



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CONNECTICUT
 Board of Education Committee
 Regular Meeting Minutes
 November 22, 2021 via Zoom

I. Called to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Ms. Rivera
Attendees:	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, Mr. Fore.
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Mr. Conaway 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 (9 Participants) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ala-Nzambi Ochumare • David Weimreb • Megara Bell • Asnley Stockton • Fana Hickson • Leslie Blatteau • Tahnee Colson Muhammed • Saran Armstrong • Kirsten • Najea
Action Items i. 191-21 Approval of Minutes	On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve the amended minutes of November 8, 2021 second seconded by Dr. Joyner <u>Discussion/Amendments</u> Page 4 - 186-21 should be NAACP Page 1, Attendance– name should be “Mr. Fiore” 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)



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<p>ii 192-21 Personnel Report Dr. Tracey</p>	<p>On the Motion by Dr. Joyner to approve the Personnel Report seconded by Mr. Wilcox</p> <p>Mr. Conaway, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes, Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Ms. Romans, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes. (Passed)</p>
<p>iii 193-21 Approval of Policy 5145.53 on Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth <i>Dr. Jackson McArthur</i></p>	<p>On the motion by Dr. Jackson-McArthur to approve Policy 5145.53 - Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth seconded Dr. Joyner.</p> <p>Mr. Conaway, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes, Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Ms. Romans, yes; Ms. Rivera, yes. (Passed)</p>
<p>Iv 194-21 Second Reading/Approval of Opt Out Support Policy <i>Dr. Jackson McArthur</i></p>	<p>On the motion by Dr. Jackson-McArthur to approve the Standardize Testing Opt Out Policy seconded 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 195-21 Finance and Operations Mr. Wilcox</p>	<p>On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox to approve 1 Agreement, 2 Abstracts, Head Start Waiver and 1 Change Order 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 Ms. Romans</p>	<p>Ms. Roman again expressed concerns on behalf of the student regarding outlets for mental health. She shared that at a student council's meeting the LGBT group share their need for more outlets due to the increase in their mental health challenges as well as their desire to treated equally.</p>
<p>VI. Teaching and Learning Report <i>Dr. Edward Joyner</i></p>	<p>Dr. Joyner shared gave highlights re total inclusiveness of all and through our school curriculum as well.</p> <p>Suggestions</p> <p>Use the school curriculum to total show inclusiveness Use the content of the curriculum to highlight points that are contributory to the human species despite differences. Focus learnt benefits that can be achieved if love is expressed through different species</p>



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VII.
Superintendent's Report

• Addressing Mental Health in Schools
Ms. Typhanie Jackson

Dr. Tracey reiterated School District's focus to continue making mission and vision active. She added that there is continuous improvement of culture with a goal to establish the District as premiere while centralizing our core values. In addition, she shared the implementation of the SWAT team, established to analyze the District's strengths and improve needed areas. The team's goal is to problem solve and arrive at results.

Ms., Jackson and her team gave updates on SEL and how mental health is addressed in the school District. Focus goal is implementing a community of care which build relationships with students and staff. This is embedded in the strategic plan which focuses on the whole child. Measuring social and emotional growth with the help of the community. Students are experiencing mental health challenges

Implementations

Counselling staff is in each building of NHPS. 22 staff members have been added to the NHPS since 2017 – 2021. They are a resource for families and students. Staff wellness opportunities have been afforded.

Areas of concentration

- Youth and Family Engagement Professionals
- Social and Emotional Behavioral Specialists
- Project Pride returned to school
- Pre-K to 8th grade – Social and emotional District resource
- Create multi tiers universal support system
- Calendar – supports wellness Wednesday
- Support for staff in a universal way – support teams
- SEL weekly to find additional re
- Professional Development
- Implement tiers of support

Strategies to support student are anxiety management, anger and attention management.

Truman school is utilizing the whole school approach to support student's emotional wellbeing. Care coordinators have been integrated to help work with students and families.

Mayor Elicker expressed appreciation for the re-establishment of project pride. Congratulation was expressed to the team for their dedication in implementation of programs to address SEL.

• Transportation Update
Mr. Carl Jackson

Dr. Tracey reported that ongoing collaboration continues with the Mayor's Office and the CDC to arrive at effective measures to address the transportation issues. Mr. Jackson



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	<p>gave update on the transportation. Thorough review of the billing statement continues. It was agreed in the F & O meeting that initial review will e done and a comprehensive update provided. The \$4 Million deficit in the budget for transportation is still being questioned as well how did the District arrive at a contract that cannot be interpreted. Concern was raised that the present transportation company has a monopoly on the District and alternative transportation measures should be considered. Dr. Tracey invited anyone to be a part of the task force to create ideas for alternative solutions to provide effective transport for students due to present driver shortage and other issues.</p>
<p>VIII. President's Report – Ms. Yesenia Rivera</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>IX Head Start Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>Committee met last week. Space are still available in Head Start Program for students. Head Start requirement to have staff vaccinated by January 2022. Information is also posted on the District website</p>
<p>X. Citywide School Building Committee Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>Committee meeting cancelled.</p>
<p>XI. Finance & Operations Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox</p>	<p>Discussions</p> <p>Transportation update given re payment for services Adult Education implication and budget re rent increase discussed. Information provided for fund reimbursement possibility and can be applied for later in the year. Condition of buildings and repairs requirement discussed. Timeline is intricate and if contract is not signed by President Rivera, contract will be returned to the Board.</p> <p>Ms. Hannans – Highlights</p> <p>Incumbrances and expenditures To Date (Setting aside funds for documents received for payment) sent to the office e.g. Purchase order. 26.4 transportation cost</p> <p>Projections are in processed. Principals verified staff in their buildings of each school. General fund financials presented with only expenditures. Budget is \$104M, Encumbrances 11M and Actuals \$16M. Grants are not fiscal year and have to be taken into consideration to set up actual revenues versus anticipated.</p>



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<p>XII. Governance Report Dr. Tamiko Jackson-McArthur</p>	<p>Outstanding polices review continues as well as Yale student intern, Jazmin's effort being utilized.</p>
<p>XIV. Food Service Task Group Report – Mr. Conaway</p>	<p>Focus Food chain shortage continued to be monitored. Food Gap for families upcoming. Food allergy polices continue to be updated, monitored and implemented.</p>
<p>XV Adjournment 196-21</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 800pm.</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
Myrtis Mason
Recording Secretary*

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