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CONNECTICUT
 Board of Education Committee
 Regular Meeting Minutes
 October 25, 2021 via Zoom

I. Called to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Ms. Rivera
Attendees:	<p>Present: Ms. Yesenia Rivera, President; Mr. Matt Wilcox, Vice-President; Mayor Justin Elicker, Dr. Tamiko Jackson-McArthur, Dr. Edward Joyner, Secretary; Mr. Larry Conaway, Mr. Fiore, Mr. Darnell Goldson.</p> <p>Absent: Ms. Romans</p>
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Dr. Joyner led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
III Public Participation	<p>Channel Name: BOE TV You Tube Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEY46ioJn9U Public Participation (6 Participants)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mannie • Brett Jolly • Kathy Gonzalez • Leslie Blatteau • Toni Criscuolo • Kirsten Hopes-McFadden
IV. 182-21 i. Approval of Board Minutes October 12, 2021	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve the October 12, 2021 amended minutes seconded by Dr. Joyner.</p> <p><u>Discussion/ Amendments</u> Under Pledge of Allegiance - should read "Mr. Wilcox".</p> <p>Mr. Conaway, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Fiore, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes. (passed)</p>
ii. Personnel Report – Dr. Iline Tracey	<p>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner to approve action items of the Personnel Report seconded by Mr. Wilcox.</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> Clarification was given regarding staff transfers from the Board of Education to the City of New Haven as reflected on the blue sheet.</p> <p>Mr. Conaway, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Fiore, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes. (passed)</p>



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<p>iii Food Services Supply Chain Increases/Shortages <i>Mr. Michael Gormany</i></p> <p>183 -21</p> <p>iv 184-21</p> <p>Finance and Operations Committee – Mr. Matthew Wilcox.</p>	<p>Mr. Michael Gormany updated the meeting on the national food shortage. This has affected the food service and supply chain and experienced by the school District. This has resulted in price increases to products, which is attributed to the pandemic thus the request to seek approval for the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The ability to accept price increase for food items 2. Accept food products not previously listed on the RFP <p>Price increases ranged from 10% to 15% for produce. It was highlighted that the increases were directed towards the product and not the contract.</p> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve Food Service request - for the remainder of the fiscal year, to be able to accept food increase prices on currently allocated food products within the existing food contract and to accept food products not previously listed within the RFPs from the currently awarded vendors as substitutions from the vendors, seconded by Mr. Conaway.</p> <p>Mr. Conaway, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Fiore, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes. (passed)</p> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve 3 abstracts, 9 agreements, 2 contracts and 1 Purchase Order seconded by Mr. Wilcox.</p> <p>Mr. Conaway, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Fiore, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes. (passed)</p>
<p>V. Student's Report</p>	<p>No Student Report. Mr. Fiore expressed his appreciation to the teachers for their dedication in service to the District. He encouraged the Board to do all they can to retain our teachers in the District.</p>
<p>VI. Teaching and Learning Report – Dr. Edward Joyner</p>	<p>Include instruction and learning methods into policies Develop vocabulary list and reading materials in the home Request all child in the District to read a book Be a City that reads and thinks Develop authentic assessment for our students Project based and mastery learning Professional development based on the needs and challenges of students Be a District that embraces cultures and ethnic celebrations Reading and writing across all content areas</p>



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VII. Superintendent's Report
• Approved Grants

Dr. Tracey highlighted the strategic Plan of SY 2020 – 2024. This focuses on the core values, mission, vision and major priority areas for the school District. The District have initiated progress monitoring across the school system. She shared some of the grants that have been approved which has been designated and assigned to specific areas for student education. As a result, funds approved for specific projects cannot be allocated to another due to accountability. Some approved grants are:

Alliance Priority-, ESSER Grant 30M, ARP ESSER, English Learners Grant, Title 1 & 2, Special Education/ 21st Century, Extended School Home.

Approved ESSER Funds – Award letter have to be received prior to fund allocation to established accounts for the schools.

The District has implemented a class reduction size for in the elementary level – kindergarten through grade three. Classes have been split and additional staff have been recruited to address challenges in this age group.

She further added that there has been an uptick in students' behavioral issues across the District and social workers have been invested in to support the school environment.

