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Meeting Minutes Education Committee

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

6:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

Meeting can be viewed on Board of Alders YouTube Page.

(Board of Alders Notice New Haven) The Education Committee of the Board of Alders will meet "in-person" on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Alders Chamber located at 165 Church Street, 2nd Floor; New Haven, CT to hold the following workshop:

-- Workshop with New Haven Public Schools regarding test score data for 2021-2022 school year and the path and plan to ensure New Haven students are achieving grade level.

Per Order: Hon. Eli Sabin, Chair;

Attest: Hon. Michael Smart, City Clerk

These items are on file and available in the Office of the City Clerk, Room 202 at 200 Orange Street; New Haven, CT 06510.

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Public comment/testimony may also be submitted via email to publictestimony@newhavenct.gov before 2:00 pm on the day of the meeting.

This meeting may be viewed on the New Haven Board of Alders YouTube page located here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzL3Hv9xzwe7XK3Vqeu8qyg>.

Meeting Minutes

Alder Sabin, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m., August 16, 2022 in the Aldermanic Chamber, 165 Church Street, New Haven. Present were Alds. Crespo, Smith, and Punzo. Also, in attendance were Alds. Walker-Myer and Guzhnay

1. Workshop with New Haven Public Schools regarding test score data for 2021 2022 school year and the path and plan to ensure New Haven students are achieving grade level.

Ivelis Velazquez, Assistant Superintendent for Education, came before the committee. Ms. Velazquez gave a power point presentation about the testing results from the ELA Dibels, grade k through 3, the Lexile results, grade 3 through 12, and the High School Assessment, grade 9 through 12. She also spoke of the iReady and IXL Math Assessment tests.

Alder Walker-Myers asked how involved the teachers are in getting their students to

where they should be, grade appropriate. Ms. Velazquez answered this question.

Alder Walker-Myers asked if the pilot programs are to be in specific schools or all the schools. Ms. Velazquez answered this question.

Iline Tracy, Superintendent of Schools, came forward and spoke about what they planned to do to get the students where they need to be.

Alder Walker-Myers asked if the school administration was open to other ideas that may help. Dr. Tracy said that they were.

The committee had a discussion concerning the plans to get the students to where they needed to be, grade appropriate.

Lynn Brantley, Assistant Superintendent, came forward and spoke to the committee concerning a pilot program to help the students and how school were selected to participate in the pilot program.

The committee had a discussion on the planning for the programs to increase test scores.

There were no further questions from the committee.

Alder Sabin asked if anyone from the public wished to testify. The following came forward.

1. Leslie Blatteau, President of the New Haven Teachers Union, came forward and spoke about what needs to be done to help the teachers support the students. She spoke from the AFT Teachers and School Staff Shortage Report, July 2022. She specifically spoke about the recommendations from the report; Revitalize the educator & school staff pipeline, Restructure schools to create positive working & learning conditions, and provide sustainable & commensurate compensation & benefits.

2. Huclis Williams, President, Local 3429 Paraprofessionals. Spoke on what the paraprofessionals do in the classrooms.

Alder Sabin asked 3 times if anyone from the public wished to testify. No one came forward.

At 8:32 PM, Alder Sabin closed the workshop.

The meeting was recorded. The recording is filed and may be inspected at Legislative Services.

Respectfully submitted,

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