

**TOWN OF EAST HAVEN, CT
EAST HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
35 WHEELBARROW LANE, EAST HAVEN, CT 06513
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022
6:59 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. DeLucia called the board meeting to order at 6:59 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	Absent
Ms. DiLungo	Present
Mr. Hennessey	Present
Mr. Milano	Absent
Ms. Putney	Present
Ms. Santiago	Present
Mr. Stacey	Present
Ms. Torello	Present

ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Erica Forti, Superintendent

Mr. Richard Caponera, Chief of Operations and Fiscal Oversight

Mr. Robert Swan, Director of Pupil Services

Ms. Jennifer Piercey, Human Resources

3. REPORTS

- Chair's Report

- Ms. DeLucia stated she did not have a report per se, however she wanted to remind the Board members to let her or the Superintendent know if they won't be in attendance for a meeting. This is so the Board knows they can have a quorum for those who are able to make it. It is also important out of respect for other cohort members.
- If Board Members have anything they want to see on the agenda, please send that information to the Chair or if anyone has a topic of interest, the Chair can assist in helping formulate the topic into an agenda item.
- The first meeting in August has been canceled. The date for the canceled meeting is August 9, 2022.

- Committees

- Athletics & Arts: Mr. Stacey reported that the New Haven Register reported that recent graduate, Emily Bishop of the EHPS softball team was named most important player of the year. In addition she was named all state player and made the all SCC team and was named SCC player of the year. She received New Haven's Umpire of the Year award. Her coach, George DeMayo awarded Ms. Bishop for his all area softball team. Mr. Stacey stated Ms. Bishop did an outstanding job and has an outstanding career. She graduated this year and will be attending Albertus Magnus College and will be playing for them.
- Policy: Ms. Santiago stated there is no new policy to report. She will be meeting with the Superintendent to put some policies together on Community Outreach. Ms. Santiago wanted to commend Ms. Julie Church who did a lot of work and was in contact with the state to get a pick up option for the summer meals program. That option is great for many East haven families, and families have reached out stating they are grateful for this new to-go meal service. Ms. Santiago stated it took a lot of effort on the part of Ms. Church. Ms. Forti added that Ms. Church's advocacy has been instrumental. The federal law associated with this has actually been changed. Ms. Forti concluded that the Board appreciates Ms. Church's work as well as all parents who voiced their input. Thank you to Ms. Santiago for bringing this up and thank you to Ms. Church.

- Superintendent's Report

- Ms. Forti stated the end of the year monitor meeting with the State Department of Education took place today. It went very well and we wrapped up the 2021-22 school years and started preparing for the 2022-23 school year. We were officially notified we are not an opportunity district. We are still 1 of 36 alliance districts

and new rankings of alliance districts will be coming out. Ms. Forti stated we were informed we will fall somewhere between a 13 and 16 ranking. They have a lot of resources and information to share and we are looking forward to partnering with them again next year as they come into district for monitoring meetings. As an opportunity district, the intensity in which these meetings take place has loosened a bit. Instead of going to the state, the monitoring meetings actually come to us. The focus areas do not need to be around specific content areas, but anything we are currently working on in-district as they monitor our progress under the accountability system.

- Ms. DeLucia added if anyone is interested in signing up for any conferences, the Leadership Conference is on August 18th at Water's Edge at noon and there is an opportunity to stay for dinner. In addition, the CAPPS CABE conference is November 18 and 19 at the Mystic Marriott. Ms. Forti added that people can email her or Ms. Alvarado and they can register board members. Ms. Forti added that people can attend one or both days and it is a great opportunity to network with other board members across the state. They hold sessions focussed on hot topics in legislation. This concludes the Superintendent's Report.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- Invoices for FY 2021-2022 in the amount of: \$373,895.94
- Invoices for FY 2022-2023 in the amount of \$84,009.23
- PO's over \$7,000
- Hires, Rehires & Stipends
- Meeting Minutes: June 28, 2022

Ms. DeLucia asked if there were any objections to the consent agenda. No objections 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 request for disposal of items at East Haven High School

Ms. DeLucia stated she looked through the list and asked if all items are books.

She stated she hoped we would not be disposing of texts and books unless they

contain inaccurate information. Mr. Stacey said there are a number of history and

social studies texts on the list. Ms. DeLucia stated she has something against throwing out any type of book and hopefully the books go somewhere. Ms. Forti stated we could drop the books off at Goodwill. Ms. DeLucia said yes, that would be a good idea and Ms. Forti stated she would be happy to drop the items off at Goodwill. A conversation ensued regarding donating the books as well as the idea of having a book bizarre or possibly donating them to the library. Ms. Forti stated that libraries get reviewed by boards and they have to have periodicals written within certain dates. She further stated libraries may not be able to take them. Mr. Stacey requested a copy of a publication and Ms. DeLucia requested a copy as well. The conversation wrapped up with agreeing to donate the disposed books to Goodwill.

Ms. Santiago made a motion to approve the request for disposal of items at East Haven High School. Mr. Stacey seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. DeLucia	Yes
Ms. DiLungo	Yes
Mr. Hennessey	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 student accident insurance renewal

Ms. DeLucia stated that the board knows the rate and terms stay the same as last year. She concluded if there are no clarifying comments she will ask for a motion.

Ms. Torello made a motion to approve the student accident insurance renewal.
Ms. Santiago seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. DeLucia	Yes
Ms. DiLungo	Yes
Mr. Hennessey	Yes
Ms. Putney	Yes
Ms. Santiago	Yes
Mr. Stacey	Yes
Ms. Torello	Yes

Motion passes unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION CONCERNING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. DeLucia stated she is happy to discuss any ideas members have in putting together new agenda items. She stated board members can reach out to her by email, text or phone to discuss any idea. Ms. Forti asked if we have a quorum for the July 26th meeting. Ms. DeLucia asked if members present will be in attendance. All board members present stated they were planning to attend the next board meeting on the 26th. This concludes the discussion of future agenda items.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele DeLucia/mna

MICHELE DELUCIA, BOARD CHAIR