



**NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Connecticut

**Citywide School Building & Stewardship Committee**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
Thursday, January 14, 2021 via Zoom

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**I. Call to Order:** The meeting called to order at 4:33 p.m. by Ms. Rivera.

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**Attendance:** Ms. Yesenia Rivera, Chair, Mr. Matthew Wilcox, Mayor Justin Elicker, Alder Jody Ortiz, Dr. Paul Whyte, Mr. Michael Gormany, Ms. Lil Snyder, Ms. Aicha Woods, Mr. Giovanni Zinn.

**Staff:** Staff: Ms. Lauren Strillacci, Mr. Marc Potocsky, Mrs. Salina Manning, Mr. Thomas Smith, Mr. Joseph Barbarotta, Mr. Thomas Smith.

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**II. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes 10.8.2020:** **On the Motion by Mr. Wilcox seconded by Mayor Elicker to approve the October 8, 2020 Minutes as presented.**  
**Mayor Elicker, Yes; Mr. Gormany, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Zinn, Yes; Ms. Snyder, Yes; Alder Ortiz, Yes; Dr. Whyte, Yes; Ms. Woods, Yes; Ms. Rivera, Yes.**

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**III. Quinnipiac & West Rock School Closures:** Ms. Woods asked if a preliminary report is available or if there is a timetable on when a finalized report will be available for the committee. Dr. Whyte stated that he and Mr. Philip Penn are preparing the report and shall distribute before the next scheduled meeting.  
  
Mr. Barbarotta has worked closely with Fuss & O'Neill in our schools, and has been working through the checklist on what is required to open. Ms. Rivera stated Dr. Tracey emailed a report to Board Members, she added they are awaiting the narrative report to accompany the checklist.

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**IV. Commissioning Schedule Updates:** Mr. Smith presented the monthly update regarding the schools.  
*See Page 4 of Other Materials*

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**V. Stewardship Report:**

Ms. Barbarotta provided an update regarding the various projects at several schools. Added a note concerning the Playground repairs, stated the Board of Education and City of New Haven will come up with concept for Edgewood Playground, and has money set aside for the project.

The LED Project commenced this past week and will like to provide the committee with before and after photos once complete.

Doosan Fuel Cell Power cells for Hill Central and Clemente are almost at its life, and were able to extend it for an additional year. City and BOE should look into alternatives or future Fuel Cells to use.

*See Page 5-9 of Other Materials for full report.*

**VI. Non-Priority Grant (Sound School)**

Ms. Strillacci provided the board with details of the Grants available, the requirements for the much-needed repairs at Sound School. The resolutions are scheduled for review by the Board of Aldermen at the upcoming February 1, 2021 Meeting.

Mr. Potocsky provided background on the Foote Bldg. at Sound School and detailed the repairs that need to be taken on the building, aquaculture repairs, and a leaky membrane roof. The Alliance Grant will encompass the Aquaculture project. Ms. Snyder asked is the roof was under warranty? Due to the HVAC equipment that is placed on the roof, it nullified the warranty of the roof.

**VII. Alliance Grant (Sound, Wexler, Fair Haven School)**

Ms. Strillacci elaborated on the previous note to the Alliance Grant including funding for the repairs of the Aquaculture for Sound School. The Grand will also include Boiler replacements at Wexler Grant and Fair Haven Schools.

**Adjournment:**

**On the Motion by Dr. Whyte, seconded by Mr. Wilcox, it was voted by roll call to adjourn at 5:14 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Salina Manning*

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