



**NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Connecticut

**Board of Education Committee**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**February 8, 2021 via Zoom**

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Ms. Rivera.

**Attendees:** Present: : Ms. Yesenia, President; Mr. Matt Wilcox, Vice-President; Dr. Edward Joyner, Secretary; Mayor Justin Elicker, Dr. Tamiko Jackson-McArthur, Mr. Darnell Goldson, Mr. Larry Conaway.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Conaway led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

**III.** **On the Motion by Mr. Conaway, seconded by Mr. Wilcox to approve the Minutes from the January 25, 2021 meeting. (Motion Passed)**  
**026-21**  
**Approval of the**  
**Board Minutes:** **Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Dr. Joyner, Yes; Mr. Conaway, Yes; Mayor Elicker, Yes; Mr. Goldson, Abstain; Ms. Rivera, Yes.**  
**1.25.2021**

**IV. Public Participation:** No Submissions for Public Participation prior to meeting.

**V. Students' Report:** No Report at this time.

**VI. Superintendent Report:** *Dr. Iline Tracey*  
Dr. Jackson inquired regarding nurses in our schools; if the District or the City employs them. Dr. Tracey stated that she would write up a list of schools that do not have nurses staffed. She will discuss with the Health Dept. Mr. Conaway adds the same should be done for the lack of bus monitors. Ms. Lisa Mack adds that 17 individuals are currently interviewed for the position.  
  
Mr. Goldson added that a parent called him in regard to a Car accident that included a member of staff and a student during school hours, and wants assurance that it is being dealt with.  
  
Dr. Joyner would like to recuse himself from this vote.



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**i. Personnel Report:**

**On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox seconded by Mr. Conaway to approve the Personnel Report by roll call vote. (Motion Passed)**

**Dr. Joyner, Abstain; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Dr. Jackson, Yes; Mr. Conaway, Yes; Mayor Elicker, Yes; Mr. Goldson, Yes; Mr. Rivera, Yes.**

**ii. WeConnect Community Campaign Launch:**

Ms. Typhanie Jackson discussed with the Board the importance of WeConnect especially during the time of the pandemic. It is critical for all to know and understand that we are all working together, and that you are not alone. February 24<sup>th</sup> is Day of Healing, a day of workshop offerings for students/families and staff, providing a variety of choices around wellness. The campaign is not just for this singular day, there are more activities to come.

**iii. 2021-2022 General Fund Budget**

Mr. Penn presented the Proposed General Fund Budget included in the Other Materials for the board to review and discuss. The Report detailed Key Trends in enrollment, and in Grants New Haven receives. He also relays to the Board the difference of the Budget from last year and this year, which shows an increase of ~\$8.8million.

Mr. Goldson inquires what input he received in regards to the Wish list of the district. As well as questioned the Report received in January 2021, and asks why it is different for this month. Mr. Penn will review the previous report, compare, and get back to the board on an answer for that. Mr. Goldson adds why we paid so much for Transportation this year, even when schools were closed and we did not use their services. Dr. Tracey will discuss with Mr. Carl Jackson and have an answer at the next meeting.

Dr. Jackson inquired about the Absenteeism Report if an update will be provided at the next meeting.

**VII. Presidents Report:**

Teaching & Learning: Chair, Dr. Joyner  
 Governance: Chair, Dr. Jackson, Vice-Chair, Dr. Joyner  
 Finance & Operations: Chair, Mr. Wilcox, Vice-Chair Ms. Rivera  
 Food Service Task Force: Chair, Mr. Conaway, Vice-Chair Mr. Wilcox  
 Head Start (sub): Chair, Mr. Wilcox, Vice-Chair Ms. Rivera  
 Citywide School Building Stewardship: (TBD); Members, Ms. Rivera, Mr. Wilcox  
 Facilities Naming Committee: Chair, Dr. Jackson, Vice-Chair Ms. Rivera  
 Rename Columbus School Committee: TBD (need appointments forwarded)



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Mr. Wilcox presented the F&O Report for committee approval.

**VIII. Finance &  
Operations Report:**

**On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Mr. Conaway, it was approved by roll call to approve the following FINANCE AND OPERATION-RELATED ITEMS:  
(Motion Passed)**

**Dr. Joyner, Yes; Dr. Jackson, Yes; Mr. Conaway, Yes; Mayor Elicker, Yes; Mr. Goldson, No; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Ms. Rivera, Yes.**

