



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
New Haven, Connecticut

**NEW HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, October 18, 2021

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mr. Matthew Wilcox, Ms. Yesenia Rivera, Mr. Larry Conaway  
**Staff:** Dr. Iline Tracey, Dr. Paul Whyte, Dr. Michael Finley, Mr. Thomas Lamb, Ms. Linda Hannans, Ms. Patricia DeMaio, Ms. Michele Bonanno, Ms. Michelle Bonora, Ms. Viviana Conner, Ms. Typhanie Jackson, Mr. Pedro Mendia, Ms. Gemma Joseph Lumpkin, Mr. Joseph Barbarotta, Mr. Carl Jackson, Ms. Keisha Redd-Hannans, Ms. Ivelise Velasquez, Attorney Elias Alexiades

Closed Captioner

**Call to Order:** Mr. Wilcox called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

**Summary of Action Item Motions:**

1. **Motion to Recommend Approval:** A motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Ms. Rivera to **Recommend Approval of 3 Abstracts, 9 Agreements, 2 Contracts and 1 Purchase Order**, passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote: Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Conaway, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.

**I. INFORMATION ONLY & ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. INFORMATION ONLY:** Committee members did not have questions about the following Information Only items approved by the Superintendent:

1. Agreement with Cooperative Educational Services, (CES), to provide ADOS-2 comprehensive training services for New Haven Public School Special Education teachers, from September 28, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$6,250.00.

**Funding Source:** IDEA Program (Pending Receipt of Funds)  
**Acct. #** 2504-5034-56903-0000

2. Amendment #1 to Agreement #96344103 with Boy Scout of America, CT Yankee Council, to change funding source and account numbers from Family Resource Center Program to Family Resource Center Summer Program with no change in funding amount.

**Funding Source:** Family Resource Center Summer Program  
**Acct. #** 2523-6367-56605-0021 (\$2,500.00)  
**Acct. #** 2523-6368-56605-0016 (\$2,500.00)  
**Acct. #** 2523-6369-56605-0007 (\$2,500.00)  
**Acct. #** 2523-6370-56605-0032 (\$2,500.00)

3. Amendment #1 to Agreement #96344129 with Little Scientists to change the funding source and account numbers from Family Resource Center Program to Family Resource Center Summer Program, with no

change in total funding amount.

**Funding Source:** Family Resource Center Summer Program  
 Acct. #2523-6370-56605-0032 (\$2,450.00)  
 Acct. # 2523-6367-56605-0021 (\$ 700.00)

## B. ABSTRACTS:

1. Federal Magnet Assistance Grant, year 5 of 5, in the amount of \$2,999,277.00 for October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 was presented by Ms. Bonanno who explained that the grant was in the final year of a five year grant. In response to questions, she indicated that when a new grant application is released in December or January, staff will review the requirements and determine whether or not the District will apply. Ms. Bonanno indicated that the District has won the competitive grants over the course of twenty years.

**Funding Source:** U.S. Department of Education

2. State Bilingual Education Grant in the amount of \$201, 425.00 for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 was presented by Mr. Mendia who answered questions about the program.

**Funding Source:** Connecticut State Department of Education

3. Advancing Community-School Partnerships (ACSP), in New Haven Grant in the amount of \$272,168 was presented by Ms. Velazquez. In response to a question about the speaker fees identified in the budget as 'to be determined', Ms. Velazquez explained that an advisory committee will form to review the overall plan and determine which types of speakers and programs are needed.

**Funding Source:** Nellie Mae Foundation

## C. AGREEMENTS:

1. Agreement with Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven to provide basic literacy and ESL tutoring services from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$41,005.00 was presented by Ms. Bonora. Committee members asked for details about the agency's work, including numbers of people served. She forward a report to the committee prior to the Board of Education meeting.

**Funding Source:** State Adult Education Cooperating Eligible Entity Program  
 Acct. # 2503-5018-50112 (\$9,414.00)  
 Acct. # 2503-5018-50128 (\$31,591.00)

2. Agreement with Area Cooperative Educational Services, (ACES), to provide the ARCTEL advanced educator preparation for bilingual and TESOL education for up to 15 participants, from November 9, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 was presented by Mr. Mendia.

**Funding Source:** Title III Program (Pending Receipt of Funds)  
**Acct. # 2518-5679-56694-0000**

3. Agreement with Area Cooperative Educational Services, (ACES), to provide behavior management programming and support for identified students, from August 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$506,700.00 was presented by Ms. Jackson.

