



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
New Haven, Connecticut

NEW HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 5, 2021

MINUTES

VIRTUAL MEETING

Present: Mr. Matthew Wilcox, Ms. Yesenia Rivera, Mr. Larry Conaway

Staff: Dr. Iline Tracey, Mr. Phillip Penn, Dr. Paul Whyte, Dr. Michele Sherban, Ms. Michele Bonanno, Ms. Denise Duclos, Ms. Keisha Redd-Hannans, Ms. Patricia DeMaio, Attorney Elia Alexiades, Mr. Joseph Barbarotta, Mr. David Diah, Ms. Typhanie Jackson

Closed Captioner

Call to Order: Mr. Wilcox called the meeting to order at 4:33 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 Ms. Rivera, to **Recommend Approval of 2 Abstracts, 8 Agreements. 1 Purchase Order and 2 Healthy Food Certifications** passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote: Mr. Conaway, Yes; Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.
- **Motion to Adjourn:** A motion by Ms. Rivera, seconded by Mr. Conaway to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m. passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote: Mr. Conaway, Yes; Ms. Rivera, 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. Amendment #1 to Agreement with Sophy Abreu to decrease funding of \$16,800.00 by \$3,870.00 to \$12,930.00 due to limited access for School Readiness Programs during Covid19.
Funding Source: Quality Enhancement Program **Acct.#** 2513-5385-56697-0442
2. Amendment #1 to Agreement #95385593 with Michelle DellaCamera to decrease funding of \$16,800.00 by \$6,600.00 to \$10,200.00 due to limited access for School Readiness Programs during Covid19.
Funding Source: Quality Enhancement Program **Acct. #**2523-5385-56697-0442
3. Agreement with New Haven Ecology Project/Common Ground School to provide makerspace design, development and technical support a school yard learning program at Bishop Woods School from April 12, 2021 to June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$10,825.00.
Funding Source: 16/19 Magnet – Bishop Woods Carryover Program **Acct. #**2517-6234-56694-0043

4. Agreement with EastConn to provide 7 days of instructional coaching for the leadership team at Clinton Avenue School, from April 12, 2021 to June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$9,250.00.
Funding Source: Commissioner's Network-Clinton Avenue Program **Acct. #2547-6211-56694-0006**
5. Agreement with Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES), to provide professional development and school development for staff at Wexler Grant School, from April 19, 2021 to June 29, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$16,605.00.
Funding Source: Commissioner's Network –Wexler/Grant Program **Acct. #2547-6293-56694-0032**

B. ABSTRACT:

1. To Approve Open Choice Program Grant, in the amount of \$514,350.00 for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 presented by Ms. Bonanno who explained that the Abstract numbers are a projection based on last year's numbers.
Funding Source: Connecticut State Department of Education
2. To Approve Commissioner's Network – Wexler Grant Supplemental Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 for January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 presented by Mr. Diah who answered Committee questions.
Funding Source: Connecticut State Department of Education

C. AGREEMENTS:

1. To Approve Agreement with The Leadership Academy to provide the Phase two leadership development program to plan, design and support a year-long professional development program, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$172,885.00 presented by Dr. Paul Whyte who explained that the first phase of the training is underway; an Agreement for services for phase 1 services was previously approved. The Phase II covered under the new Agreement begins July 1, 2021.
Funding Source: Wallace Foundation UConn Program **Acct. #190-454-00-56694**
2. To Approve an Agreement with Stephanie Gardner to provide Speech-language remediation services from April 12, 2021 to June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$24,440.00 presented by Ms. Jackson.
Funding Source: 2020-2021 Operating Budget **Acct. #190-490-56694**
3. To Approve an Agreement with ASD Fitness to provide adaptive physical education classes to small groups with high incident disabilities in grades K-8, from August 24, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$69,000.00 presented by Ms. Jackson. She explained that the Agreement was originally submitted in July and that it never made it to an agenda in error, which staff discovered when invoices were submitted.
Funding Source: IDEA Program **Acct. #2504-5034-56903-0000**
4. To Approve Amendment #1 to Agreement with Gateway Community College as revised by Attorney General State of Connecticut to provide clarifying language, with no change to Scope of Service or terms and conditions, and no change in funding amount presented by Ms. Jackson.
Funding Sources:
Alliance Program **Acct. #2547-6107-56694-0000 (\$367,245.00)**
Priority Program **Acct. #2579-5317-56694-0000 (\$182,755.00)**

5. To Approve Amendment #1 to Agreement #95319528 with Area Cooperative Educational Services for the Urban Youth Program, to decrease funding amount from Priority Program, Acct. #2579-5319-56694-0000 of \$500,000.00 by \$250,000.000 to \$250,000.00 and to fund \$250,000.00 from Alliance Program Acct. #2547-6107-56694-0000 with no change in total funding of \$1,179,750.00 for the Agreement presented by Ms. Jackson.

