



**NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

CONNECTICUT  
 Board of Education Committee  
 Regular Meeting Minutes  
 April 12, 2021 via Zoom

<b>I. Called to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Ms. Rivera.
<b>Attendees:</b>	Present: Ms. Yesenia Rivera, President; Mr. Matt Wilcox, Vice-President; Mayor Justin Elicker, Dr. Edward Joyner, Secretary; Dr. Tamiko Jackson-McArthur, Dr. Paul Whyte, Dr. Iline Tracey, Mr. Larry Conaway, Mr. Anthony Fiore.  Absent: Ms. Lihame Arouna, Mr. Darnell Goldson.
<b>II. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Mr. Conaway led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
<b>III. Approval of Board Minutes 3.22.202</b>	Minutes for 3.22.21 was not approved due to inaccuracies re names and throughout the minutes. Dr. Joyner suggested emailing recording secretary errors and review at next meeting. Motion for approval of minutes (withdrawn).
<b>IV Public Participation</b>	Channel Name: BOE TV You Tube Link: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U</a> Public Participation (3 Participants) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ramsay Goyal</li> <li>• Doreen Pawlak</li> <li>• Kirsten Hope-McFadden</li> </ul>
<b>V. 074-21</b> <b>1. Personnel Report</b> <b>Dr. Ilene Tracey</b>	Dr. Tracey introduced Mr. Lamb, the new Chief Operating Officer for the District.  <u>Discussion</u>  Dr. Jackson-McArthur expressed disappointment of the Board’s lack of opportunity to meet all candidates prior to making a final decision.  Mr. Conaway along with Dr. Joyner congratulated teacher, Donna Schlank on her retirement  <b>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Joyner to approve the Personnel Report</b>  <b>Mr. Conaway, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Fiore, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, No. (Personnel passed)</b>



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<p>ii. 075-21 SRO Recommendation</p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Dr. Jackson-McArthur seconded by Dr. Joyner to accept SRO Recommendation (Motion Passed)</b></p> <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <p>Dr. Jackson -McArthur requested the Board’s approval to accept the SRO Recommendation. She said the next step would be to charge Dr. Tracey for a timeline in its implementation then the Governor to make a policy. Dr. Joyner, Mr. Wilcox and Mayor Elicker extended appreciation and complimented Dr. Jackson-McArthur for the Security Task Force Committee’s excellent work despite challenges.</p> <p>Ms. Rivera extended a warm welcome to Mr. Lamb who expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve in the advancement of the school District.</p> <p><b>Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Mr. Fiore, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes.</b></p>
<p>iii. 076-21 Finance Operations Committee Mr. Wilcox</p>	<p><b>Action Items: On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, to approve 2 Abstracts, 8 Agreements, 1 Purchase Order and 2 Healthy Food Certifications, seconded by Mr. Conaway.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Mr. Fiore, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes. (F&amp;O and Healthy Food Certification – passed)</b></p>
<p>VI Superintendent’s Report-Dr. Iline Tracey i. ESSER II Grant</p>	<p>Dr. Tracey reported that the processes for approval of the ESSER II Grant are underway and will be submitted to the Connecticut State Department of Education for approval Unaddressed items in this grant will be moved over to the ARP Grant for approval.</p> <p>Ms. Hannans gave highlights on plans the Committee intends to implement with the ESSER II Grant. They have met with over 775 stakeholders including focus groups and the Planning Committee who generated ideas. The focus is to provide targeted support, academic opportunities, fun recreational activities, invest in care coordinators to provide wrap around service, restorative practices, family academies etc. for students as well as professional development for staff.</p> <p>The Executive team as well as the Superintendent have submitted recommendations. The ESSER II highlights have been presented to the Board for feedback. The application will be submitted on April 19, 2021 and on April 26, 2021 the Abstract will be submitted to the Board of Education for approval.</p>



