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**TOWN OF EAST HAVEN, CT
EAST HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
35 WHEELBARROW LANE, EAST HAVEN, CT 06513
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. DeLucia called the board meeting to order at 7:25 pm.

- Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. DeLucia requested everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Ms. DePalma requested roll call attendance

Ms. DePalma	Present ▾
Ms. DiLungo	Present ▾
Mr. Hennessey	Present ▾
Ms. Johnson	Present ▾
Ms. Putney	Present ▾
Ms. Santiago	Present ▾
Mr. Stacey	Present ▾
Ms. Torello	Absent ▾
Dr. DeLucia	Present ▾

ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Erica Forti, Superintendent ▾

Mr. Robert Swan, Director of Pupil Services ▾

Mr. Richard Caponera, Chief of Operations and Fiscal Overs... ▾

Ms. Julie Church, Family Engagement /SEL Coordinator ▾

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3. REPORTS

- Chair Report:
 - Dr. DeLucia Congratulated all fellow Board Members for being elected again for their Board seats.
 - Correspondence: Ms. Santiago received correspondence from Lorena Venegas regarding staff conduct, seeking grant for composting, and reading materials.
 - Ms. Santiago also read Dr. Jennifer Murrehy's letter regarding her resignation from her role as Assistant Superintendent to take on a new role at the State Department of Education.
- Standing Committee Reports
 - Athletics: Recognized the JMMS Volleyball Team (15 Wins, 0 Losses) and their season accomplishments. He reminded everyone that the fall season is ending and the winter sport season will begin after Thanksgiving. CIAC is thinking of extending the number of teams that will make playoffs, and extend the playoff season. Mr. Stacey stated this could end the traditional thanksgiving rivalry games.
 - Personnel: Ms. DePalma stated that the Secretary Negotiations will begin soon.
 - Policy: Ms. DeLucia stated that the 6000 series will be brought forward in the next coming meetings.
- Superintendent's report
 - Superintendent: Ms. Forti congratulated the board for their election wins and congratulated Dr. Murrehy on her new position.
 - EHHS Student Representative: Natalie Brown- 12 Grade
EHHS: Ms. Brown's report is attached to these minutes.
 - Dr. DeLucia told Ms. Brown is welcome to come to any meetings and discuss concerns or topics.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES

- October 24, 2023- No objections were brought forward.

5. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

- No one came forward.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the 2023-2024 EHHS BOE Yearbook Full Page Ad.

A brief conversation was had relative to the ad and policy regarding ads. Ms. Santiago stated that the newer policy was only regarding outside establishments.

Ms. DePalma ▾ made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 EHHS BOE Yearbook Full Page Ad. Ms. Santiago ▾ seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. DePalma	Yes ▾
Ms. DiLungo	Yes ▾
Mr. Hennessey	Yes ▾
Ms. Johnson	Yes ▾
Ms. Putney	Yes ▾
Ms. Santiago	Yes ▾
Mr. Stacey	Yes ▾
Ms. Torello	Ab... ▾
Dr. DeLucia	Yes ▾

All in favor. Motion passes.

6.2 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the 2022-2023 budget transfers.

Ms. Santiago ▾ made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 budget transfers. Mr. Stacey ▾ seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. DePalma	Yes ▾
Ms. DiLungo	Yes ▾
Mr. Hennessey	Yes ▾
Ms. Johnson	Yes ▾

Ms. Putney	Yes ▾
Ms. Santiago	Yes ▾
Mr. Stacey	Yes ▾
Ms. Torello	Ab... ▾
Dr. DeLucia	Yes ▾

All in favor. Motion passes.

6.3 Discussion and possible action on the approval of technology asset disposals.

Ms. Santiago ▾ made a motion to approve the technology asset disposals.
 Ms. Putney ▾ seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. DePalma	Yes ▾
Ms. DiLungo	Yes ▾
Mr. Hennessey	Yes ▾
Ms. Johnson	Yes ▾
Ms. Putney	Yes ▾
Ms. Santiago	Yes ▾
Mr. Stacey	Yes ▾
Ms. Torello	Ab... ▾
Dr. DeLucia	Yes ▾

All in favor. Motion passes.

