

TOWN OF EAST HAVEN, CT
EAST HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
35 WHEELBARROW LANE, EAST HAVEN, CT 06513
TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Ann Batta

TOWN CLERK

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. DeLucia called the board meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

- Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. DeLucia requested everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Ms. DeLucia requested roll call attendance.

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Erica Forti, Superintendent

Mr. Richard Caponera, Chief of Operations and Fiscal Oversight

Ms. Jennifer Piercey, Human Resources

Dr. Jennifer Murrphy, Assistant Superintendent

3. REPORTS

- Chair's Report
 - Ms. DeLucia reminded the Board Member to let her or the Superintendent know if they won't be in attendance for a meeting.
 - Ms. DeLucia would like to bring Policy #2400 for possible revisions at the next meeting and want to give Members a chance to review the policy prior to that.
 - Ms. DeLucia noted that there may be some miscommunications regarding sharing information. She stated she shares all the information that she has and if anyone has any questions, please let her know. She also reminded Members they can participate in any professional development if they are interested.
 - Ms. DeLucia commented that she received a compliment for Ms. Doyon, the Principal of JMMS and other board members shared they have heard the same.
- Committees
 - Finance/Personnel: Ms. DePalma reported that many items were discussed during the workshop including records disposal and new hires. She noted there are a lot of new hires. Ms. DeLucia commented that we should be in good shape for August. Ms. DePalma also noted that teacher negotiations began today.
 - Athletics & Arts: Mr. Stacey announced the list for the 21-22 All SCC list has come out and congratulations to: Alice Stettinger, Track and Field, Javelin; Baseball 1st team: Ryan Vallie; Softball, 1st team: Emilee Bishop and Magdalena Barthel and 2nd team, Jilien Ayala. Mr. Stacey also mentioned that he spoke with Anthony Verderame, Athletic Director regarding coaching positions for the 22-23 year are in place with 1 or 2 assistant coaching positions which are being taken care of now.
- Superintendent's Report
 - Ms. Forti shared that East Haven was selected by the State to participate in the Science of Reading Master Class which she will be participating with all of the Elementary Principals and the designated teacher from their schools. She provided further information regarding this. Mr. Stacey asked why East Haven was selected and Ms. Forti provided more information on the process.
 - Ms. Forti shared they are hard at work with Administrators conducting end of year meetings and also hiring to fill vacancies. They have had great success and will continue throughout the summer to be fully staffed for the start of the school year.
 - Summer school will begin on 7/5, she spoke about the different programs running.

- Ms. Forti spoke briefly about the flier left on the board members tables regarding a convention on Public Education. If any members would like to attend to let her office or the Board Chair know.
- Mr. Caponera reported that most items were discussed during the workshop and added that school is out for summer break and maintenance has hit the ground running and is full steam ahead on all summer work.
- Assistant Superintendent's Report
 - Ms. Murrphy reported that a Curriculum Advisory Council meeting was held earlier today and was very successful with new families and 2 students attending. She reviewed the purpose of the CAC and noted the meetings are recorded and posted on the CAC website for anyone interested in learning about the CAC.
 - Ms. Murrphy provided information about the upcoming Summer Academy programs and the addition of a new program, Helping Peers Excel and provided further detail regarding that program.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- Invoices for FY 2021-2022 in the amount of: \$735,588.23
- Hires, Rehires & Stipends
- Meeting Minutes: May 24, 2022 and June 22, 2022

Ms. DeLucia asked if there were any objections to the consent agenda. Mr. Hennessey commented with a verbal objection, no other objections or questions were raised.

5. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

No Community Members came forward.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the disposal of items at East Haven Academy.

Ms. DePalma made a motion to approve the disposal of items at East Haven Academy. Ms. Torello seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. DeLucia	Yes
Ms. DePalma	Yes
Mr. Hennessey	Yes
Mr. Milano	Yes
Ms. Santiago	Yes

Mr. Stacey	Yes
Ms. Torello	Yes

Motion passes unanimously.

6.2 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the disposal of items at East Haven High School.

Ms. DePalma made a motion to approve the disposal of items at East Haven High School. Ms. Santiago seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passes unanimously.

6.3 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the 2022-2023 School Lunch Management Rate.

Ms. Santiago made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 School Lunch Management Rate. Mr. Stacey seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passes unanimously.

6.4 No action taken, move forward.

6.5 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the approval of Budget Transfers.

Ms. DePalma made a motion to approve the approval of Budget Transfers. Ms. Santiago seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passes unanimously.

6.6 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the Custodians, Maintainers, and Security Guards MOU.

Ms. DePalma made a motion to approve the Custodians, Maintainers, and Security Guards MOU. Ms. Santiago seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

6 in favor and 1 abstention. Motion passes.

6.7 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the appointment of Power of Attorney for the Medical Reserve Fund.

Ms. DePalma made a motion to approve the appointment of Power of Attorney for the Medical Reserve Fund. Mr. Milano seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passes unanimously.

6.8 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the renewal of the Adult Education Dodge Avenue Lease.

Ms. Santiago made a motion to approve the renewal of the Adult Education Dodge Avenue Lease. Ms. Santiago seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passes unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION CONCERNING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Ms. DePalma suggested that Policy #2440 be tabled to the fall in order to have most members present.

- Ms. Forte also mentioned to Ms. Santiago that she had a few policies that she wanted to discuss revisions for. A policy workshop will be scheduled in the future.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele DeLucia/mna
MICHELE DELUCIA, BOARD CHAIR