<b>028-21 CES</b>	Agreement with Cooperative Education Services (CES), to provide onsite direct cognitive and academic testing, rating scales assessment and social emotional rating scales assessments from February 8, 2021 to June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$37,500.00.
<b>029-21 Center for Collaborative Classroom</b>	Amendment #1 to Agreement #96293541 with Center for Collaborative Classroom to change the start date of service from September 15, 2020 to August 31, 2020 with no change in funding amount.
<b>030-21 CT Science Center</b>	Agreement with Connecticut Science Center to provide coaching support and a Next Generation Science Standards workshop to teachers at Davis and King-Robinson schools, from February 8, 2021 to June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.
<b>031-21 Eli Whitney Museum</b>	Amendment #1 to Agreement #96273555 with Eli Whitney Museum to increase the number of sessions at Wexler Grant School from 24 by 18 to 42; to provide 72 sessions at Brennan Rogers School and, to increase total funding of \$16,830.00 by \$17,440.00 to \$34,270.00.
<b>032-21 Ready, Inc.</b>	Agreement with Ready, Inc., to provide academic, enrichment and basic need support for students at Wexler Grant School, from February 9, 2021 to June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00
<b>033-21 CEN</b>	Agreement with Connecticut Education Network (CEN) to provide Internet Services to the district from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$48,000.00.
<b>034-21 Total Comm.</b>	Agreement with Total Communication, Inc. to provide a wireless upgrade to 15 schools from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$1,645,056.70.
<b>035-21 Total Comm.</b>	Agreement with Total Communications, Inc. to upgrade outdated cabling within Nathan Hale School from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$74,153.35.



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**036-21 State Ed. Resource Center** Agreement with State Education Resource Center to provide professional development and coaching to all Head Start staff on understanding the impact of race and culture on self, students, school environments, teaching practices and student achievement, from February 8, 2021 to June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$31,023.00.

**037-21 Frontline Tech.** Amendment # 1 to Agreement #96105571 with Frontline Technologies, LLC, to correct funding amount of \$61,775.71, increasing by \$5,100.00 to \$66,875.71 to reflect one time implementation fee for first year, as disclosed in the Agreement, with no change in funding Source.

**IX. Head Start Report:** Mr. Wilcox stated there is a meeting February 18 at 5:00pm and unfortunately one of the agenda items is going to have to be the process of finding a new Head Start director as noted in the Personnel Report with Dr. Tracey the previous Director resigned.

**X. Governance Report:** Dr. Jackson updates regarding the SRO design committee, they have a report to present at the next governance meeting; shall be present at the next Board meeting for first read, and advises at least 2 thorough reads prior to discussion with the board members.

The second read for Conduct and Discipline policy available, which was in the works before now. I read a document about suspensions and how districts are ranked on how many suspensions occur (Tier 1 Low, Tier 2 Medium, Tier 3 High, Tier 4 consistently High) New Haven is Tier 2., due to the District listening to students teachers and how to avoid future suspensions.

Mr. Conaway adds that there should be an addition to the Post-Covid model, to include the hybrid and virtual classrooms as well. Dr. Jackson stated that it has been discussed and that she will further discuss it at the next meeting.

**038-21 i. Policy 5131, Conduct and Discipline** **On the Motion by Dr. Jackson seconded by Dr. Joyner, it was approved by Roll Call Vote to pass the Policy 5131 Conduct and Discipline. (Motion Passed)**

**Dr. Joyner, Yes; Dr. Jackson, Yes; Mr. Conaway, Yes; Mayor Elicker, Yes; Mr. Goldson, No; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Ms. Rivera, Yes.**

**XI. Teaching & Learning Report:** Dr. Joyner states the meeting is coming up, they are currently identifying policy objectives, and has been asking staff for suggestions. Mr. Conaway adds that they are attempting to assemble a panel of assistant principals for this. The Culture and leadership has been well received in the committee.



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**XII. Food Service  
Task Force Report:**

Mr. Conaway states that the highest talking point of the meetings are the Students with Life Threatening Allergies. The next meeting is schedule for this week February 10, 2021 and hope to have more information at the next meeting. He adds there was a bit of a challenge delivering food on the previous snow days the District had. He states that families that are Covid + can receive food if picked up and abide by the protocols in place at the locations.

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**XIII. Compensation  
Equity Committee  
Report:**

Mr. Conaway states the last meeting was January 27, 2021 there are two committees (i) Job Description (ii) Information on Surrounding Towns. Meetings are the last Wednesday of the Month. He adds with Dr. Tracey that he would like to add Part Timers on the Equity Agenda.

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**XIV. Facilities  
Naming Report:**

Next Meeting is on April 15, 2021.  
Ms. Rivera takes the opportunity to reiterate the forwarding of appointees to the renaming of Columbus committee.

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**XV. Citywide  
School Building  
Stewardship  
Report:**

Next Meeting is on February 11, 2021.  
Dr. Jackson asks about the School Funding through the Biden Administration. Dr. Tracey states no information is available at this time, Mayor Elicker adds any federal funding is welcomed by the District.

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**Adjournment:**

On the Motion by Dr. Jackson to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Joyner, it was voted by roll call to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

Mr. Goldson, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Dr. Jackson, Yes; Mr. Conaway, Yes; Dr. Joyner, Yes; Mayor Elicker, Yes; Ms. Rivera, Yes. Motion Passed.

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Respectfully Submitted,

*Salina Manning*

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Executive Administrative Assistant

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