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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, AUGUST 23, 2022**  
**7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. DeLucia called the board meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

- Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. DeLucia requested everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Ms. DePalma requested roll call attendance.

Ms. DeLucia	Present
Ms. DePalma	Present
Ms. DiLungo	Absent
Mr. Hennessey	Absent
Mr. Milano	Present
Ms. Putney	Present
Ms. Santiago	Present
Mr. Stacey	Present
Ms. Torello	Present

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Ms. Erica Forti, Superintendent

Dr. Jennifer Murrphy, Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Richard M. Caponera Jr., Chief of Operations and Fiscal Oversight

### **3. REPORTS**

- Chair's Report
  - Ms. DeLucia spoke about several CABE conferences and informed members that they can attend if they so choose. She also mentioned that Convocation would be that week on Aug 26, 2022 , and encouraged members to attend.
- Committees
  - Personnel: Ms. DePalma stated that teacher contract negotiations have begun.
  - Policy: Ms. Santiago reported that there was a workshop earlier where they discussed several new policies and policy revisions. For community outreach Ms. Santiago stated that there is also an action item on the agenda for the East Haven Rotary Club.
  - Athletics & Arts: Mr. Stacey spoke about the ice rink and questioned the completion date. To which Ms. Forti answered that it would be ready in time for Hockey season. All coaching positions are filled
- Superintendent's Report
  - Ms. Forti reported that the district is ready for students and staff to return. She spoke about the schedules for teacher Professional Development and the Convocation date, August 26, and invited all board members to attend.
- Assistant Superintendent's Report
  - See Attached Report

### **4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

- Invoices for FY 2021-2022 - \$11,982.87
- Invoices for FY 2022-2023 - \$1,269,251.78
- PO's over \$7,000
- Hires, Rehires & Stipends
- Meeting Minutes: July 26, 2022

Ms. DeLucia asked if there were any objections to the consent agenda. No objections were noted.

### **5. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS**

Tania Butler - 88 Edward Street: Ms. Butler spoke about the Dress Code in regards to the East Haven Academy students and wanting them to be able to wear items of clothing that were not in the dress code currently. She stated that she felt that the same dress code should be given to the East Haven Academy 6th, 7th and 8th graders as the JMMS students. She asked the board to consider allowing them to be able to wear what they wanted to wear.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the second reading and the approval of the following new policies:

- **Policy 1110.1 - Community Relations**
- **Policy 6141.52 - Challenging Curriculum, Criteria for Grade 8/9 students**
- **Policy 4113.12 - Duty Free Lunch Period for Teachers**
- **Policy 6141.51 - Instruction, Advanced Courses or Programs**

Ms. DeLucia asked if there were any changes to any of the policies. Ms. Forti explained that the only change would be for Policy 1110.1 where there would be a change to include “parent/guardian”.

Ms. Santiago made a motion to approve the second reading and approval of the above new policies. Ms. Torello seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. DeLucia	Yes
Ms. DePalma	Yes
Mr. Milano	Yes
Ms. Putney	Yes
Ms. Santiago	Yes
Mr. Stacey	Yes
Ms. Torello	Yes

Motion passes unanimously.

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

- **Policy 4118.11/4218.11- Personnel-Certified/Non-certified-Nondiscrimination**
- **Policy 0200 - Vision-Mission-Goals-Objectives**
- **Policy 3542.43 - Food Service Charging Policy**
- **Policy 5113.2 - Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal**
- **Policy 5131.911 - Bullying Prevention and Intervention**
- **Policy 3320 - Expenditures and Purchasing Procedures**

Ms. Forti stated that the only change was added to policy 4118.11/4218.11 to include gender identity in a certain clause.

Ms. Santiago made a motion to approve the revised policies listed above. Ms. DePalma seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. DeLucia	Yes
Ms. DePalma	Yes
Mr. Milano	Yes
Ms. Putney	Yes
Ms. Santiago	Yes
Mr. Stacey	Yes
Ms. Torello	Yes

Motion passes unanimously.

### **6.3 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the first reading of New Policy 6146.11 Grade Weighting/Class Rank**

Ms. Santiago made a motion to approve the first reading of 6146.11 Grade Weighting/Class Rank. Ms. DePalma seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. DeLucia	Yes
Ms. DePalma	Yes
Mr. Milano	Yes
Ms. Putney	Yes
Ms. Santiago	Yes
Mr. Stacey	Abstain
Ms. Torello	Yes

6 in favor, one abstention. Motion passes.

