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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. DeLucia called the board meeting to order at 7:10 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	Present ▾
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 Oversight ▾

Ms. Lisa Veleas, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction ▾

### 3. REPORTS

- Chair Report:
  - Dr. DeLucia spoke about a possible special meeting in the upcoming weeks to discuss workshop topics further.  
Dr. DeLucia asked for any updates from standing committee members.
    - Policy: Revisions for policies are on the agenda for this meeting.
    - Personnel: Two contracts will be voted on at this meeting and negotiations will begin soon for Administrators.
    - Athletics: Mr. Stacey gave a shoutout to all winter sports and sent good luck for the spring sports.
    - Arts: Ms. Putney spoke about the production by EHHS and the inclusion of Middle School students. She also spoke about the District Art Show on May 15th.
- Superintendent's report
  - Superintendent: Ms. Forti mentioned the
    - HOSA Presentation
    - Building Thinking Classrooms
    - Dual Enrollment for College CreditAll 3 presentations have been recorded and can be viewed [here](#).

### 4. ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES

- March 26, 2024 - No objections were brought forward.

### 5. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

- Amber Conte-46 Sanford St: Amber thanked EHPS for everything the district has done for her. She also spoke about her journey during and after attending East Haven Schools.
- Lexi Wolf-21 Harmac Drive: Ms. Wolf spoke about her time in East Haven Public Schools and her experience participating in Dual enrollment classes as well as getting CNA certified and her continued studies.
- Autumn Hernandez-37 Charter Oak Avenue: Ms. Hernandez spoke about her time at EHPS and how the district supported her goals and aspirations. She also spoke about where she is today because of EHPS.
- Heather Mazzucco-2 Thomas Court: Ms. Mazzucco spoke about her experience as a teacher in EHPS as well as her children and their different paths. She stated that EHPS has supported all of her children and their varying goals.

- Marissa Velazquez-6 Foote Road: Ms. Velazquez read a statement from a previous graduate that is now a business owner and attributes her success to being an EHPS graduate and the help and support she received.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the following revised policies:

- Policy 4000.2 - East Haven Public School Code of Ethics
- Policy 5112 - Ages of Attendance
- Policy 5141.5 - Suicide Prevention & Intervention
- Policy 6148 - FAFSA Completion Program

Ms. DeLucia stated that the policies listed above were revised but not the policy regarding Dress Code that was placed on the list only for discussion.

Ms. Torello ▾ made a motion to approve the above revised policies:  
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	Yes ▾
Dr. DeLucia	Yes ▾

All in favor, Motion passes.

## 6.2 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the EHHS Band Competition Fieldtrip

Ms. Forti gave a brief overview about the trip and the details.

Ms. Santiago ▾ made a motion to approve the EHHS Band Competition Fieldtrip.

Ms. Johnson ▾ 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	Yes ▾
Dr. DeLucia	Yes ▾

All in favor, Motion passes.

## 6.3 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the East Haven Secretary Contract

Ms. DePalma ▾ made a motion to approve the East Haven Secretary Contract.

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	Yes ▾
Dr. DeLucia	Yes ▾

All in favor, Motion passes.

#### 6.4 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the East Haven Nurses Contract

Ms. Santiago ▾ made a motion to approve the East Haven Nurses Contract.  
Ms. DePalma ▾ 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	Yes ▾
Dr. DeLucia	Yes ▾

All in favor, Motion passes.

#### 6.5 Discussion and possible action on the approval of a congratulatory advertisement for the 2024 Chamber Dinner Awards.

Ms. Santiago ▾ made a motion to approve a full page ad for the 2024 Chamber Dinner Awards. Ms. DePalma ▾ seconded the motion.

Ms. Johnson asked about how much the Board spent for the year based on the policy passed previously. A few edits were suggested for the ad including font, a hyphen change, and possible wording.

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	Yes ▾
Dr. DeLucia	Yes ▾

All in favor. Motion passes.

#### **6.6 Discussion and possible action on the approval of a sponsorship for the EH PAL Touch a Truck event.**

A conversation relative to the event and whether or not it is something the Board wanted to take action on. Many Board members voiced their opinion on the cause and spoke about the policy that was set and how this did not align with the policy.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

### **7. DISCUSSION CONCERNING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Next Meeting: May 7, 2024

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Michele DeLucia/mna*

**MICHELE DELUCIA, BOARD CHAIR**