



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
New Haven, Connecticut

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

Monday, October 5, 2020

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mr. Matthew Wilcox, Mr. Larry Conaway, Mr. Darnell Goldson

**Staff:** Dr. Iline Tracey, Mr. Phillip Penn, Attorney Michael Pinto, Attorney Elias Alexiades, Ms. Patricia DeMaio, Ms. Jamie Cody, Mr. Pedro Mendia, Mr. David Diah, Mr. Joseph Barbarotta, Dr. Paul Whyte, Ms. Keisha Redd Hannans, Ms. Michele Bonanno, Ms. Gemma Joseph Lumpkin

**Closed Captioner**

**Call to Order:** Mr. Wilcox called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

**Motion to Recommend Approval of the Action Items:** After presentation of the following items, Mr. Wilcox made a motion to **Recommend Approval of 4 Abstracts, 10 Agreements and 1 Contract**, seconded by Mr. Conaway, approved by Roll Call Vote: Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Conaway, Yes.

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

1. The **Superintendent approved** an Agreement with Slither and Swim Pets, Inc. to provide materials and supplies for care of school animals and habitats, from October 12, 2020 to June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00. **Funding Source:** Interdistrict Magnet Program **Acct. #270-433-19-56697**
2. The **Superintendent approved** an Agreement with Elm Shakespeare Co., to provide an afterschool theater program for students at Mauro Sheridan Interdistrict Magnet School, from October 12, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.  
**Funding Source:** Interdistrict Magnet Program **Acct. #270-433-19-56697**

**Purchase Order:**

1. **The Superintendent approved** a Purchase Order with Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) to provide up to nine hours of professional development in the area of Anti-Racist Education for staff at Lincoln Basset School from October 30, 2020 to June 18, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$2,250.00.  
**Funding Source:** SIG Lincoln Bassett Carryover Program **Acct. #2531-6299-56694-0020**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**B. ABSTRACTS:**

1. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of School Volunteer Program Endowment, in the amount of \$20,613.04 for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, presented by Ms. DeMaio. **Funding Source:** Community Foundation for Greater New Haven

2. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of Commissioner's Network – Clinton Avenue School Grant in the amount of \$400,000.00 for August 30, 2020 to June 30, 2021, presented by Ms. Cody.  
**Funding Source:** Connecticut State Department of Education
3. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of School Improvement Grant (SIG 1003) Wexler School in the amount of \$200,000.00 for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, presented by Mr. Diah.  
**Funding Source:** Connecticut State Department of Education
4. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of State Bilingual Education Grant in the amount of \$220,399.00 for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, presented by Mr. Mendia. **Funding Source:** Connecticut State Department of Education

### C. AGREEMENTS

1. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of an Agreement with Area Cooperative Education Services, (ACES), to provide the ARCTEL advanced educator preparation program for Bilingual Education and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, from October 12, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00, presented by Mr. Mendia.  
**Funding Source:** Title III English Language Acquisition Program (Pending Receipt of Funds)  
**Acct. #** 2518-5679-56694-0000
2. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of an Agreement with Hill for Literacy, Inc. to provide consultation to staff at Wexler Grant School on data-based decision making, explicit and systematic instruction, and differentiated small group instruction, from November 9, 2020 to June 17, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$86,600.00, presented by Mr. Diah.  
**Funding Source:** SIG Wexler Program (Pending Receipt of Funds) **Acct. #**2531-6303-56694-0032
3. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of an Agreement Friends Center for Children, to provide 20 full day/full year infant/toddler spaces and 5 full day/full year preschool spaces, from September 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$206,944.17 which includes a COLA increase for staff salaries, presented by Ms. Duclos.  
**Funding Source:** CT Office of Early Childhood Contract Program **Acct. #** 2531-5170-56694-0442
4. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of an Agreement with Lulac Head Start to provide 53 full day/full year infant/toddler spaces and 22 infant/toddler wrap-around spaces, from September 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$519,102.68, which includes a COLA increase for staff salaries, presented by Ms. Duclos.  
**Funding Source:** CT Office of Early Childhood Contract Program **Acct. #**2090-6339-56697-0442
5. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of an Agreement with Montessori School on Edgewood to provide 20 full day/full year infant/toddler spaces, from September 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$171,047.90, which includes a COLA increase for staff salaries, presented by Ms. Duclos.  
**Funding Source:** CT Office of Early Childhood Contract Program **Acct. #**2090-6339-56697-0442
6. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of an Agreement with Morning Glory Infant Toddler Center to provide 16 full day/full year infant/toddler spaces from September 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$136,838.32 which includes a COLA increase for staff salaries, presented by Ms. Duclos.  
**Funding Source:** CT Office of Early Childhood Contract Program **Acct. #**2090-6339-56697-0442

7. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of an Agreement with Focused Schools to provide Executive Coaching for Hillhouse High School principal and leadership team, from October 13, 2020 to June 18, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$39,800.00 presented by Ms. Redd-Hannans on behalf of Mr. Worthy.  
**Funding Source:** SIG Hillhouse Carryover Program **Acct. #**2546-6267-56694-0062
  8. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of an Agreement with Justice Education Center to provide a program of study that will prepare students from Hillhouse High School for a career in the construction industry, from October 13, 2020 to June 18, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00, presented by Ms. Redd-Hannans on behalf of Mr. Worthy.  
**Funding Source:** SIG Hillhouse Carryover Program **Acct. #**2546-6267-56694-0062
  9. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of an Agreement with City of New Haven Youth and Recreation Department, to provide remote, hybrid and/or programming for students at Wexler Grant and Martinez schools, from October 12, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$23,893.00 presented by Ms. Joseph-Lumpkin.  
**Funding Source:** 21st Century Program **Acct. #** 2579-6325-56694-0032 (\$19,933.00)  
**Funding Source:** State -After School Program **Acct. #**2579-6205-56697-0008 (\$ 3,960.00)
  10. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of an Agreement Extension to Doosan Fuel America, Inc., to provide Fuel Cell services for FY2020-2021 in an amount not to exceed \$162,532.00, presented by Mr. Barbarotta.  
**Funding Source:** 2020-2021 Operating Budget
- D. Change Orders:**
1. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of Change Order #1 to the Contract #21704-1-5 with Life Safety Services & Supply, LLC for On-Call Fire Extinguishers Services to increase the unit price per inc with no change in total funding amount, presented by Mr. Barbarotta. **Funding Source:** 2020-2021 Capital Projects
- E. DISCUSSION:**
- **Drivers of the first Budget Surplus since 2016:** Mr. Penn reviewed a memo, Key Drivers of 2019-20 Deficit Reduction, which outlined improvements as a result of comprehensive mitigation efforts to reduce the \$8.4 million deficit and he answered Committee member questions. Mr. Wilcox requested that memo be included in the Board of Education packet.
  - **Update: “Not to exceed” Change Order Report:** The report was deferred to the next meeting. Mr. Wilcox indicated he anticipated a report at the next meeting as it has been deferred twice.
  - **Update: Corporation Counsel Reimbursement:** Mr. Penn reviewed the approval process for the Corporation Counsel position assigned to the Board of Education. In 2019, Dr. Birks approved a \$30,000.00 contribution to the salary position. However, since the position was not filled until November 2019, the City pro-rated the cost by 1/3; just under \$20,000.00 was spent. Mr. Penn noted that the expense was included in the budget presentation for 2019-2020. Committee members concurred that since the change in leadership of the Superintendent, Board of Education and City, that some codification be perfected for 2020-2021 and beyond.

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

- **Update: Attorney Bagnell Payment:** Mr. Penn presented Minutes of the August 1, 2019 Board of Education meeting in which the Board approved three motions regarding hiring of independent counsel to investigate alleged two harassment complaints.

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

Mr. Conaway requested a brief discussion regarding the Agreement for Tinley, Renehan and Dost. A discussion ensued.

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

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Mr. Conaway, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m., approved by Roll Call Vote: Mr. Wilcox, Yes; Mr. Conaway, Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DeMaio