• Budget Update – Ms. Linda Hannans

Dr. Tracey expressed her concern for challenges teachers, staff and students experience in the District. Social emotional and mental issues have also been a challenge. She added that there is a shortage of teachers which have become crucial for the District. She also stated that these challenges are felt across school nationwide, however, District is working arduously to implement different measures to alleviate these difficult challenges so that our students can be successful and become great critical thinkers.

Budget Expenditure update

General Fund expenditures through 1st quarter ended September 30, 2021 \$16.6 million of the adopted budget. Of this year-to-date actual 16.6M utilized and \$73M in incumbrances. The question was asked why is there a \$4m incumbrance for transportation. Response to be provided for the next meeting.

• Transportation Update – Mr. Carl Jackson

Witt the assistance of the Mayor's Office, a proposal was written to Rosa DeLauro; s office for \$2M to implement a program for student in marketing and manufacturing. This is a gesture to engage our students especially for career choices.

Routes covered 301. Assigned drivers – 278. Shortage - f 23. Fourteen on FMLA and 19 in training. Drivers from other Districts are assisting while 29 applications are pending.

COVID testing – 364 contracted staff (including dispatchers, drivers, mechanics) of which 240 are fully vaccinated and 117 opted for testing. Challenges are still encountered.



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	<p>Suggestion: Establish a committee to generate creative ideas to provide diversified transportation for students to ensure consistency. The Mayor extended his office to assist in any way.</p> <p>Ms. Typhanie Jackson reported that the Social Emotional team has working with staff and students. A survey was sent out with 200 persons completing. Mental health challenge is evident and SEL team is working with the school to address this challenge.</p>
VIII. President's Report – Ms. Yesenia Rivera	No Report. Ms. Rivera congratulated Dr. Tracey and Dr. Joyner who were recipients of the NWACP and St. Jude's Children Hospital Awards respectively. These awards were for exemplary leadership and contribution in their community.
IX Head Start Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox	<p>Met last Thursday. Drafted minutes on the website. Availability exists for head start student registration.</p> <p>Ongoing recruiting for policy council which comprises of parents and community representatives who are interested in Head Start program.</p> <p>Focus area 2 review move to January 2022 by Head Start.</p> <p>Progressing in the health clinic at the Mayo School site. Contract will be submitted to the Board in November 2021. Clinic is projected to open early 2022.</p> <p>Request for information regarding the surplus school buildings usage. Will be given at the next meeting.</p>
X. Citywide School Building Committee Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox	Committee met on the 14 th . Comprehensive status report is available.
XI. Finance & Operations Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox	No Report.
XII. Update on Committee on Student Elections – Mr. Matthew Wilcox	Student Elections will be periodic and will start in mid-winter. Suggested commencing preparing students for the elections process.
	Alternative school policy needs reviewing to address alternative Instruction for home bound students



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<p>XIII. Governance Report 2ND Reading: Policy 5145.53</p> <p>Policy Support Intern</p> <p>CABE Policy Highlights</p>	<p>Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth</p> <p>Votes for second reading Policy 5145.53 on transgender and gender non-conforming youth will be taken at the next meeting.</p> <p>New Policy support intern, Ms. Jasmine Oang, a Political Science and History student at Yale University was introduced to the Board. She assists the Governance committee in various areas of policy.</p> <p>Jasmine will be assisting with the CABE policy which give information on CABE and legislators thoughts towards policies.</p>
<p>XIV. Food Service Task Group Report – Mr. Conaway</p>	<p>Minutes are online.</p> <p>Food gaps when school is not in session is been discussed.</p> <p>Life-threatening food allergy policy continues to be monitored. Other food policies are been updated. Mr. Conaway expressed gratitude to the food service task force.</p> <p>Date of next meeting is November 10, 2021.</p>
	<p>Recognition</p> <p>Ms. Gemma Joseph Lumpkin will be honored this weekend by the Boys Scout of New Haven for her contribution.</p>
<p>XV Adjournment 185-21</p>	<p>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Conaway, it was voted by roll call to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm.</p> <p>Mr. Conaway, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes. (Passed)</p>

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

Respectfully Submitted
Merits Mason
Recording Secretary