



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
New Haven, Connecticut

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

Monday, December 7, 2020

MINUTES

VIRTUAL MEETING

**Present:** Mr. Matthew Wilcox, Ms. Yesenia Rivera, Mr. Larry Conaway  
**Staff:** Dr. Iline Tracey, Dr. Paul Whyte, Attorney Elias Alexiades, Mr. Phillip Penn, Ms. Keisha Redd-Hannans, Ms. Patricia DeMaio, Dr. Richard Therrien, Mr. Robert McCain, Ms. Susan DeNicola, Ms. Lauren Strillacci, Mr. Marquelle Middleton, Mr. Matthew Brown, Ms. Meredith Gavrin, Ms. Michele Bonanno, Ms. Typhanie Jackson, Mr. Heriberto Cordero, Mr. Carl Jackson, Jennifer Vazquez, Mr. Joseph Barbarotta  
**Closed Captioner**

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

**Summary of Motions:**

- **Motion to Recommend Approval of Action Items:** After presentation of the following Action Items, a motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Mr. Conaway, to **Recommend Approval of 8 Abstracts and 10 Agreements**, passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote: Mr. Conaway, Yes; Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.
- **Motion to Adjourn:** A motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Ms. Rivera to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m. passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote: Mr. Conaway, Yes; Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.

**I. INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. INFORMATION ONLY:** The following items were approved by the Superintendent:

1. Amendment #1 to Agreement #96300564 with Yale University Gesell Institute, to change account number from SIG 1003 – Strong Program, Acct. # 2531-6300-56694-0028 to SIG 1003 – Strong Program, Acct. # 2531-6315-56694-0028, with no change in funding amount was presented by  
**Funding Source:** SIG 1003 – Strong Program **Acct. #2531-6315-56694-0028**
2. Agreement with Southern Connecticut State University to provide an Introduction to Social Work course for students, grades 10-12, at New Haven Academy, from January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$7,410.00.  
**Funding Source:** Interdistrict Magnet School Program **Acct. #270-433-70-56697**
3. Agreement with Gateway Community College to provide a Principles of Sociology course for students from High School in the Community (HSC), from January 4, 2020 to May 14, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$17,259.29.  
**Funding Source:** Magnet School Assistance Carryover Program **Acct. #2517-6262-56694-0066**

4. Agreement with Janice Christopher Agency to rebrand and remarket Barnard School as an Environmental and Robotic STEM school, from December 14, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 was presented by Mr. McCain, who answered Committee questions.  
**Funding Source:** Interdistrict Magnet School Program **Acct. #**270-433-56697
5. Agreement with Teachers College, Columbia University, to provide professional development and consultation services to assist Magnet Resource Teachers and classroom teachers in reimagining existing Magnet units for remote or hybrid contexts at Edgewood, Davis and King-Robinson schools from December 14, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00.  
**Funding Source:** Magnet 17-22 Program  
**Acct. #** 2517-6254-56694-0012 Edgewood (\$3,000.00)  
**Acct. #** 2517-6254-56694-0009 Davis (\$3,000.00)  
**Acct. #**2517-6256-56694-0030 King-Robinson (\$3,000.00)
6. Agreement with Capitol Region Education Council, (CREC), to provide professional development, a comprehensive equity audit and sustainable coaching for staff at Edgewood Creative Thinking through STEAM Magnet School, from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00.  
**Funding Source:** 2020-2021 Operating Budget **Acct. #**190-433-12-56694
7. Agreement with Connoisseur Media, LLC to provide a Virtual Open House, application reminder/online school visit and digital branding and advertising for the New Haven Magnet School Program, from December 14, 2020 to April 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$19,000.00.  
**Funding Source:** Magnet 17-22 Program **Acct. #**2517-6251-56694-0000
8. Agreement with Connecticut Public Broadcasting, Inc. to broadcast the Open Choice process on WNPR radio for the New Haven Magnet School Program, from December 14, 2020 to April 20, 2021 in an amount not to exceed 7,500.00.  
**Funding Source:** Magnet 17-22 Program **Acct. #**2517-6251-56694-0000
9. Agreement with NBC Universal, LLC to provide informational commercials on-air and online for the New Haven Magnet School Program, from December 14, 2020 to April 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$17,990.25.  
**Funding Source:** Magnet 17-22 Program **Acct. #**2517-6251-56694-0000
10. Agreement with Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc., to create engaging video content to showcase New Haven Magnet School program's diverse student population and various school themes, district content, audience targeting and the CT Style team, from December 14, 2020 to April 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$17,250.00.  
**Funding Source:** Magnet 17-22 Program **Acct. #**2517-6251-56694-0000
11. Agreement with OUTFRONT Media, Inc., to provide highway and city billboard advertising highlighting the Choice & Enrollment application process, Lottery and Virtual Expo from December 14, 2020 to April 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$13,400.00.  
**Funding Source:** Magnet 17-22 Program **Acct. #**2517-6251-56694-0000
12. Agreement with Vector Media Holding Corp. to provide Connecticut Transit Bus advertisements highlighting the Choice Enrollment process, from December 14, 2020 to April 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed

