



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
New Haven, Connecticut

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

Monday, February 7, 2022

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mr. Matthew Wilcox, Dr. Orlando Yarborough, Ms. Yesenia Rivera  
**Staff:** Dr. Iline Tracey, Dr. Michael Finley, Dr. Paul Whyte, Ms. Keisha Redd-Hannans, Ms. Linda Hannans, Ms. Patricia DeMaio, Ms. Viviana Conner, Ms. Cari Strand, Ms. Gilda Herrera, Ms. Typhanie Jackson, Ms. Gemma Joseph Lumpkin, Mr. Joseph Barbarotta, Mr. Eugene Forman, Mr. Justin Harmon, Ms. Gail Sharry, Mr. Michael Gormany, Mr. Erik Patchkofsky, Mr. Joseph Raffone, Attorney Elias Alexiades

Closed Captioner

**Call to Order:** Mr. Wilcox called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. He welcomed new member of the Board of Education, Dr. Orlando Yarborough III, who will serve as co-chair of the Finance & Operations Committee.

**Summary of Motions:**

**Motion to Recommend Approval of Action Items:**

1. A motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Ms. Rivera to **Recommend Approval** of Item 4 Abstracts, 10 Agreements, 2 Contracts and 3 Change Order, passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote: Dr. Yarborough, Yes; Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.

**Motion to Adjourn:** A motion by Mr. Conaway, seconded by Ms. Rivera, to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m., passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote: Mr. Conaway, Yes; Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

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

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

1. Amendment #1 to Agreement # 90062203 with Area Cooperative Educational Services, (ACES), to change the funding source and account number from Title I Program, acct. # 2531-0062-56694-0062 to SIG – Hillhouse Program, acct. #2531-6394-56694-0062, with no change in funding amount of \$11,000.00 was presented by Dr. Worthy.

**Funding Source:** SIG – Hillhouse Program **Acct. #2531-6394-56694-0062**

2. Agreement with Derrick Gay, LLC to provide a professional development program on diversity, equity and inclusion for 110 faculty and staff at Foote School, from April 18, 2022 to April 18, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 was presented by Ms. DeMaio.

**Funding Source:** Title IIA Non-Public (Pending Receipt of Funds) **Acct. # 2511-5678-56905-NP11**

**B. ABSTRACT:**

1. Carl D. Perkins Continuous Improvement Plan Grant, in the amount of \$584,104.00 for July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 was presented by Dr. Whyte who answered questions about the grant program.  
**Funding Source:** Connecticut State Department of Education
2. ESSER II Bonus Special Populations Recovery Grant, in the amount of \$25,000.00 for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 was presented by Ms. Jackson.  
**Funding Source:** Connecticut State Department of Education
3. ESSER II Special Education Recovery Activities Grant, in the amount of \$120,000.00 for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 was presented by Ms. Jackson.  
**Funding Source:** Connecticut State Department of Education
4. ESSER II Bonus Dyslexia Recovery Grant, in the amount of \$45,000.00 for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 was presented by Ms. Jackson. **Funding Source:** Connecticut State Department of Education

**C. AGREEMENTS:**

1. Agreement with Post Traumatic Stress Center ALIVE Program, to provide preventive trauma informed counseling services to students at HSC, from February 15, 2022 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 was presented by Ms. Strand.  
**Funding Source:** SIG HSC Program **Acct. #: 2531-6393-56694-0066**
2. **WITHDRAWN** Agreement with Sharon Vanghel, to serve as the K-2 literacy coach and literacy intervention coordinator for Troup School, from February 16, 2022 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$48,445.00. Mr. Wilcox reported that the Agreement was withdrawn by staff.  
**Funding Source:** SIG Troup Program **Acct. # 2531-6391-50136-0015**
3. Amendment #1 to Agreement #90062200 with Justice Education Center, to change the funding source and account number from Title I Program, Acct. #2531-0062-56694-0062 to School Improvement Grant – Hillhouse Program, Acct. # 2531-6394-56694-0062, with no change in funding amount of \$60,000.00 was presented by Dr. Worthy.  
**Funding Source:** SIG Hillhouse Program **Acct. #2531-6394-56694-0062**
4. **TABLED** Amendment #1 to Agreement # 96363251 with Upon This Rock Ministries, to change the name of the contractor to Valerie Washington d/b/a Upon This Rock Academy LLC, with no change in funding source or funding amount of \$30,000.00, presented by Ms. Joseph-Lumpkin, was tabled. Attorney Alexiades noted that the new d/b/a is not content consistent with how the LLC is registered. He explained that there are two entities registered, one for Upon this Rock Ministries and one for Upon this Rock Academy; neither listing includes an individual's name. He recommended, and committee members concurred, that the item is tabled until the issue is resolved. **Funding Source:** ESSER II Program **Acct. #2552-6363-56697-0000**
5. Amendment #2 to Agreement #96325202 with Our World Care For You, LLC, to increase the number of sessions from 219 by 75 to 294 sessions, and to increase funding of \$43,800.00 by \$15,000.00 to \$58,800.00 to provide additional programming at Lincoln Bassett School was presented by Ms. Joseph-Lumpkin.

**Funding Sources:**

State After School Program

**Acct. #** 2579-6205-56694-0020 (\$ 6,000.00)21<sup>st</sup> Century Program**Acct. #**2579-6325-56697-0015 (\$14,000.00)

ESSER II Program

**Acct. #** 2552-6363-56697-0000 (\$38,800.00)

6. Amendment #2 to Agreement with Eco-Urban Pioneers to increase funding of \$4,923,180.16 by \$397,443.60 to a total amount of \$5,320,623.76 and increase staffing to perform Covid cleaning and disinfecting throughout District, 24 Part Time Staff 4 hours per day, was presented by Mr. Barbarotta who answered committee member questions.

