



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CONNECTICUT
 Board of Education Committee
 Regular Meeting Minutes
 November 8, 2021 via Zoom

<p>I. Called to Order</p>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Ms. Rivera</p>
<p>Attendees:</p>	<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, Ms. Romans, Mr. Darnell Goldson.</p> <p>Absent: Mr. Fore</p>
<p>II. Pledge of Allegiance</p>	<p>Dr. Wilcox led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
<p>III Public Participation</p>	<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"> • Jennifer Graves • David Cicarella • Hyclis Williams • Kirsten Hopes-McFadden
<p>Action Items i. 186-21 Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve the amended minutes of October 25, 2021 second seconded by Dr. Joyner.</p> <p>Discussion/Amendments Page 184-21 should read “seconded by Dr, Joyner”. Page 4 – Item 8 – should be “NWACP” Page 2, Teaching & Learning 3rd Line --should read “...requested all children in the District read independently.” Line ... should read ...be a city that thinks critically.... Page 3 - Mr. Jackson’s Report - FMLA means “Family Medical Leave Act.” Page 3 should read “with”...</p> <p>Mr. Conaway, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Ms. Romans, yes (Passed)</p>



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<p>ii 187-21 Personnel Report Dr. Tracey</p>	<p>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner to approve the Personnel Report seconded by Mr. Wilcox Administrative promotions, Davis Street School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marisa Asarisi - from interim to Principal • Adam Conaway, from interim to Assistant Principal. <p>Dr. Tracey congratulated them on their dedication and ethical support.</p> <p>Mr. Conaway, recused; Mr. Goldson, abstained; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes, Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Ms. Romans, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes. (Passed)</p>
<p>iii Approval of Policy 5145. 53 Dr. Jackson McArthur</p>	<p>Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth</p> <p>Dr. Jackson-McArthur reported that the policy will not be voted on for approval due to amendments that needed to be done to adjust the legal composition of the policy's language.</p>
<p>iv 188-21 Finance and Operations Mr. Wilcox</p> <p>189-21</p>	<p>On the Motion by President, Rivera to approve Agreement #3, with Clifford Beers Guidance Clinic, to provide Care Coordinators for students/families eligible for coordination of multiple services and supports, from October 12, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00, seconded by Dr. Joyner.</p> <p>Mr. Conaway, yes; Mr. Wilcox, recused; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Ms. Romans, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes. (Passed)</p> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve Agreement #8, with SP Ella LLC. for lease renewal of property at 540 Ella Grasso Blvd for the Adult and Continuing Education Center from October 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$2,596,600.00, seconded by Dr. Joyner</p> <p><u>Discussion / comments</u></p> <p>Commendations were extended Mr. Lamb and team for being instrumental on arrival at another five-year lease agreement, however other comments did not support commendations due to the building's condition including prior reported mold concerns as well as the increased amount.</p> <p>Request was made for information on how the financial implication for the increase for the lease agreement was met and what source of funding was used to offset the expense. Matter to be addressed at the next Finance and Operation's meeting and findings reported to the Board. Additional review will also be done to clarify funding and overall budget implication attached</p>



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<p>190-21</p>	<p>Vote Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, No; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Ms. Romans, yes. (Passed)</p> <p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve 7Agreements and 2 Purchase Orders as recommended by the F&O Committee, seconded by Dr. Joyner.</p> <p>Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes, Mr. Goldson, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes, Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes, Ms. Romans, yes. (Passed)</p>
<p>V. Student's Report</p>	<p>Ms. Roman shared concerns of the student body as well along with the City-Wide Student Council, that across the school District students are faced with increased mental health challenges and they are desirous to see more outlets to alleviate these challenges. It was suggested that mental health support for students be addressed at the next meeting to review what is offered for mental health support in the schools.</p>
<p>VI. Teaching and Learning Report – Dr. Edward Joyner</p>	<p>Focused Discussion</p> <p>How to create a curriculum that is therapeutic as well as instructional Be a school system that recognizes the students that are visible Develop a policy that speaks to the needs of children Embrace and recognize content reading as therapy Implement resources that aid children and staff to be successful throughout difficult challenges Expose students to uplifting reading materials Focus on independent reading across the District Implement a broad vocabulary across the District</p>
<p>VII. Superintendent's Report • Covid Compliance Update / Testing / Vaccinations – Dr. Paul Whyte</p>	<p>Dr Tracey – Clinics are being set up at school sites for student testing. Five to Eleven-year-olds are now eligible for testing. Parent meeting will be convened this Wednesday for discussion and questions.</p> <p>Dr. Whyte reported that, Governor Lamont's Executive Order, 13G was implemented in August 2021 – which requires all state employees to be vaccinated. There are Four Thousand and seventy-nine staff members, of which 3730 are fully vaccinated. There are 349 in testing pool. Testing results are updated weekly. Staff has been in full compliance with testing as well as vaccine. This will remain in effect until the executive order is lifted.</p> <p>COVID Project Planet Detect. Presently, only students are been individually tested. Two Hundred and forty four students have been registered for testing.</p>



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<p>• Program Monitoring – Ms. Ivelise Velazquez</p> <p>• Transportation Update</p>	<p>Progress monitoring - Last month the week mark of school – all school in District look at student data collected for this period. Every child in district was assigned to a small group for specialized teaching. Each child’s need is address and they are engaged and desire a passion for reading and writing. Reports have revealed satisfaction so data will be collected again and reported to the Superintendent</p> <p>Along with the Mayor a bus app has been launched to assist the families who have registered for its usage.</p> <p>Fire was reported at Troop school which started in the boy’s bathroom which was extinguished. The fire department evacuated the students and the fire was contained. Congratulation was extended to the Mayor for is presence.</p> <p>Hill Regional High School is currently in its accreditation process.</p>
<p>VIII. President’s Report – Ms. Yesenia Rivera</p>	<p>Congratulations were extended to Mayor Elicker and Dr. Joyner for their re-election. The Superintendent’s evaluation - timeline and flow chart has been emailed and will be posted on the District’s website.</p>
<p>IX. Head Start Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>Date of next meeting will be November 18th 2021.at 5:00pm. Annual report has been posted and is available in packets</p>
<p>X. F & O Report Citywide School Building Committee Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>Date of next meeting will be November 11th at 4:30pm. Agenda item for discussion will include stewardship report re school renovation and boiler replacement.</p>
<p>• Updated NHPS Auxiliary Building Inventory – Mr. Thomas Lamb</p>	<p>Information on Auxiliary and indirectly used buildings for instruction in the school District are now provided in the meeting packet.</p>
<p>XII. Update on Committee on Student Elections – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>Student elections will begin in February 2022. School principals, teachers etc. should to encourage tenth graders to be candidates in the election process.</p>
<p>XIII. Governance Report • FIRST READING Opt Out Support Policy</p>	<p>First reading for Opt out Policy to support families who opted out of standardized testing is included in the packet. Request is been made for these statistics.</p>



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<p>XIV. Food Service Task Group Report – Mr. Larry Conaway</p>	<p>Food chain shortage continues to be monitored. Balance budget is on target. Food gaps when school is not in session is been addressed to enable options for families. Food allergy policies continues to be monitored and updated</p>
<p>XV Adjournment 191-21</p>	<p>On the Motion by President Rivera to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Wilcox, it was voted by roll call to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm.</p> <p>Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes. (Passed)</p>

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

*Respectfully Submitted
Merits Mason
Recording Secretary*

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