\$7,920.00.

**Funding Source:** Magnet 17-22 Program

**Acct. #** 2517-6251-56694-0000

## B. ABSTRACTS:

1. School Improvement Grant (SIG) – Lincoln Bassett in the amount of \$197,150.00 for September 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 was presented by Ms. Redd-Hannans.  
**Funding Source:** Connecticut State Department of Education
2. School Improvement Grant (SIG) - Fair Haven in the amount of \$197,147.00 for October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 was presented by Mr. Heriberto Cordero.  
**Funding Source:** Connecticut State Department of Education
3. Coronavirus Relief Fund – Governor’s Discretionary – CARES Act in the amount of \$2,365,763.00 for March 13, 2020 to December 30, 2020 was presented by Mr. Penn.  
**Funding Source:** Connecticut State Department of Education
4. No Kid Hungry School Nutrition Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 for October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 was presented by Ms. Lauren Strillacci.  
**Funding Source:** No Kid Hungry Organization
5. Alliance District School Building Grant Program, in the amount of \$2,000,675.66 for December 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021 was presented by Mr. Penn.  
**Funding Source:** Connecticut State Department of Education
6. Supporting Districts Addressing Two Pandemics Grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 for November 1, 2020 to October 31, 2021 was presented by Ms. Lauren Strillacci.  
**Funding Source:** Nellie Mae Education Foundation
7. Title I Part a Grant in the amount of \$10,684,045.00 (Public: \$10,551,907.57/Non-Public: \$132,137.43) for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 was presented by Ms. Redd-Hannans who answered Committee questions.  
**Funding Source:** Connecticut State Department of Education  
**Discussion:** Mr. Conaway stressed the importance of including extended day academies and programs so that students have educational opportunities during the summer months.
8. Title IIA Grant in the amount of \$983,697.00 (Public: \$922,689.19/Non-Public \$61,007.81) for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 was presented by Ms. Redd-Hannans who answered Committee questions.  
**Funding Source:** Connecticut State Department of Education

## C. AGREEMENTS:

1. Agreement with the Foundation for the Arts and Trauma, Inc. to provide the ALIVE Program for students at Barack H. Obama School, from December 14, 2020 to April 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$20,498.00 was presented by Ms. DeNicola who answered Committee questions.  
**Funding Source:** School Improvement Grant (SIG) Program **Acct.#**2531-6315-56694-0028

