

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION Hartford

Accountability and Support Committee

Thursday, September 17, 2020

This meeting was live streamed for public access. A link to the live stream was available on the [State Board of Education's Website](#) the morning of September 17, 2020.

Minutes

(Approved on October 20, 2020)

I. Call to Order

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, and posted on the agency's website, the meeting was livestreamed and link to the live stream was available on the State Board of Education website for public access. Committee Chairperson Dr. Estela López called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Committee
Members Present: Dr. Estela López, Chairperson
Erin D. Benham
Donald F. Harris, Jr.
Elwood Exley, Jr.
Bonnie E. Burr

Committee
Member Absent: None

Staff Present: Lisa Lamenzo
Leslie Navarrete
Irene Parisi
Iris White

Guests Present: Dr. Iline Tracey, Superintendent, New Haven Public Schools,
New Haven
Keisha Hannans, Instructional Superintendent: K-8, New Haven Public Schools,
New Haven
Typhanie Jackson, Student Services, New Haven Public Schools,
New Haven
Pedro Mendia-Landa, English Learners, New Haven Public Schools,
New Haven
Ivelise Valazquez, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and
Assessment, New Haven Public Schools, New Haven
Dr. Paul Whyte, Assistant Superintendent High Schools, New Haven Public
Schools, New Haven
Yesenia Rivera, President of School Board of Education, New Haven Public
Schools, New Haven

II. Approval of Minutes

Elwood Exley, Jr. moved, Erin Benham seconded, that the committee approve the minutes of the May 20, 2020 Accountability and Support Committee meeting.

Vote: In Favor: López, Benham, Harris, Exley, and Burr
Abstained: 0
Opposed: 0
Absent: 0

III. New Haven Public School – Reopening Plan through Remote Learning Update

Irene Parisi, Chief Academic Officer for CSDE provided an overview of the work to date with New Haven Public Schools and their plan for reopening schools. Ms. Parisi welcomed Dr. Iline Tracey, Superintendent of New Haven Public Schools and her executive team to provide an update on the district's reopening plan through remote learning.

Dr. Iline Tracey with the assistance of CSDE identified connectivity, special population, academic programming, support of students, families, and staff, and communication as key properties to develop support structures around. With the help of CSDE, the district was able to secure funding to increase devices, increasing connectivity by more than 89 percent by the second week of school. Internet hot spots have been provided to all student as well. The central office team continues to work with school building administrators to carry out robust multichannel communication support for families and staff. -The district will continue to look opportunities to increase live instruction for students in order to grow engagement.

The Superintendent reported that attendance has spiked tremendously and they continue to work on ways to measure engagement. The district will begin to gradually invite students from specialized programs, who are unable to participate in remote learning, to participate in-person. Tier 1 instruction continues to be provided to EL students. The administration and school building administrators are-working to identify students who are continually disengaged and are at risk of being disengaged, so they can work with their families to get the student back on track. CSDE cross divisional team have been providing ongoing technical assistance for the district to continually monitor and support the district's progress. They are in regular communication with the district; there are ongoing discussions to organize virtual walk-throughs.

The committee thanked Superintendent Dr. Iline Tracey and her executive team for their update and commended their progress and efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Prepared by: Leslie Navarrete