278-20 EAPPROVE Minutes of M
6/29/20 Special Meeting

Dr. Joyner made a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes of the Special Meeting of June 29, 2020, seconded by Mr. Wilcox, with the following corrections:

**Item 267-20, pg. 3,** Mr. Goldson commented that the word unanimously is not correct because not everyone voted aye. The motion did not pass.

**Item 270-20, pg. 6,** Mr. Goldson commented that he never made a motion as to why we are paying depreciation of buses. The motion was to call a question. Also, it stated the vote was unanimously voted, by roll call, and that is not correct. The word unanimous should not be used.

**Item 271-20, pg. 6, Mr.** Goldson commented that the word unanimously is just confusing and should be removed.

The motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Wilcox, to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of June 29, 2020 as corrected passed unanimously by roll call.

Mrs. Rivera commented that on the bottom of page 4, it says Mr. Rivera.

Mr. Alexiades noted that to approve the minutes as corrected the corrections need to be stated precisely or we can defer the approval until corrected minutes are rendered and that is also problematic.

Mr. Goldson suggested rewriting motion 272-20 on page 6; the previous motion 271-20 was a little confusing for him.

Atty. Alexiades remarked in the Freedom of Information Act, requires that the minutes in draft form be posted within seven days with the list of motions that are acted on.

Mr. Goldson went through the motions and noted that in motion 269-20 the word unanimously should be removed; he noted that 272-20 states the vote was unanimous but that is not the case.

On the motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Wilcox, it was voted by roll call to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of June 29, 2020 as corrected.

279-20 Approval of Board Minutes w/Corrections

On the motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Wilcox, to approve the July 13, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes, with the following corrections:



**Item 278-20, pg. 1, Swearing in Ceremony,** Mr. Fiore commented that it states he attends MBA, which is incorrect. He attends HSC.

**Pg. 23,** 1st paragraph, 5th sentence down it states, Mr. Goldson remarked/commented. It should be one or the other.

**Item 282-20, pg. 9,** On the motion by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Wilcox, it was voted to approve the appointment of Nellie Martinez at Fair Haven School as proposed by the Superintendent. Mr. Goldson commented that he doesn't think he voted on this. Doesn't see where we voted on all of the personnel items. Mr. Wilcox commented that the motion at the bottom of page 10. Dr. Joyner it is redundant. Eliminate 282-20 on page 9 and add it to the bottom of page 10.

**317-20** Mr. Conaway questioned Montessori on Edgewood and wanted to know if that was correct, and Mrs. Rivera confirmed that it was.

Mayor Elicker made a motion to amend the agenda to add the question of addressing issues around climate change and how the Board can consider how to address climate change issues in our education system. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Mayor Elicker made a motion to move the item that he just added to the agenda. Dr. Joyner seconded.

Mr. Goldson made a motion to amend Mayor Elicker's motion to raise a special committee to look at environmental issues in the schools to include the curriculum issue that is already being raised by the T&L committee. Mr. Conaway seconded. He recommended voting no for the amendment, and sending this item to Teaching & Learning and that would accomplish the goals. Mr. Goldson withdrew his motion.

On the motion by Mayor Elicker to amend the agenda add this item with a focus on consideration of the Justice Schools Climate initiative outline that has been shared with Board members via email. Dr. Joyner seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Mr. Goldson made a motion to amend Mayor Elicker's motion to raise a special committee to look at environmental issues within the schools, not to include the curriculum issue which is already being addressed by the T&L committee. Mr. Conaway second. Mr. Goldson withdrew his motion.



Mayor Elicker made motion to move this item to teaching and learning with the consideration of the climate justice schools initiative. Dr. Joyner seconded. Motion passed by roll call vote.

On the motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Mr. Goldson, it was voted to approve the Superintendent's Personnel Report. Motion passed by roll call vote.

On the motion by Mrs. Rivera, seconded by Mr. Goldson, it was voted by roll call, to go into Executive Session at 8:15pm pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210(9) re: strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining, and a potential vote on collective bargaining agreements discussed in Executive Session. Atty. Natalie Sierra Milan, Mr. Michael Pinto, Atty. E. Alexiades, Dr. Ilene Tracey, Mr. Phillip Penn and Ms. Lisa Mack were also invited to attend.

Reconvene in public session at 10:30pm.

Mrs. Rivera made a motion to approve the tentative agreement with Local 3429 of Council 4 (Paraprofessionals) as ratified by the Local and presented to the Board by CFO Phil Penn. Motion was seconded by Dr. Joyner. After a lengthy discussion it was voted by roll call Dr. Jackson-McArthur, no; Mr. Conaway, no; Mr. Goldson, no; Mrs. Rivera, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; motion failed.

Dr. Joyner called a question. Mrs. Rivera noted there is a request to call a question on the agreement. Mr. Conaway, no; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Goldson, no; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, no; Mrs. Rivera, yes. Motion fails.

Mayor Elicker made a motion to create an equity adjustment subcommittee to explore the public policy behind pay adjustments in the appropriate levels of pay for New Haven Public School Employees. Dr. Joyner seconded.

Mayor Elicker called for a point of order and explained. The item on the agenda is related to contractual negotiations. He asked Atty. Alexiades if this would be appropriate. Mr. Alexiades commented that the matter is an agenda item regarding matters discussed in executive session.

Mr. Goldson called a point of order and Mrs. Rivera told him he was out of order. Mr. Goldson appealed Mrs. Rivera's decision. Mr. Goldson explained in detail his point of order. Voting on appeal by Mr. Goldson; Mr. Wilcox, no; Mr. Conaway, no; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Joyner, no; Mayor Elicker, no; Mrs. Rivera, no; motion failed.



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Mayor Elicker made a motion to authorize the president and the Superintendent to determine the members of the committee and how the committee is run. Dr. Joyner seconded. Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mrs. Rivera, yes.

Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve the following Finance & Operations items: 1 Abstract; 13 Agreements; 12 Contracts. Mrs. Rivera seconded. The motion passed by roll call, Mr. Goldson, no; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mrs. Rivera, yes.

Mayor Elicker made a motion to table remaining Agenda Items 10 thru 16. Dr. Jackson-McArthur seconded. Motion passed by roll call, Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Goldson, no; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mrs. Rivera, yes.

Mayor Elicker made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Joyner seconded. Motion passed by roll call, Mr. Wilcox, yes; Mr. Goldson, yes; Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Conaway, yes; Mayor Elicker, yes; Dr. Jackson-McArthur, yes; Mrs. Rivera, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

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