**Funding Source:** 2021-2022 Operating Budget**Acct. #**190474000-56694 (\$4,923,180.16)**Funding Source:** ESSER 1 CARES ACT**Acct. #**25506341-55570 (\$397,443.60)

7. Amendment #1 to Agreement with Lisa Rodriguez to correct the total salary amount from \$85,616.52 by \$7,083.29 to a total amount of \$92,699.81 to match the 10% increase of salary earned in FY20-21 due to Sgt. Rodriguez obtaining a Master's Degree in education, to cover the cost of living expense, of which 50% in the amount of \$46,349.91 is reimbursed by the United States Army and \$46,349.91 is paid by New Haven Board of Education was presented by Dr. Worthy. This item was previously tabled by the Board of Education. Dr. Worthy explained that the original Agreement used an incorrect formula to calculate the salary. He confirmed that the U.S. Army reimburses 50% of the salary.

**Funding Source:** 2021-2022 Operating Budget**Acct. #**19043362-50135

8. Agreement with Advanced Office Systems (AOS) to provide Network Server Maintenance & Support Solution to the District from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$266,240.00 was presented by Ms. Herrera who answered committee member questions.

**Funding Source:** 2022-2023 Operating Budget**Acct. #**19047200-56694

9. Agreement with Advanced Office Systems to provide Computer & Printer Support Solution to the District from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$449,280.00 was presented by Ms. Herrera.

**Funding Source:** 2022-2023 Operating Budget**Acct. #**19047200-56694

10. Agreement with Connecticut Education Network (CEN) to provide internet services for all schools and administrative offices in the District from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$47,040.00 was presented by Ms. Herrera. Mr. Wilcox noted that the Agreement with Crown Castle, below, indicates amount paid through Erate. For consistency purposes, he asked that the Agreement for CEN reflect the breakdown for Erate.

**Funding Source:** 2022-2023 Operating Budget**Acct. #**19047200-52265

11. Agreement with Crown Castle to provide leased fiber circuit WAN Ethernet Services from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$422,500.00 was presented by Ms. Herrera.

**Funding Source:** 2022-2023 Operating Budget**Acct. #**19047200-52265

12. Agreement with High 5 Adventure Learning to provide inspection of ropes course facility and installation of ropes course elements for students participating in the Project Pride program, from October 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$76,423.00 was presented by Ms. Jackson.

**Funding Source:** Alliance Program**Acct. #**2547-6108-56694-0000**D. CONTRACTS:**

1. Award of Contract for On Call Tree Removal Services with J Witkowsky & Sons Tree Services LLC, under bid 21781 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 was presented by Mr. Barbarotta. **Funding Source:** Capital Projects **Acct. #3C20-2071-58101**
2. Award of Contract for On Call Lift Repairs & Services with Tri-Lift Inc. under bid 21761 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 was presented by Mr. Barbarotta.  
**Funding Source:** Capital Projects **Acct. #3C20-2071-58101**

**E. CHANGE ORDERS:**

1. Change Order #1 to Contract 21693-2-4 with Concrete Creations for On Call Duct Cleaning Services to increase amount from \$100,000.00 by \$50,000.00 for a total amount of \$150,000.00 with no change in funding source for ductwork in Hooker Middle School, Truman and Betsy Ross Gym was presented by Mr. Barbarotta.  
**Funding Source:** Capital Projects **Acct. #3C222261-58101**
2. Change Order #1 to Contract 21687-2-5 with Sports Construction of Connecticut, LLC for On Call Gym Equipment Repairs and Replacement to increase amount from \$50,000.00 by \$50,000.00 for a total amount of \$100,000.00 with no change in funding source for major repairs to bleachers at Athletic Center was presented by Mr. Barbarotta.  
**Funding Source:** Capital Projects **Acct. #3C222261-58101**
3. Change Order #1 to Contract 21684-2-3 with Trassig Corp. for On Call Playground Inspections & Repairs to increase amount from \$50,000.00 by \$30,000.00 for a total amount of \$80,000.00 with no change in funding source for repairs to playgrounds to bring fall safety surface and equipment into compliance was presented by Mr. Barbarotta. **Funding Source:** Capital Projects **Acct. #3C222261-58101**

**II. DISCUSSION:**

- **Update on 2021-23 Budget Deficit:** Dr. Tracey indicated that the update will be provided at the next meeting with the monthly Budget Report.
- **2022-2023 Budget Presentation:** Ms. Hannans reviewed the budget presentation and answered questions. Mr. Wilcox recommended adding a slide that shows City of New Haven contributions. The budget will be presented to the full Board of Education on February 14, 2022. **No motion was made and no vote was taken.**
- **Food Service Budget:** Mr. Michael Gormany provided an overview of the Food Service budget as of December 2021 and answered committee member questions. He indicated that the meal count is down but increasing, which will be indicated in the January report which is underway. **No motion was made and no vote was taken.**
- **Eco Urban Update:** Mr. Barbarotta reviewed the hour true-up report, indicating that the company is short 2,917.01 hours which should level out in the months ahead. Mr. Barbarotta will continue to monitor hours to ensure balance by the end of the school year. **No motion was made and no vote was taken.**
- **Series 3000 Policies:** No report at this time.

**Adjournment:** A motion by Ms. Rivera, seconded by Dr. Yarborough to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m., passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote: Ms. Rivera, Yes; Dr. Yarborough, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DeMaio