



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CONNECTICUT

**Board of Education Committee Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2022 via Zoom**

I. Called to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by President, Yesenia Rivera.																						
<p>Board Members Present</p> <p>Others Present</p> <p>Absent</p>	<p>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 Ma'Shai Roman, Student Board Member</p> <p>Dr. Iline Tracey – Superintendent, NHPS Attorney Alexaides – Corporation Counsel, City of New Haven Attorney Moody</p> <p>Mr. Dave Cruz-Bustamante, Student Board Member</p>																						
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Dr. Joyner led in the Pledge of allegiance.																						
III. Public Participation	<p>The following public participants testified in support of the New Haven Youth Climate Emergency Justice Resolution and implored the Board to approve the youth led, proposal.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Rosie Zue</td> <td>Volunteer, New Haven Climate Justice</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ben Scudder</td> <td>History Teacher, HSC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marlon Coon</td> <td>Student, Wilbur Cross High School</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chris Schweitzer</td> <td>New Haven Climate Justice</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adrian Huq</td> <td>Youth Coordinator, NH Climate Justice</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Young In Kim</td> <td>Student, Wilbur Cross</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Leslie Blatteau</td> <td>President, New Haven Teachers Federation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maria Lara-Tejoro</td> <td>Parent, Wilbur Cross</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Matthew Judd</td> <td>Student, COOP High School</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jayla Anderson</td> <td>Student, COOP High School</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Patricia Joseph</td> <td>Student, Yale</td> </tr> </table>	Rosie Zue	Volunteer, New Haven Climate Justice	Ben Scudder	History Teacher, HSC	Marlon Coon	Student, Wilbur Cross High School	Chris Schweitzer	New Haven Climate Justice	Adrian Huq	Youth Coordinator, NH Climate Justice	Young In Kim	Student, Wilbur Cross	Leslie Blatteau	President, New Haven Teachers Federation	Maria Lara-Tejoro	Parent, Wilbur Cross	Matthew Judd	Student, COOP High School	Jayla Anderson	Student, COOP High School	Patricia Joseph	Student, Yale
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<p>Public Participation Cont'd</p>	<p>Molleen Theodore Parent, Wilbur Cross High School Students</p> <p>She expressed concerns re reduction of AP classes offered at Wilbur Cross as well as the limit of AP classes each student can take.</p>
<p>ii. 143-22 Approval of Board Minutes – August 17, and 29, 2022 and September 12, 2022</p> <p>144-22</p> <p>145-22</p>	<p>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner to approve the amended minutes for August 17, 2022 seconded by Mayor Elicker.</p> <p><u>Amendments</u></p> <p>Under: Amendments” it should state, ... the Board decided that all un-seconded future motions be recorded in the minutes.</p> <p>Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Ms. Rivera yes; Ms. Roman, yes. (Passed)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Wilcox to approve the amended minutes for August 29, 2022</p> <p><u>Amendments</u> Page 2, Item 130 --22 (1) Minutes should state - .all future failed motions should clarify reason (s). (2) Name Bill O’Leary’s should be reflected as “Bill Villano”</p> <p>Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Ms. Rivera yes; Ms. Roman, yes. (passed)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Wilcox to approve the amended minutes for September 12, 2022.</p> <p><u>Amendments</u> Under Public Participation ” name should be reflected as “Leslie Blatteau. Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Ms. Rivera yes; Ms. Roman, yes. (passed)</p>
<p>i 146-22 Personnel Report – Dr. Iline Tracey</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Goldson to approve the Action Items of the Superintendent’s Personnel’s Report, seconded by Dr. Joyner.</p> <p>Dr. Tracey reported that 13 teachers were hired, 16 resigned and 5 retired.</p>



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<p>147-22</p>	<p>Appointment of non-instructional staff Abigail Rivera. Dr. Benitez recused herself from Abigail Rivera’s appointment. Motion restated to reflect same.</p> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Goldson to approve the Action Items of the Superintendent’s Personnel’s Report, minus the appointment of Abigail Rivera, seconded by Dr. Joyner.</p> <p>Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Ms. Rivera yes. (passed)</p> <hr/> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Goldson to approve the appointment of non-instructional Staff, Abigail Rivera, PA State System of Higher Education, seconded by Dr. Joyner</p> <p>Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; Dr. Benitez, recused; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Ms. Rivera yes. (passed)</p>
<p>iii. Climate Resolution 149-22</p> <p>150-22</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Dr. Joyner, to approve the New Haven Youth Climate Justice Emergency Resolution.</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> New transportation contract and climate impact Hire Energy Management Operational Coordinator for climate sustainability Implement concrete climate change plans with a 6-timeline on proposed resolution Students were congratulated for their effort to propose the resolution</p> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Dr. Joyner, to amend the previous motion to add, be it further resolved that the F & O Committee will aim to create a plan within 6 months of passage of this resolution, to develop a plan to recycle glass, plastic and paper products.</p> <p><u>Vote on amendment</u> Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Ms. Rivera yes.</p> <p><u>Vote on Climate Resolution</u> Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Ms. Rivera yes</p>



