive Session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(6)(B) and § 1-210(b)(10) re: discussion of written communications privileged by the attorney-client relationship regarding FOIA</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes</p> <p>No votes were taken in the executive session.</p>
<p>XVII. Adjournment 161-21</p>	<p>On the Motion by Ms. Rivera to adjourn the meeting seconded by Dr. Joyner, it was voted by roll call to adjourn the meeting at 10:26pm.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes.</p>

A video of this meeting is available on the NHP S website, NHP S.net, "Public Meetings"

*Respectfully Submitted
Myrtis Mason
Recording Secretary*