2. Agreement with The Foundation of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce to provide management of the City-wide Science Fair program, including Family Science Nights, mentors and support for individual school fairs, from December 15, 2020 to June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$28,000.00 was presented by Dr. Therrien who answered Committee questions.  
**Funding Source:** Priority Schools Program **Acct. #2579-5319-56694-0000**
3. Agreement with Achievement First to provide Special Education services for New Haven students attending Amistad Academy Charter School and Elm City Charter School to comply with their IEP's, from August 24, 2020 to June 30, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$455,204.00 was presented by Ms. Jackson.  
**Funding Source:** 2020-2021 Operating Budget **Acct. # 190-494-56694-0000**
4. Amendment #1 to Agreement #91331336 with Institute of Professional Learning, to change the name of the organization to Aspire Living & Learning with no change in funding amount was presented by Ms. Jackson.  
**Funding Source:** IDEA - Brennan Program (\$226,000.00) **Acct.#2504-5034-56903-0000**  
 IDEA – Helene Grant Program (\$226,000.00)  
 2020-21 Operating Budget (\$37,700.00) **Acct. #190-494-56694**
5. Agreement with Area Cooperative Education Services, (ACES), to provide “Building Bridges” therapeutic classrooms, behavior management and support from January 4, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$130,680.00 was presented by Ms. Jackson.  
**Funding Source:** Alliance Program (Pending Receipt of Funds) **Acct. #2547-6108-56694-0000**
6. Agreement with Arte, Inc. to provide remote, hybrid or on-site after school programming for students from John C. Daniels, Davis and Hill Central schools, from December 15, 2020 to June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$34,400.00 was presented by Ms. Joseph-Lumpkin  
**Funding Source:**  
 Extended School Hours –Daniels Program **Acct. # 2579-5326-56694-0013** (\$10,000.00)  
 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Daniels Program **Acct. # 2579-6243-56697-0013** (\$5,000.00)  
 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Daniels C/O Program **Acct. # 2579-6250-56694-0013** (\$3,400.00)  
 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Davis Program **Acct #.2579-6273-56694-0009** (\$8,000.00)  
 State After School – Hill Central Program **Acct.# 2579-6205-56697-0007** (\$8,000.00)
7. Amendment #1 to Agreement #96738556 with Little Scientists to correct funding account number from 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program Acct. #2579-6738-56694-0009 to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program Acct. #2579-6273-56694-0009 and to increase the number of sessions at Davis from 65 by 197 to 262 and to increase funding of \$11,375.00 by \$34,475.00 to \$45,850.00 was presented by Ms. Joseph-Lumpkin  
**Funding Source:**  
 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Davis Program **Acct. #2579-6273-56694-0009** (\$10,500.00)  
 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Davis Carryover Program **Acct. # 2579-6280-56694-0009** (\$ 875.00)  
 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Brennan Program **Acct. #2579-6354-56697-0021** (\$ 7,000.00)  
 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Celentano Program **Acct. #2579-6354-56697-0048** (\$ 6,125.00)  
 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Troup Program **Acct. #2579-6325-56694-0015** (\$ 4,375.00)  
 State Afterschool –Columbus Program **Acct. #2579-6205-56697-0041** (\$ 7,000.00)  
 State Afterschool – Martinez Program **Acct. #2579-6205-56697-0008** (\$9,975.00)
8. Amendment #1 to Agreement #96273552 with Bodyworkers LLC to increase the number of sessions at Troup School from 36 sessions by 30 to 66 sessions and to increase funding of \$16,350.00 by \$4,500.00 to

\$20,850.00 was presented by Ms. Joseph-Lumpkin.

**Funding Source:**

21<sup>st</sup> Century – Davis Carryover Program **Acct. # 2579-6280-56694-0009** (\$1,800.00)

21<sup>st</sup> Century – Davis Program **Acct. #2579-6273-56694-0009** (\$9,150.00)

21<sup>st</sup> Century - Troup Program **Acct. #2579-6235-56697-0015** (\$9,900.00)

9. Amendment #1 to Agreement #96325557 with Our World Care For You, LLC to increase the number of sessions at Troup School from 70 sessions by 40 to 110 sessions and to increase funding of \$14,000.00 by \$8,000.00 to \$22,000.00 was presented by Ms. Joseph Lumpkin.