**Funding Source:** IDEA Program (Pending Receipt of Funds)  
**Acct. #2504-5034-56903-0000**

4. Agreement with Area Cooperative Educational Services, (ACES), to provide Regionalization Special Education Transportation services from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$575,000.00 was presented by Ms. Jackson.  
**Funding Source:** 2021-2022 Operating Budget **Acct. #190-494-00-56607**
5. Agreement with Area Cooperative Educational Services, (ACES), to provide the ASPIRE program for 40 at risk students, from August 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$1,479,075.00 was presented by Ms. Jackson.  
**Funding Source:** Alliance Program (Pending Receipt of Funds)  
**Acct. #2547-6108-56694-0000**
6. Agreement with All Pointe Home Care, LLC, to provide and supervise a nurse for a student requiring nursing care and medical treatment, from August 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$72,800.00 was presented by Ms. Jackson.  
**Funding Source:** IDEA Program (Pending Receipt of Funds)  
**Acct. # 2504-5034-56903-0000**
7. Agreement with Aspire Living & Learning, Inc. to provide behavioral consultation, including assessments, implantation of behavior plans for students, professional development and support for staff, from August 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 was presented by Ms. Jackson.  
**Funding Source:** 2021-2022 Operating Budget **Acct. #190-494-00-56694**
8. Agreement with Common Ground Charter School to provide Special Education services for New Haven Public School students attending Common Ground School to comply with their IEPs, from August 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$148,537.00 was presented by Ms. Jackson.  
**Funding Source:** IDEA Program (Pending Receipt of Funds)  
**Acct. # 2504-5034-56903-0000**
9. Agreement with Scenario Learning, LLC d/b/a Vector Solutions, to provide Safe Schools training online for 5,000 New Haven Public School employees, from August 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 was presented by Ms. Jackson.  
**Funding Source:** Alliance Program (Pending Receipt of Funds)  
**Acct. # 2547-6105-56694-0091**

**D. CONTRACTS:**

1. Award of Contract #21710 to Long Wharf Transport, LLC for On Call Vehicle Maintenance Service for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in an amount not to exceed \$37,500.00 was presented by Mr. Barbarotta.  
**Funding Source:** 2021-2022 Operating Budget **Acct. #190-474-00-56665**
2. Award of Contract #21740 to Auto Parts & Service, Inc. for On Call Vehicle Maintenance Service for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, in an amount not to exceed \$37,500.00 was presented by Mr. Barbarotta.  
**Funding Source:** 2021-2022 Operating Budget **Acct. #190-474-00-56665**

**E. PURCHASE ORDER:**

1. Purchase Order Modification to Purchase Order #90222016-000 with AAIS for environmental remediation, increasing funding of \$50,000.00 by \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00 due to an increased number of sites

requiring mold remediation was presented by Mr. Barbarotta.

**Funding Source:** Capital Fund

**Acct. #**3C20-2071-58101

## II. DISCUSSION:

- **September 2021 Financial Report:** Ms. Hannans presented the budget report noting that it represents \$16.6 million or 8.7% of expenditures for the first quarter of the fiscal year. She explained that the November 2021 report will provide an initial outlook for the 2021-2022 budget. Ms. Hannans indicated that the District is waiting for grant approvals from the State once the Federal Government releases funds. **No motion was made and no vote was taken.**
- **Food Service Budget Update and Supply Chain Request:** The Food Service budget report was deferred to the November meeting. Ms. Sharry reviewed a memo outlining supply chain issues for Food Service, explaining that the contractor who provided hamburgers canceled their contract because they could not process orders. There are also delays with other food products. Ms. Sharry requested flexibility in utilizing other vendors to fill orders as needed. Board approval is required because the RFP's were not written to allow for substitutions in case of emergencies, an issue that will be resolved in future RFP's. Mr. Wilcox asked Ms. Sharry and Mr. Lamb to provide a more detailed memo prior to the BOE meeting that outlines the parameters and costs for alternative contractors, as well as, any nutritional impact. After a review and conferring with other committee members, Mr. Wilcox will bring a motion to the full Board in support of the request for flexibility. Mr. Conaway concurred. The memo will be included in Board of Education Agenda Packets. In response to questions, Ms. Sharry reported that overall, the Food Service is back to normal operations serving 13,000 lunches and between 8,000 to 10,000 breakfasts. The dinner program is also underway. **No motion was made and no vote was taken.**
- **Eco Urban Status Update:** Mr. Barbarotta deferred the report to the November meeting because September invoices were coming in. After reviewing invoices, he will have a more accurate report for next month. He reported that 24 part time people were hired for Covid cleaning. **No motion was made and no vote was taken.**
- **Series 3000 Policies:** Mr. Wilcox reported that he will meet with Dr. Tracey to assign policies to staff. A report will be provided in November. **No motion was made and no vote was taken.**

**Adjournment:** A motion by Mr. Conaway, seconded by Ms. Rivera to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m., passed unanimously by Roll Call vote: Mr. Conaway, Yes; Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DeMaio