

**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 26, 2022**  
**7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. DePalma called the board meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

- Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. DePalma requested everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Ms. DePalma requested roll call attendance.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Ms. Erica Forti, Superintendent

Ms. Jennifer Piercey, Human Resources

Dr. Jennifer Murrphy, Assistant Superintendent

### 3. REPORTS

- Chair's Report
  - Ms. DeLucia was absent, no Chair's Report.
- Committees
  - Policy: Ms. Santiago reported that there was a workshop earlier where they discussed several new policies and policy revisions.
  - Athletics & Arts: Mr. Stacey reported that football will be starting in the next few weeks.
- Superintendent's Report
  - Ms. Forti reports that summer school has one week left.
  - Ms. Forti reported that we are still in the process of hiring and filling vacancies for the upcoming school year.
  - Ms. Forti spoke briefly about registration. PreSchool is fully enrolled. Ms. Forti also mentioned that health forms will be reviewed prior to the Nurse's returning to make sure everything is in order for all students.
  - Ms. Forti reported that Mr. Verderame is getting ready for the upcoming sports season.
  - Mr. Stacey asked about the new Manufacturing program. Ms. Forti shared that Ms. Farrotti has worked hard getting a Supplemental Perkins Grant in the amount of \$49,000 and the machines we ordered will be in soon.
  - Ms. Forti shared that there has been a lot of professional development this summer in preparation for the start of school.
- Assistant Superintendent's Report
  - Ms. Murrphy reported the Summer Academy and Transition programs have been working well together this summer and thanked John Devany for helping to motivate the students.
  - Ms. Murrphy reports the elementary students have been working hard and are showing a lot of growth.
  - Ms. Murrphy reports that the Success in Sixth and Navigating Ninth mentor programs were successful. Ms. Murrphy shared a positive note from one of the mentors. Ms. Murrphy thanked the Board for their support, the Bus company and the parents for their support. Ms. Murrphy hopes to run these programs again.
  - Ms. Murrphy shared the Family Partnership Learning Guides are being finalized and mentioned possibly having a workshop to share the Guides with the Board. Ms. DePalma liked the idea of a workshop.

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

- Invoices for FY 2021-2022 in the amount of: \$317,722.59
- Invoices for FY 2022-2023 in the amount of: \$300,027.50
- PO's over \$7,000
- Hires, Rehires & Stipends
- Meeting Minutes: July 12, 2022

Ms. DePalma asked if there were any objections to the consent agenda. Mr. Stacey noted a few grammatical corrections to the July 12, 2022 minutes. No objections were noted.

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

No Community Members came forward.

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

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

- **Policy 1110.1 - Community Relations**
- **Policy 6141.52 - Challenging Curriculum**
- **Policy 4113.12 - Duty Free Lunch Period for Teachers**
- **Policy 6141.51 - Instruction, Advanced Courses or Programs**

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

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. DePalma	Yes
Mr. Hennessey	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 5132 - Dress Code**
- **Policy 5141.4 - Reporting of Child Abuse, Neglect and Sexual Assault**
- **Policy 5145.511 - Sexual Abuse Prevention and Education Program**

- **Policy 6159 - Individualized Education Program**
- **Policy 6172.1 - Gifted and Talented Program**
- **Policy 5144.4 Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students**
- **Policy 6146 - Graduation Requirements**

Ms. Santiago made a motion to approve of the above listed policy revisions as read aloud by Ms. DePalma. Mr. Stacey seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. DePalma	Yes
Mr. Hennessey	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 lease agreement for Adult Education.**

Ms. Torello made a motion to approve the lease agreement for Adult Education. Ms. Santiago seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Motion passes unanimously.

### **Executive Session:**

Mr. Milano made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:23. Ms. Torello seconded the motion.

**7. DISCUSSION CONCERNING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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