



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
New Haven, Connecticut

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

Monday, October 4, 2021

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mr. Matthew Wilcox, Mr. Larry Conaway  
**Staff:** Dr. Iline Tracey, Dr. Paul Whyte, Dr. Michael Finley, Mr. Thomas Lamb, Ms. Linda Hannans, Ms. Patricia DeMaio, Ms. Viviana Conner, Ms. Typhanie Jackson, Mr. Pedro Mendia, Mr. Eugene Forman, Dr. Glen Worthy, Ms. Cari Strand, Mr. Eugene Forman, Ms. Gemma Joseph Lumpkin, Ms. Mary Derwin, Mr. Joseph Barbarotta, Mr. Carl Jackson, Ms. Keisha Redd-Hannans, Mr. Shawn True, Ms. Ivelise Velasquez, Attorney Elias Alexiades

Closed Captioner

**Call to Order:** Mr. Wilcox called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

**Recusal:** Mr. Wilcox recused himself from discussion and voting on Item #1 Abstract for Alliance Grant and Item # 4 under Agreements, the Amendment to Agreement with Clifford Beers. He asked Mr. Conaway to lead the discussion for these items noting that the bylaws permit one member of the committee to move an action item forward to the full Board of Education.

**Summary of Action Item Motions:**

1. **Motion to Recommend Approval:** Mr. Conaway moved Abstract #1 Alliance Grant and Agreement #4 Amendment to Agreement with Clifford Beers, to the full Board of Education with a Recommendation to Approve.
2. **Motion to Recommend Approval:** A motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Mr. Conaway to Recommend Approval of **6 Abstracts** (2-7), **7 Agreements** (1-3 and 5-8 ), and **3 Contracts**, passed by Roll Call Vote: 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 Elm City Shakespeare Company, to write and direct an adapted Shakespeare play during an afterschool program for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> students at Mauro-Sheridan Interdistrict Magnet School, from October 12, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.  
**Funding Source:** Interdistrict Magnet Program **Acct. #270-433-19-56697**
2. Agreement with Slither and Swim Pets to provide materials and supplies for care of school animals and habitats, to service and clean larger habitats and providing training and advise on animals and care, from October 12, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.

**Funding Source:** Interdistrict Magnet Program **Acct. #270-433-19-56697**

3. Amendment #1 to Agreement #95315165 with Common Ground to change funding account #'s from Head Start Innovative Enhancement Program, Acct. #2568-5315-56697-0000 to Acct. #2568-5315-56800-00 (\$2,400.00) and Acct. #2568-5315-56605-0000 (\$17,280.00) with no change in total funding amount.

**Funding Sources:**

Head Start Innovative Enhancement Program **Acct. #2568-5315-56800-0000** (\$2,400.00)  
 Head Start Innovative Enhancement Program **Acct. #2568-5315-56605-0000** (\$17,280.00)

4. Agreement with Common Ground to provide outdoor activities in the outdoor learning space at John C. Daniels School and to support curricular integration of outdoor learning, from October 12, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00.

**Funding Source:** Interdistrict Magnet School Program **Acct. #270-433-56697-013**

5. Agreement with Common Ground to provide workshops and classes in the outdoor learning space at Davis Academy, from October 12, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$13,200.00.

**Funding Source:** Magnet 17-22 Davis Program **Acct. #2517-6254-56694-0009** (Pending Receipt)

6. Agreement with John McFarland to co-teach the required EMT and MRT curriculum for certification to students at Hill Regional Career Magnet High School, from October 12, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$13,500.00.

**Funding Source:** Interdistrict Magnet Program **Acct.# 270-433-56697-55**

**B. ABSTRACT:**

1. Alliance District Grant: **Recused** Mr. Wilcox recused himself from discussion and voting on the grant. Ms. Jackson presented the Alliance Grant in the amount of \$20,330,589.00 for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and provided an overview of grant funding. In response to Committee questions, she explained that the grant represents a \$3.2 million increase over last year. The additional funding was set aside for student support services. **Funding Source:** Connecticut Department of Education
2. Priority School District Grant in the amount of \$4,478,964.00 for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 was presented by Ms. Jackson who reported that the majority of funds support drop-out prevention services and the Gateway 2 College program. **Funding Source:** Connecticut Department of Education
3. Title III English Language Acquisition Grant in the amount of \$512,593.00 for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 was presented by Mr. Mendia who provided an overview of the program.  
**Funding Source:** Connecticut Department of Education

**School Improvement Grants, Items 4-7:** Ms. Viviana Conner presented an overview of the School Improvement Grants, as posted on the website. She introduced principals to present specific details for their individual schools:

4. School Improvement – Wexler – Grant, (SIG 1003g), in the amount of \$355,000.00 for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 was presented by Mr. Diah. **Funding Source:** Connecticut Department of Education

5. School Improvement – Troup - Grant, in the amount of \$355,000.00 for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 was presented by Mr. Forman. **Funding Source:** Connecticut Department of Education
6. School Improvement – Hillhouse - Grant in the amount of \$333,288.00 for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 was presented by Dr Worthy. **Funding Source:** Connecticut State Department of Education
7. School Improvement – HSC – Grant in the amount of \$355,000.00 for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 was presented by Ms. Strand. **Funding Source:** Connecticut State Department of Education

