



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Minutes – Board of Education Special Meeting – March 2, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Mrs. Y. Rivera, President.

The meeting was held in the 2nd floor Board Room at 54 Meadow St., New Haven, Connecticut.

Present: Ms. Y. Rivera, President; Mr. M. Wilcox, Vice-President; Dr. E. Joyner, Secretary; Mr. D. Goldson, Dr. T. Jackson- McArthur, Mr. Larry Conaway

Absent: Mayor J. Elicker, Ms. L. Arouna, Mr. N. Rivera

Dr. Joyner led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Tracy and Ms. Jessica Haxhi, Supervisor, World Languages, presented highlights of the overnight and domestic field trips that students are slated to participate in in the next few months, beginning tomorrow; a trip by Clinton Avenue School to Fairlee, VT. Ms. Haxhi also mentioned that they have already taken Sound School's trip to Italy that was approved in August, off the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Goldson to give authority to the Executive Committee to make decisions on trip cancellations through the end of September, he also asked the administration to have meetings with parents to see what they wanted.

Dr. Tracey stressed the reason she brought this to the Board is because this came up at an emergency planning meeting and she felt because the Board made the original decision the Board should make the final decision.

Mr. Goldson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rivera, to give the Executive Committee the authority to cancel international trips through the end of September. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Goldson made a resolution, Mrs. Rivera seconded, that we support these young people to have the experience of going on this trip to Vermont and all March trips. Motion passed.

Mr. Goldson amended this motion to just include Vermont and Connecticut and discuss the other trips at our next meeting. Roll call vote, LC yes, EJ, no; TJMc, no; YR, DG and MW, yes. Motion passed.

Ms. Haxhi commented if we wait until after March 9th to April 10th to cancel trips, it might cause additional expense to the parents. She explained.



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For the record, Mr. Conaway stated that he feels we have to look at this on a situation by situation basis.

For the record, Dr. Jackson-McArthur stated she votes no at this point because we do not have enough information. She feels it's too risky.

Mr. Goldson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Jackson-McArthur, passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger McHugh

Recording Secretary