**Funding Source:**

21<sup>st</sup> Century – Troup C/O Program **Acct. #2579-6345-56694-0015** (\$2,000.00)

21<sup>st</sup> Century – Troup Program **Acct. #2579-6325-56694-0015** (\$12,000.00)

21<sup>st</sup> Century – Troup Program **Acct. #2579-6325-56697-0015** (\$ 8,000.00)

10. Agreement with Public Good Design to develop, design, provide production assistance and delivery of creative content for the 2021 Choice and Enrollment recruitment campaign, from December 14, 2020 to April 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 was presented by Mr. Middleton.

**Funding Source:** Magnet 17-22 Program

**Acct. #2517-6251-56694-0000**

**Discussion:** Mr. Middleton explained that the Agreement cost is reduced by \$23,000.00 over last year. The contractor will focus on updating materials.

**II. DISCUSSION:**

- **Facilities Use Rules & Price Form:** Mr. Barbarotta reviewed the documents noting that the guidelines and protocols have been updated to meet CDC guidelines. He reviewed the tiered fee structure, noting that NHPS/school events are fully subsidized while external organizations that charge fees for events are charged for facilities use. Mr. Barbarotta and Mr. Wilcox also noted there are a number of policies related to facilities use that are out of date which should be reviewed by the Governance Committee, including fees, which may be increased. **No Motion was made and no vote was taken.**
- **Update: First Student:** Ms. Vazquez, Director of Public Health Nursing, City of New Haven, reported on the investigation conducted by the Health Department after the company was shut down on November 13, 2020 due to staff Covid infections. She reported that the Health Department conducted a comprehensive review of test results, all protocols and policies, and, conducted a site visit inspection. Ms. Vazquez reported that First Student complied with all recommendations and requirements, and can resume transportation services. Attorney Alexiades and Mr. Penn reported that they are in the process of reviewing the Agreement and will prepare an amendment for the January 4, 2021 Finance & Operations Committee meeting. **No Motion was made and no vote was taken**
- **Calendar of 2021 F&O Meetings:** Mr. Wilcox discussed the process for approving Committee and Board of Education meeting calendars. The January meetings have already been approved but the full calendars should be included on the agenda for the December 14, 2020 Board of Education meeting as the City requires 30 days' notice. Mr. Wilcox also discussed posting of the Finance & Operations agenda and action items, noting that the current Friday posting deadline does not provide enough time for committee and public review. He proposed that staff post no later than the Thursday prior to the meeting by 5:00 p.m. A discussion ensued. Staff will work to post by Thursdays for the February 2021

meetings and be prepared to discuss any issues with implementation at the next meetings. **No Motion was made and no vote was taken.**

- **Update 2020-2021 Legislative Agenda:** Dr. Tracey reported that staff met with the lobbyist and were asked to prioritize needs. They will meet with the legislators to discuss these priorities for the upcoming legislative sessions. **No Motion was made and no vote was taken.**
- **Overview of Budget Process for FY22:** Mr. Penn reviewed the Budget Development Calendar. He reported that they have completed budget discussions with principals and the executive team, and that they are currently reviewing the impact of funding sources that will end in June 2021. A budget presentation for Finance & Operations Committee is planned for the February 1, 2021 meeting, followed by a presentation at the Board of Education on February 8, 2021. A discussion ensued about the need for a transparent process and equitable funding strategies, and the need to look at other District funding models that could inform the process. **No Motion was made and no vote was taken.**
- **Board of Education Series 3000 Policies for Business & Non-Instructional Operations:** Mr. Wilcox reported that the Food Service Committee is in the process of reviewing related policies. He will also review policies related to the budget process and finance. **No Motion was made and no vote taken.**

**Adjournment:** A motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Ms. Rivera to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m. passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote: Mr. Conaway, Yes; Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DeMaio