



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 CONNECTICUT
 Board of Education Committee
 Regular Meeting Minutes
 September 13, 2021 via Zoom

I. Called to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:32p.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, 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=qEY46ioJn9U Public Participation (3 Participants) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Cicarelli • Toni Criscuolo • Leslie Blatteau
IV. Action Items 162-21 i. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes August 23, 2021	<p>President Rivera reported post consultation with Attorney, the decision was made to disable the chat function during Board meetings. An email was sent prior to Board</p> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve the August 23, 2021 minutes seconded by Mr. Goldson.</p> <p>Amendments: Minutes template to state Board of Education minutes Pg. 2, 156-21 – name should spell “Adham”</p> <p>Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mr. Conaway yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes, Ms. Romans, Mr. Fiore. (passed)</p>
ii Personnel Report – Dr. Iline Tracey 163-21 iii ARP ESSER Grant Update	<p>Appointment - Ms. Taisha Porter, promoted to was appointed to Coordinator, Adult Education Center.</p> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Joyner, to approve the Personnel Report.</p> <p>Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, No; Mr. Conaway yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes, Ms. Romans, Mr. Fiore. (passed)</p> <p>Mrs. Keisha Hannans, Mrs. Medria Blue-Ellis, Ms. Monica Moales and Dr. Nicholas gave update on the ESSER II Funds usage.</p>



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The New Haven School District was allocated \$8,017.233 and as per each LEA, 20% should be reserved to address learning loss due to COVID-19. Requested evidenciary implementation of fund utilization have begun in our schools, deferring \$16,003,447.00 to cover all projects. This allocation responds to social, emotional and academic needs as well as address disproportionate impact of the under-represented sub-group by the pandemic.

Extended fund expiration date is September 2024.

Focus Goals

Equity Goal

Academic Goal

Expiration Goal

The District focus on Learning, Innovative Learning Acceleration and SEL – strengthen work with Yale and expand global learning.

Edgewood School – Strength building

Hire math and tutor service for academic enrichment along with social and emotional learning for Fairhaven School and ESUM

Over 5400 stakeholders were engaged to brainstorm how to utilize the funds. Innovative ideas shared were:

1. Keep funds local with vendors
2. Provide enrichment so all students talents are strengthened
3. Improve outdoor spaces – slop kitchen, music, shade for outdoor learning, Revitalize greenroom. In partnership with students' groups, anti- racist classes, staff developmental goals, etc.

ARP ALLOCATION IN THE NHPS = \$80,014.233,

Areas of projected Implementation allocation

Academics - \$509,972,014.16

Family and Community Engagement \$1,133,673.56

Social and Emotional Learning \$4,289,9290.98

Technology \$9,847,903.00

Safe and Healthy Schools \$13,773,712,00

Discussion

As a result of the ten hours of live remote instruction hours students who are quarantined received, it was intensely discussed the need for a virtual academy in the school District. It was revealed that there is a shortage of teachers which limits the amount of instruction hours a quarantined student receives. As a result, Board members supported the idea and suggested that a virtual academy be established. Dr. Whyte reported that elements for virtual academy for high school students is been developed. He further added that it is a current State policy that live remote



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	<p>instruction will be an option for high school students beginning 2022 to 2023. The Board will continue discussion on the implementation of a virtual academy.</p>
<p>iv 164-21</p> <p>Finance and Operations Committee – Mr. Matthew Wilcox.</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve F & O items - 6 Abstracts, 24 Agreements and 1 purchase order, seconded by Mr. Goldson.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Conaway, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes, Ms. Roman, yes; Mr. Fiore, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes.</p>
<p>V. Teaching and Learning Report – Dr. Edward Joyner</p>	<p>Elements discussed in Teaching & Learning Cultural relevant pedagogy - Process to adapt teaching to consider the broad range of teaching. Research based pedagogy, -Execute, monitor and coach these practices Help parents to understand what the students are taught by the school -e.g. impress their students to be inclined to ask questions and work hard Invite research best pedagogy Remote learning – current State policy – Board to do as much as possible to enact same</p> <p>Suggestions: Board create and execute policies Assessments to measure students’ performance -ability to analyze information. Monitor teachers and coaches Teach with an idea of compound learning task – comprehend, analyze and evaluate Gather student feedback on instructional experience in the classroom</p>
<p>VI. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Tracey</p> <p>• First Week of School Update</p> <p>NHPS Strategic Plan Overview</p>	<p>There was a successful reopening of school. Power School platform reflected that 15,000 students have been in attendance. All schools in the District have been visited by the Superintendent and other administrative staff.</p> <p>It was reported that bus driver shortage is been experienced which have resulted in delays. COVID outbreak have been reported in different schools and students have been quarantined.</p> <p>Overview of Strategic School Plan Vision and mission focus in the District as well emphasized it at each Board meeting Culture of continuous improvement to ensure staff are learners Collaborating with community members and partners to ensure that students are well served</p> <p>There are 5 priority Access Overview areas: -Accelerated learning, Operational efficiency Cultural & climate, Youth and family engagement and talented educators. It was expressed that our students are the most important asset.</p>



