



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Motions – Board of Education Meeting – March 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Mrs. Y. Rivera, President. The meeting was held in King/Robinson Interdistrict Magnet School Auditorium.

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

Absent: Ms. L. Arouna, Mr. N. Rivera

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

Motion was made by Dr. Joyner, seconded by Mrs. Rivera, to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 24, 2020, with corrections.

Superintendent's Report – Motion was made by Mayor Elicker, seconded by Dr. Joyner, passed with one abstention by Mr. Goldson to approve the Superintendent's Personnel Report.

A district update on Coronavirus and preparedness was presented by Dr. Iline Tracey, Interim-Superintendent and Ms. Maritza Bond, Director of Health, City of New Haven.

A review of Part-Time Pay was presented by CFO Phillip Penn. A lengthy discussion took place. A motion was made to discuss a proposal to adjust the pay rate for substitute teachers and paraprofessionals covering classrooms for a full day, and bus monitors as outlined in February 27, 2020 memo from CFO Phillip Penn.

A discussion took place on whether or not it was appropriate to make a motion when there was already a motion on the table. Mr. Wilcox made a motion to postpone the motion by Mr. Goldson and Mr. Wilcox explained in detail.

Mrs. Rivera made a motion to postpone the discussion on the Part Time Pay until next meeting, seconded by Dr. Joyner was passed by roll call vote. Mr. Goldson, Mr. Conaway, Dr. Jackson-McArthur voted nay; Mrs. Rivera, Dr. Joyner, Mayor Elicker and Mr. Wilcox voted yes. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rivera, seconded by Mayor Elicker, to move Field Trips to the Superintendent's Report. A lengthy discussion was held on International Field Trips.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Mrs. Rivera, to cancel all district field trips outside of Connecticut until further notice and all gatherings of more than 100 individuals, passed unanimously.

President's Report – Mrs. Rivera announced a Board Retreat will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 4pm to 8pm at the new Barack H. Obama Magnet University School Cafeteria.

Finance & Operations Report – Mr. Wilcox recommended approval of agreements 1-5 and change orders 1-3. There was no recommendation for Agreement #6 with To-Go Commercial Cleaning Services, Amendment #1, until



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further review.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Mr. Goldson, to approve Agreements 1 through 5 and Change Orders 1 through 3 as outlined in the F&O report, removing Agreement #6. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilcox to approve Agreement #6 to Go-To Janitorial Services. A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Goldson to amend Mr. Wilcox motion to keep this position in the Union. Mr. Wilcox didn't agree with this amendment. Mr. Wilcox withdrew his motion, Mayor Elicker seconded.

Mr. Goldson made a motion that the Board restores this position to the Union and the administration is directed to amend and negotiate and sign a settlement agreement until further review. Motion passed with roll call vote, Mr. Goldson, Dr. Jackson-McArthur, Mr. Conaway and Dr. Joyner, yes; Mr. Wilcox, Mayor Elicker, Ms. Rivera, no.

A Resolution was made by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Mrs. Rivera, to amend the minutes from the F&O Meeting of December 9, 2019 to correct meeting attendance to include Mr. Conaway, to correct action item to remove an agreement for Laura Goldblum, and to add amendment #1 to the agreement with Advanced Office Systems. Mayor Elicker abstained. Motion passed.

Mr. Goldson suggested a motion to give the authority to the executive committee to make decisions between board meetings on any and all activities and decisions related to this national pandemic for the sports events that are coming up. Mr. Conaway noted that those are all state games not local games. Eric Patchevsky the athletic director noted that if the CIAC games were not held, Hillhouse would have to forfeit their home game on Wednesday because they are the home team. Mrs. Rivera and Dr. Jackson-McArthur commented those were field trips. Mayor Elicker seconded the motion to reconsider.

Mr. Wilcox noted that his motion was for field trips specifically. Mayor Elicker commented that he feels it is a good suggestion to give the executive committee some discretion to make a judgement if the situation changes.

Motion by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Mayor Elicker, to reconsider the authority to the executive committee to make decisions between board meetings on any and all activities and decisions related to this national pandemic to include the sports events that are coming up.

Motion by Mr. Goldson, seconded by Mayor Elicker, to amend the original motion to provide authority to the executive committee, in consultation with the health director, to make determinations of any other school activities that our students are involved in, passed unanimously.

At 8:27 p.m. Mrs. Rivera made a motion, seconded by Dr. Joyner to go to into executive session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §111-200(6)(A) re: Public Officers or Employees:

Discussion of Contract Renewals for:

- a. Assistant Superintendents



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- b. Human Resources Director
- c. Chief of Youth, Family & Community Engagement

Mrs. Rivera invited Attorney Milan of Shipman & Goodwin, Dr. Tracey and Phil Penn to also attend.

For the record Mr. Goldson expressed his discomfort of going into this meeting without receiving any documentation in advance and explained in detail.

Motion passed with one abstention by Mr. Goldson.

Mrs. Rivera made a motion, seconded by Dr. Joyner, to adjourn executive session at 9:28pm passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rivera made a motion, seconded by Dr. Joyner, to reconvene in public session at 9:30pm.

Mrs. Rivera remarked discussions were had regarding the contract renewals. No votes were taken.

Mrs. Rivera made a motion, seconded by Dr. Joyner, that the Superintendent seeks a continuance of the March 15th date for the Board to reconsider renewal of these contracts at the March 23rd meeting, our full Board of Ed meeting.

For the record Mr. Goldson opposed these renewals based on inaccurate information. He is not opposing the renewals but not having a vote on this tonight. He feels we should have followed the superintendent's recommendations, and he is concerned at the direction the conversation took. Motion was passed with two nays, by Mr. Goldson and Dr. Jackson-McArthur.

On the motion by Dr. Jackson-McArthur, seconded by Dr. Joyner, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger McHugh

Recording Secretary



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