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	<p>Dr. Tracey expressed gratitude to Ms. Hannans and her team for facilitating this comprehensive process. She stated that currently, Mr. Cicarella and the NHFT President are working on an MOU with lawyers to ensure that teachers who are hired under the Grant be informed that their tenure ends when the grant ends.</p> <p>Dr. Jackson-McArthur reiterated that the teachers positions will terminate when the grant ends in two years and it is to be noted that the District will not continue the positions.</p> <p>It was discussed that summer remote programs should be offered remotely which can be a tremendous asset for students. Parents involvement is vital for their students success.</p> <p>Dr. Tracey stated that it was not feasible for student to get individual tutoring, however, she wants all students to be successful and treated with equity.</p> <p>Ms. Hannans reported that parents would be able to access tutoring during the summer to address Learning Loss. In addition, the K8 and 9-12 programs would continue with academic and tutoring support service that is embedded in all programs for students.</p> <p>It was suggested that the potential summer program schedule dates be promoted among parents.</p> <p>Satisfaction as well as support was expressed regarding the combination of planned academic and recreational fun summer programs for the students.</p> <p>Dr. Tracey spoke about how imperative it is to hire a dedicated project manager for the two upcoming grants of \$37M and \$93M.</p>
<p><b>VII</b>  <b>Student's Report</b>  <i>Mr. Fiore</i></p>	<p>Mr. Fiore reported that the majority of students are doing well. However, some remote students have expressed difficulty remaining attentive.</p>
<p><b>VIII</b>  <b>1. President's Report</b>  <i>Ms. Rivera</i></p>	<p>Ms. Rivera reported that the student's election is in progress.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox reported that high school principals and student governance groups had been made aware of the elections. This is a two-year term which is opened to 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders. Student Board representatives, Ms. Arouna and Mr. Fiore are informing colleagues about its responsibility.</p>



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<p><b>IX. Head Start Report</b> <i>Mr. Wilcox</i></p>	<p>Mr. Wilcox reported that administration is in the process of conducting interviews for the Director of Head Start position. As per their policy, The Board, Council of Head Start and the Head Start Regional Office will collaborate to select the final candidate.</p>
<p><b>X. Governance Report</b> <i>Dr. Jackson-McArthur</i></p> <p><b>i. Opt Out Policy</b></p> <p><b>ii. Institutional Review Board Update</b></p> <p><b>iii Series 6000 Policy Update</b></p> <p><b>iv. Air Quality Update</b></p>	<p>Dr. Jackson-McArthur reported that they are working on a policy to support families who have already opted out of standardized testing. She stated that uniform guidance is required for opt-out students during testing. Dr. Tracey stated that the State does not support opt-out testing</p> <p>Dr. Joyner enquired about the 6000 series. Dr. Jackson-McArthur stated that Ms. Velasquez along with Tiffany would give further information to the Board on it. They will review the policy then return with the final review.</p> <p>Dr. Jackson-McArthur reported that she is awaiting Teaching and Learning 6000 series.</p> <p>Dr. Jackson-McArthur reported that facility personnel and Dr. Tracey’s team discussed air quality at the governance meeting. The policy will be reviewed and a final review given to the Board in a month.</p>
<p><b>XI Facilities Naming Report</b> <i>Dr. Jackson-McArthur</i></p>	<p>Dr. Jackson-McArthur reported that a date has been set for April 27, 2021 The Facilities Naming Committee has been assigned to Ms. Tiffany Jackson. Official invitations will be emailed soon.</p>
<p><b>XII Teaching and Learning Report</b> <i>Dr. Edward Joyner</i></p>	<p>Dr. Joyner questioned ways that we can impact children in the classroom and including the parents. He stated that the next two months plans would continue to prepare the students for back to school. He emphasized the importance of literacy for children and how parental impact drives success. He stated that the District have the best learning module to develop leadership skills in our students.</p> <p>Ms. Velasquez commented on the 6000 Series. She reported that the committee would review 3 policies over the next 3 months for Teaching and Learning. Topics to be reviewed are Alternate Schooling (600 policy), Grading Policies in May and Graduation requirements in June and repeat in the fall.</p>



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<p><b>XIII.</b>  <b>Food Service Task Group Report</b>  <i>Mr. Larry Conaway</i></p> <p><b>Compensation Equity Committee</b></p>	<p>Mr. Conaway reported that Food Service Task Committee continues to discuss life threatening allergies and policies. Minutes are on the District's website for perusal and the next meeting will be held in May. Food Service inspection was completed tonight making the Food Policy official.</p> <p>There are two agenda items to be discuss: (1) part time employees (2) Proposal to F&amp;L then the Board. Minutes are also available on the District's website.</p>
<p><b>XV</b>  <b>City Wide Committee School Building Report</b>  <i>Mr. Wilcox</i></p>	<p>Mr. Wilcox reported that the committee met on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Information regarding Stewardship Project Status and other reports can be found on the District's website. Final closeout amendments are being done to complete school construction projects.</p>
<p><b>XVI. Adjournment</b>  <b>077-21</b></p>	<p><b>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Rivera, it was voted by roll call to adjourn at 7:10 pm.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Joyner, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Mr. Fiore, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes.</b></p>

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

*Respectfully Submitted*  
*Myrils Mason*  
*Recording Secretary*