### C. AGREEMENTS:

1. Agreement with Hill for Literacy to provide consultation and training for Wexler Grant staff on data-based decision making, explicit and systematic instruction, and differentiated small group instruction, from October 12, 2021 to June 21, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$80,208.00 was presented by Mr. Diah.  
**Funding Source:** SIG – Wexler Program **Acct. #**2531-6303-56694-0032
2. Agreement with EBS Health Care to provide speech language remediation and consultation, from August 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$89,189.00 was presented by Ms. Jackson.  
**Funding Source:** 2021-2022 Operating Budget **Acct. #**190-490-56694
3. Agreement with Great Schools Partnership, Inc., to provide professional development for staff at HSC on project-based learning, personalized learning and, mastery grading and reporting, from October 5, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$62,500.00 was presented by Ms. Strand.  
**Funding Source:** Magnet 17-22 HSC Program  
**Acct. #**2517-6255-56694-0066 (Pending Receipt of Funds)
4. Amendment #1 to Agreement #95278131 with Clifford Beers Guidance Clinic to change the funding source and funding account # from Head Start Program, Acct. # 2532-5278-56694 to Head Start Carryover Program, Acct. # 2532-6326-56694 with no change in funding amount of \$75,000.00 was presented by Ms. Derwin.  
**Funding Source:** Head Start Carryover Program **Acct. #**2532-6326-56694-0000.
5. Agreement with Christian Community Agency to provide homeless families with assistance to become self-sufficient in accessing resources, from October 13, 2021 to November 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 was presented by Ms. Joseph- Lumpkin.  
**Funding Source:** Bridge Grant McKinney Vento Program **Acct. #** 2503-6388-56697-0000
6. Agreement with Junta for Progressive Action to provide homeless families with case management, and immediate resources to support their needs, from October 13, 2021 to November 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 was presented by Ms. Joseph-Lumpkin.  
**Funding Source:** Bridge Grant McKinney Vento Program **Acct. #**2503-6388-56697-0000
7. Agreement with mActivity to provide an after school fitness program for homeless families, from October 13, 2021 to November 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 was presented by Ms. Joseph-Lumpkin. **Correction:** Committee members noted an error in the original posting; the Agreement amount was corrected from \$5,000.00 to \$8,000.00 as reflected in the Agreement.

**Funding Source:** Bridge Grant McKinney Vento Program **Acct. #2503-6388-56697-0000**

8. Agreement with Boys and Girls Club of New Haven, to provide an afterschool program for up to 50 students at Brennan Rogers School, from October 13, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$56,400.00 was presented by Ms. Joseph-Lumpkin. **Correction:** Ms. Joseph Lumpkin reported that she had conferred with Ms. DeMaio because the Agreement as submitted, was intended for Brennan Rogers but stated Bishop Woods. Ms. DeMaio recommended correcting the Action Item for Board of Education approval and requested an updated Agreement for Brennan Rogers. The funding sources and funding amount of the Agreement will not change.

**Funding Sources:**

21<sup>st</sup> Century After School Program  
ESSER II Program

**Acct. #2579-6273-56694-0043** (\$ 3,600.00)

**Acct. #2552-6363-56697-0043** (\$52,800.00)

**D. CONTRACTS:**

1. Award of Contract #50535C to Amazon Landscaping Design & Handyman Services for Snow Plowing from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 was presented by Mr. Barbarotta.

**Funding Source:** 2021-2022 Operating Budget

**Acct. #19047400-56662**

2. Award of Contract #50535A to M&M Total Construction LLC for Snow Plowing from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$261,198.00 was presented by Mr. Barbarotta.

**Funding Source:** 2021-2022 Operating Budget

**Acct. #19047400-56662**

3. Award of Contract #50535B to Tim's Enterprises for Snow Plowing from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 was presented by Mr. Barbarotta

**Funding Source:** 2021-2022 Operating Budget

**Acct. #19047400-56662**

**II. DISCUSSION:**

- **Transportation Update with Financial Implications:** Mr. Lamb reviewed a memo, posted on the website, which provides an update on the bus driver shortage and ongoing work with First Student to minimize disruptions. Mr. Lamb and Mr. Jackson reported on incremental improvement in resolving driver and busing issues, and provided an overview of Covid 19 protocols in place. A discussion ensued. In response to Committee questions about the financial terms of the contract with First Student, Attorney Alexiades advised against further discussion because it falls under attorney/client privilege and should be discussed during an Executive Session at the Board of Education Meeting. Attorney Alexiades will prepare a memo for Board of Education review at the Executive Session.

**No motion was made and no vote was taken.**

- **Series 3000 Policies:** Mr. Wilcox reported that he will forward an assignment chart listing policies to committee members and staff; he asked staff to complete the chart by indicating assigned personnel. In response to Mr. Conaway's recommendation that the committee set a deadline for completion, Mr. Wilcox asked that staff provide an update by the October 18, 2021 committee meeting. Mr. Wilcox also noted that there is an issue with posting of policies on the district's website. The policies have

been posted as one large pdf file instead of separately by policy. He also noted that a number of policies recently approved have not been posted on the site. Mr. Lamb will follow-up.

**No Motion was made and no vote was taken.**

**Adjournment:** A motion by Mr. Conaway, seconded by Mr. Wilcox to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. passed by Roll Call Vote: Mr. Conaway, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DeMaio