### **6.4 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the Human Resource Manager Contract.**

Ms. Santiago made a motion to approve the Human Resources Manager contract. Mr. Milano seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. DeLucia	Yes
Ms. DePalma	Yes
Mr. Milano	Yes
Ms. Putney	Yes
Ms. Santiago	Yes
Mr. Stacey	Yes
Ms. Torello	No

6 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion passes.

**6.5 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the use of rental funds for JMMS Auditorium Upgrades.**

Ms. Santiago made a motion to approve the use of the rental funds for JMMS Auditorium Upgrades. Ms. Torello seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. DeLucia	Yes
Ms. DePalma	Yes
Mr. Milano	Yes
Ms. Putney	Yes
Ms. Santiago	Yes
Mr. Stacey	Yes
Ms. Torello	Yes

Motion passes unanimously.

**6.6 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the use of rental funds for risers**

Ms. Torello made a motion to approve the rental funds to be used for the risers installed by the company Stage Right . Ms. Putney seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. DeLucia	Yes
Ms. DePalma	Yes
Mr. Milano	Yes
Ms. Putney	Yes
Ms. Santiago	Yes
Mr. Stacey	Yes
Ms. Torello	Yes

Motion passes unanimously.

**6.7 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the Use of rental funds for Timpani Drums.**

Ms. Santiago made a motion to approve the use of rental funds for timpani drums from the Steve Weiss Company. Ms. Torello seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. DeLucia	Yes
Ms. DePalma	Yes
Mr. Milano	Yes

Ms. Putney	Yes
Ms. Santiago	Yes
Mr. Stacey	Yes
Ms. Torello	Yes

Motion passes unanimously.

Ms. Putney thanked Mr. Caponera for his work with Mr. Osborne on the information about the upgrades and what they presented to the board, as well as the use of funds for the risers and timpani drums for students.

**6.8 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the Rotary golf ball drop sponsorship.**

Ms. DePalma made a motion to approve the Eagle sponsorship of \$500 for the East Haven Rotary golf ball drop. Mr. Milano seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. DeLucia	Yes
Ms. DePalma	Yes
Mr. Milano	Yes
Ms. Putney	Yes
Ms. Santiago	Abstain (member of the rotary)
Mr. Stacey	Yes
Ms. Torello	Yes

6 in favor, 1 abstention. Motion passes.

**6.9 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the FRC grant.**

Ms. DePalma made a motion to approve the FRC Grant. Ms. Santiago seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. DeLucia	Yes
Ms. DePalma	Yes
Mr. Milano	Yes
Ms. Putney	Yes
Ms. Santiago	Yes
Mr. Stacey	Yes
Ms. Torello	Yes

Motion passes unanimously.

**6.10 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the Adoption of the 2022-23 EHPS Professional Development and Evaluation Plan.**

Ms. DePalma made a motion to approve the Adoption of the 2022-23 EHPS Professional Development and Evaluation Plan. Mr. Milano seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. DeLucia	Yes
Ms. DePalma	Yes
Mr. Milano	Yes
Ms. Putney	Yes
Ms. Santiago	Yes
Mr. Stacey	Yes
Ms. Torello	Yes

Motion passes unanimously.

**6.11 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the 2022-2023 Alliance Grant.**

Ms. Santiago made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Alliance Grant. Mr. Stacey seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. DeLucia	Yes
Ms. DePalma	Yes
Mr. Milano	Yes
Ms. Putney	Yes
Ms. Santiago	Yes
Mr. Stacey	Yes
Ms. Torello	Yes

Motion passes unanimously.

**7. DISCUSSION CONCERNING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Ms. DeLucia reminded everyone of the next meeting, September 13, 2022.

Ms. Santiago asked to bring the dress code for East Haven Academy to the next policy meeting. Ms. Forti stated she also had the second reading of 6146.11 Grade Weighting/Class Rank, the bid waiver policy for the next meeting. Mr. Milano stated that he would like to bring the dress code policy forward for the entire district. Ms. Forti asked that the principals be involved in those decisions. A conversation was had relative to the dress code.

Mr. Stacey asked about parent emails that the board received. Ms. Forti stated that any emails she received, she has responded to. A further discussion was had regarding the dress code policy being enforced.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Santiago motioned to adjourn the meeting, Ms. DePalma seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Michele DeLucia/tb/mna*  
**MICHELE DELUCIA, BOARD CHAIR**