6.4 Discussion and possible action on the approval of EHHS English Dept. Out of State Field Trip.

Ms. Santiago ▾ made a motion to approve the EHHS English Dept. Out of State Field Trip.
 Mr. Stacey ▾ seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. DePalma	Yes ▾
Ms. DiLungo	Yes ▾
Mr. Hennessey	Yes ▾
Ms. Johnson	Yes ▾
Ms. Putney	Yes ▾
Ms. Santiago	Yes ▾
Mr. Stacey	Yes ▾
Ms. Torello	Ab... ▾
Dr. DeLucia	Yes ▾

All in favor. Motion passes.

6.5 Discussion and possible action on the approval of EHA 8th Grade Out of State Field Trip.

Mr. Stacey ▾ made a motion to approve the EHA 8th Grade Out of State Field Trip.
 Ms. Santiago ▾ seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. DePalma	Yes ▾
Ms. DiLungo	Yes ▾
Mr. Hennessey	Yes ▾
Ms. Johnson	Yes ▾
Ms. Putney	Yes ▾
Ms. Santiago	Yes ▾
Mr. Stacey	Yes ▾
Ms. Torello	Ab... ▾
Dr. DeLucia	Yes ▾

All in favor. Motion passes.

7. DISCUSSION CONCERNING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next Meeting November 28, 2023

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele DeLucia/mna

MICHELE DELUCIA, BOARD CHAIR

Student Representative Report

Board of Education Meeting

November 14th, 2023

- We have had a great start to the school year. We've had some pep rallies and other spirit activities at school that have boosted school pride at EHHS.
- Our athletic teams had a successful Fall sports season. Our teams had both strong individual performances. The Football team is finishing up their season with Senior night tomorrow night and the Thanksgiving game, which we are hosting next Thursday morning at 10am.
- We are preparing for our Homecoming Dance this coming Friday, November 17th. The theme for the dance is Neon lights and we have over 400 students attending the dance.
- Our annual Junior v. Senior Powder Puff Football game will be held next Tuesday night at 6pm at the football field.
- The Marching Band had another very successful season, taking home the Connecticut State Championship for their class yet again.
- The Drama Club has been busy promoting their program. They held a Try-tober to encourage any student to come to workshops to try out theater every Wednesday in October. They also recruited Creative Writers and Actors to create original short plays for a performance that they are holding on December 2nd.
- The Future Business Leaders of America have been very busy and held a successful fundraiser in October, selling bracelets for cancer research.
- All students in Grades 9-11 took the PSAT's in October, which was done online this year. On the PSAT day, 12th grade students had the opportunity to tour some area colleges as part of a guidance department field trip, receive some support completing the Common App and had an opportunity to meet with visitors who discussed workforce opportunities.
- The Guidance department hosted a Financial Aid night in October, where they brought in the Barnam Financial Group to speak with families about the financial aid process.
- We held an 8th grade open house last week to provide 8th grade students and families information about EHHS and allowed them to tour our Career and technical education programs, where our teachers and students demonstrated what they do in those classes.
- The East Haven High School Parent-Faculty Organization (PFO) will be holding a movie night on December 1st as part of their fundraising efforts. They will be playing the movie, Home Alone, will be selling snacks and Santa will make an appearance! As part of the event, the PFO is also holding a toy drive and fundraiser to the Yale Children's Hospital.
- The Guidance Department took a group of around 40 students to the University of Connecticut last week to tour the school. Students had a great experience meeting with UConn students and touring the campus.
- Students in our Writing Center program attended a symposium at UConn in October, where they both presented and learned from other high school's that run writing centers in their school.
- Our culinary program, in collaboration with the National Honor Society and Julie Church, is hosting a Veteran's Day breakfast tomorrow to honor the veterans in our community.