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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, JANUARY 23, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. DeLucia called the board meeting to order at 7:18 pm.

- Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. DeLucia requested everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Dr. DeLucia requested roll call attendance

Ms. DePalma	Present ▾
Ms. DiLungo	Present ▾
Mr. Hennessey	Present ▾
Ms. Johnson	Present ▾
Ms. Putney	Present ▾
Ms. Santiago	Absent ▾
Mr. Stacey	Present ▾
Ms. Torello	Present ▾
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. Jennifer Piercey, Human Resource Manager ▾

3. REPORTS

- Chair Report:
 - Dr. DeLucia spoke about some of the events that Board members can join. She also spoke about some updates on the Aviation Club, and other activities going on in the district. Dr. DeLucia also discussed the Maritime program for the high school.

- Standing Committee Reports
 - Athletics: Great winter season, girls basketball and boys basketball doing really well. Wrestling doing well some wrestlers with injuries but are healing well and expected to return. He also covered hockey, they are top in their division and just suffered a game loss.
 - Arts: Ms. Putney spoke about the EHA drama club that is coming up. The show is February 15-17th, tickets are available online. The show is Finding Nemo Jr.
 - Personnel: Ms. DePalma spoke about the Assistant Superintendent Contracts that are set to be voted on during this meeting. She also stated that the Secretary negotiations are also progressing well.
 - Policy: Dr. DeLucia stated that the district is in a good position for policy and waiting for CABE updates.

- Superintendent's report
 - Superintendent:
 - Presentation of the NESDEC Awards: Ms. Forti presented the awards to Lainie D'Auria and Devlan Vithayarath
 - Board of Education Student Representatives: Two Student Representatives reported on updates from EHHS. Report Attached to these Minutes.
 - C.O.F.O : Board members asked questions regarding the Purchase Order Reports and a conversation was had relative to certification memberships for SLPA's in the district.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES

- January 9, 2024- No objections were brought forward.

5. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

- Chris P. -17 Naugatuck Street- Spoke about supporting the funds for donation for the After Prom for EHHS. He stated that he felt it would be safer for the students.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the E.H.H.S. Johnson & Wales Out of State Field Trip.

Ms. DePalma ▾ made a motion to approve the E.H.H.S. Johnson & Wales Out of State Field Trip. Ms. DiLungo ▾ seconded the motion.

A brief conversation was had relative to the lunch portion of the field trip. Ms. Forti said they would look into the trip, but that she felt confident that the teachers would create a good experience for the students.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

All in favor. Motion passes.

6.2 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the E.H.H.S. New York Out of State Field Trip.

Ms. DePalma ▾ made a motion to approve the E.H.H.S. New York Out of State Field Trip. Ms. DiLungo ▾ seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

All in favor. Motion passes.

6.3 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the 2024-2025 Operational Budget.

Ms. DePalma ▾ made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Operational Budget.
 Mr. Stacey ▾ seconded the motion.
 Ms. DePalma asked for a record of the memberships and dues that the district pays for.
 Mr. Caponera stated that he would look into it. A conversation was had relative to these types of memberships. Another conversation relative to grants and salary lines of the budgets was had.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. DePalma	Yes ▾
Ms. DiLungo	Yes ▾
Mr. Hennessey	No ▾
Ms. Johnson	Yes ▾
Ms. Putney	Yes ▾
Ms. Santiago	Ab... ▾
Mr. Stacey	Yes ▾

Ms. Torello	Ab... ▾
Dr. DeLucia	Yes ▾

6 in favor. 1 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion passes.

6.4 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the contracts for the Assistant Superintendents

Ms. DePalma ▾ made a motion to approve the contracts for the Assistant Superintendents. Ms. Johnson ▾ seconded the motion.

Ms. Putney commented that she felt the sick time and personal days were excessive. Mr. Stacey stated that there were questions on social media regarding the budget for the positions, and how it would be funded. Mr. Caponera replied to the question and stated that there would be no extra cost to the district based on some subsequent moves. A conversation was had relative to the Principal position that will become vacant and how the district will be covering it.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. DePalma	Yes ▾
Ms. DiLungo	No ▾
Mr. Hennessey	No ▾
Ms. Johnson	Yes ▾
Ms. Putney	No ▾
Ms. Santiago	Ab... ▾
Mr. Stacey	Yes ▾
Ms. Torello	Yes ▾
Dr. DeLucia	Yes ▾

5 in favor, 3 opposed, Motion passes.

6.5 Discussion and possible action on the acceptance of the Standing Committees.

Ms. DiLungo ▾ made a motion to approve the Standing Committees. 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	Ab... ▾
Mr. Stacey	Yes ▾
Ms. Torello	Yes ▾
Dr. DeLucia	Yes ▾

All in favor. Motion passes.

6.6 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the EHHS After Prom Donation.

Ms. DiLungo ▾ made a motion to approve the EHHS After Prom Donation for \$5000. Mr. Stacey ▾ seconded the motion.

A conversation was had relative to the money being proposed to donate, how the group will be fundraising, attendance and the specifics of the event.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

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

All in favor. Motion passes.

7. DISCUSSION CONCERNING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A conversation was had relative to paraprofessionals, the para test and how the district can support them. East Haven will become a testing site.
- Mr. Stacey spoke about some safety concerns relative to snow removal and students walking to school.
- Next Meeting: Feb 13, 2024

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele DeLucia/mna

MICHELE DELUCIA, BOARD CHAIR