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<p>iv. 151-22 Finance and Operations Committee – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve 7 Agreements, 1 Contracts and 2 Purchase Orders as recommended by the F & O Committee, seconded by Dr. Joyner.</p> <p>Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Ms. Rivera yes. (F & O Items passed)</p> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve the Change Orders as recommended by the F & O Committee, seconded by President Rivera.</p> <p><u>Discussion/Suggestion</u></p> <p>Establish a Change order policy to control bids/contracts and price increase prior to purchase of HVAC System to etc.</p> <p>Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; Mr. Goldson, No; Ms. Rivera yes. (passed)</p>
<p>V. Student’s Report Ms. Roman</p>	<p>Mr. Cruz-Bustamante’s report was read by Ma’Shai which entailed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Support for the New Haven Youth Emergency Climate Justice Resolution proposal b. Enhance Literacy and Mathematics Plan c. Socialist Scholar Party town hall meeting at 3:00pm at the New Haven Library for all NHPS Students d. City Wide Student Council meeting, October 21, 2022 at 9am – 5pm at Hill House High School e. Student Election Taskforce process f. Status of Security Task Force g. Recommendation: Student information should be sent via google class h. Request for statistic teacher for Hill House <p>Request for student report to be moved up earlier in the meetings</p> <p>Ms. Hannans – over 400 teachers inputted in reading and math plan through professional development.</p>
<p>VI. Teaching and Learning Report – Dr. Edward Joyner • Attendance Infograph Draft Dr. Benitez</p>	<p>Concerns Smarter Balance in reading, writing and math, create rubric for students Attendance and Achievement –, conduct of teachers and students in classrooms Suggestion for Board Adoption Statewide attendance: Policy on attendance Extended school days ELA Academic Profile</p>



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	<p>Appropriate time to deal with student within the low quartile Need administrator, supervisors, teacher and teacher support to be provided with tools to deal with challenges in the classrooms</p>
<p>VII. Superintendent's Report • District update – Dr. Iline Tracey</p> <p>• PRESENTATION: Enhanced Literacy and Math Plan – Ms. Keisha Redd-Hannans,</p> <p>Ms. Lynn Brantley and Monica Joyner</p>	<p>Parents were communicated with re immunization for students – new deadline ends on September 30th 2022. Health department letters will be sent re the deadline as well a venues for immunization. Non-compliance will result with students' inability to be in school.</p> <p>Presenters covered the reading and math plan for the District with a focus on academical instruction. The presentation also spoke on opportunities compared to problems. The plans are built around curriculum, assessment and instruction. The goal is for student to reach their full potential. The reading plan components were explained by Ms. Lynn Brantley. Miss Monica Joyner expounded on the 8 standard of mathematical practice commencing pre-kindergarten and continues to 12th grade.</p> <p>Four community meetings are plan within the next week and a half to present the plan and gather feedback.</p>
<p>VIII. President's Report – Ms. Yesenia Rivera</p>	<p>No Report</p>
<p>IX. Head Start Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>Head Start vacancies for registration still available</p>
<p>X. Citywide School Building Committee Report – Mr. Matthew</p>	<p>HVAC System – maintenance debts</p>
<p>XI. Finance & Operations Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>Reports on Financial report presented by Ms. Hannans for 2021 – 2022 which revealed caveats and a surplus of \$47, 688.00 ESSER II grant funding update was presented with report included</p>
<p>XII. Governance Report – Dr. Abie Benitez • FIRST READING: AP Course</p> <p>Review of Transgender/Nonconforming Youth Action Plan/Policy and Guidelines</p>	<p>First reading for advanced placement course policy submitted to the Board for reading and review.</p> <p>Trans-gender Non-conforming Youth Policy was passed in November 2021. Policy was unpacked and guidance documents were created. School and District leaders are being made aware of their role re policy. Ongoing meeting with professional development and LGBT Group. Training opportunities and student focus groups will be created to address the need of students. Parent and students' rights and concerns re the policy was discussed.</p>
<p>XIII. Food Service Task Group Report – Dr. OrLando Yarborough</p>	<p>Food items that were removed has been returned Salad bars had been implemented an there is partnership with community partners</p>



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	<p>Food Gap sub-committee had seen success during summer break and beginning of the school years October plans will be implemented for December school break</p>
<p>XIV. 152-22 Executive Session i. Executive Session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(6)(A) re: discussion concerning the evaluation of public officer or employee Dr. Iline Tracey, Superintendent</p>	<p>On the Motion by President, Rivera seconded by Dr. Joyner, to enter into</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Executive Session to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> discuss and possible Board action to create a personnel search committee to conduct the search for the superintendent's successor. Also, to discuss related attorney-client communication proposed for executive session in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. Sections 1-200(6)(E) and 1-210(b)(10)). Attorney Alexiades and Moody along with Board members were invited to the meeting. 2. Executive Session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(6)(A) re: discussion concerning the evaluation of public officer or employee Dr. Iline Tracey, Superintendent
<p>XV. 153-22 Discussion and possible action resulting from Executive Session</p>	<p>On the Motion by President Rivera, that the Board of Education hereby establishes a Superintendent Search Committee in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 (7) for the purpose of conducting a search for a successor Superintendent of Schools and MOVED FURTHER: that the Board of Education hereby appoints the members of the Board of Education to serve on such Committee.</p> <p>Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes. (Passed)</p>
<p>XVI 154- 22</p>	<p>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by ----- to adopt the Superintendent's evaluation document and allow the President to release the document to Dr. Tracey. (passed)</p> <p>Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Benitez, yes (passed)</p>



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<p>XVI 155-22 Adjournment</p>	<p>On the Motion to by President Rivera to adjourn, seconded by the meeting was adjourned by roll call at 10:25pm.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes.; Dr Benitez, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Yarborough, yes. (passed)</p>
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"A video of this meeting is available the NHPS website, NHPS.net, Public Meeting

Respectfully Submitted
Myrtis Mason
Recording Secretary