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<p>• Instructional Frameworks/Grade Level Expectations – Ms. Ivelise Velazquez</p>	<p>Goals Highlighted: Strong Foundation in Early Learning, High Achievement for all Learners, Development of the whole child, preparation for college, career and life, Unwavering Commitment to Equity, Growth and Progress</p> <p>Curriculum team gave overview re teaching and learning. Instructional Frameworks defines how we teach – expectation of teachers Common guiding principles used by all content areas to build framework was highlighted. Each framework has core practices e.g. argument writing. Professional learning focus on student activity consistently. This is structured to know what all schools are instructing. This enable the District to know where to invest for growth in student instructional framework.</p> <p>DISCUSSION</p> <p>It was reported and discussed that students from the community attended Hill-House High School soccer game –(approximately 1500 students between 8 grade and high came to watch the football game). However, a group of children outside the school attended the game only to engage in a fight. It got out of control and the Police had to be called in to control and break up fights. As a result, the Superintendent decided temporarily, hat for all other games students’ parents had to be present to enable their attendance for future games.</p>
<p>VII Students’ Report</p>	<p>Mr. Fiore - Student excited to be back in school and adhering to mask wearing. Water fountain closed in the school. Need timeframe on when water fountains will be re-opened to prevent student sharing water bottled in school. Mr. Lamb reported that a prototype is been worked on for different types of water fountains which will arrive this week.</p> <p>Ms. Roman – Students are sad, normalcy has not returned to the school community. Concerns were raised regarding students’ continual use of computers in school.</p>
<p>VIII. President’s Report – Ms. Yesenia Rivera</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>IX. Head Start Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>Next meeting this Thursday. Head Start enrollment continues with available spots for enrollment.</p>
<p>X. Citywide School Building Committee Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>Finance and Operation committee met. Ms. Joseph-Lumpkin provided a full after school program review.</p> <p>Update on part-time pay. District will move forward to increase part-time pay to \$14 per hour.</p>



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XII. Governance Report – Dr. Tamiko Jackson-McArthur • Second Reading Alternative School Policy 6172	Change – Alternate school policy not ready for update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act on immunization – act eliminate religious exemptions • An act concerning social equity – standard need to be developed for virtual learning
XIII. Facility Naming Report – Dr. Tamiko Jackson	No Report
XIV. Compensation Equity Committee Report – Mr. Larry Conaway	Life Threatening issues – Policy to ensure staff training and ongoing dietary needs Hiring plan – is been monitored and going well Update on chocolate milk – now reinstated Updating food policies
XV Pay Equity Projection Update Mr. Larry Conaway	Part-time salary increase will be on agenda for discussion at the next committee meeting to arrive at final decision.
XVI. Executive Session: i. 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	<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, seconded by Mr. Goldson.</p> <p>Mr. Wilcox, yes; Conaway, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes, Ms. Rivera, yes (passed)</p>
XVII. Adjournment 165-21	No votes taken in session. On the Motion by Mr. Conaway to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Goldson, it was voted by roll call to adjourn the meeting at 10:00pm. Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mr. Conaway yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes. (passed)

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

Respectfully Submitted
Myrtis Mason
Recording Secretary