Funding Sources:

Priority Program	Acct. #2579-5319-56694-0000	(\$250,000.00)
Alliance Program	Acct. #2547-6107-56694-0000	(\$250,000.00)
IDEA Program	Acct. #2504-5034-56903	(\$400,380.00)
2020-2021 Operating Budget	Acct. #190-494-56694	(\$279,370.00)

6. To Approve Amendment #2 to Agreement #96273615 with ARTE, Inc., to increase the number of sessions from 188 by 28 to 216 sessions and to increase funding of \$39,400.00 by \$5,600.00 to \$45,000.00. In the absence of a presenter, Committee members agreed to recommend approval pending a written overview of the program by Ms. Gemma Joseph Lumpkin.

Funding Sources:

Extended School Hours – Daniels Program	Acct. #2579-5326-56694-0013	(\$10,000.00)
21 st Century – Daniels Program	Acct. #2579-6243-56697-0013	(\$5,000.00)
21 st Century Carryover – Daniels Program	Acct. #2579-6250-56694-0013	(\$9,000.00)
21 st Century – Davis Program	Acct. #2579-62738-56694-0009	(\$8,000.00)
State Afterschool- Hill Central Program	Acct. #2579-6205-56697-0007	(\$8,000.00)
Extended School Hours Program	Acct. #2579-5326-56694-0000	(\$5,000.00)

7. To Approve Amendment #1 to Agreement #96261623 with The Connecticut Science Center to expand the Scope of Service to include Collaborative Coaching and Student Programming, with no increase in funding of \$40,000.00 presented by Ms. Bonanno.

Funding Sources:

Magnet 17-22 Davis Carryover Program	Acct. #2517-6261-56694-0009	(\$20,000.00)
Magnet 17-22 King/Robinson Carryover Program	Acct. #2517-6263-56694-0030	(\$20,000.00)

8. To Approve Amendment #1 to Agreement # 21732 with SK Mechanical LLC to split funding of \$360,575.00 between Capital Projects and Alliance Capital Program as follows, with no change in funding amount, presented by Mr. Barbarotta:

Funding Sources:

Alliance Capital Grant (\$260,500.00)	Acct. #3080-9002-58708
Capital Projects (\$100,075.00)	Acct. #3C20-2084-58101

D. PURCHASE ORDERS

1. To approve a Purchase Order for PowerSchools, LLC to provide annual subscription fee and one-time implementation and training fees for ECollect Forms and PowerPak, in an amount not to exceed \$73,945.00 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, presented by Dr. Sherban. Mr. Conaway asked how the district tracks students with allergies. Dr. Sherban explained that PowerSchool does not currently have an alert function. However, the new program will allow staff to create custom alerts which will be visible to staff and will improve communication across the district.

Funding Source:	2021-2022 Operating Budget	Acct. #190-419-00-56694
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E. HEALTHY FOOD CERTIFICATION

To approve the **“Healthy Food Certification Statement”** – Addendum to an Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs (ED-099), NHBOE must vote (1) the participation in the healthy food option; (2) to allow Food and Beverage Exemptions; as follows:

“Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the NHBOE certifies that:

- 1. “Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the NHBOE certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards (CNS) published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups”.**
- 2. The NHBOE It will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are meet: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held.**

The HFC statement is part of the CT State Department of Education’s Online Application and Claiming Systems for Child Nutrition Programs. Hard copies of the form are no longer required but statement must be presented and approved by vote from the school district board of education.

Mr. Penn presented the Certification statements and recommended separating the two statements with two motions for the Board of Education meeting. Mr. Conaway noted and Mr. Penn agreed that the Certifications are submitted annually.

II. DISCUSSION:

- **ESSER II Grant:** Ms. Redd-Hannans reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the grant, providing highlights of proposed spending under 4 priority areas. She explained that the recommendations were developed after meeting with over 800 stakeholders who provided feedback on spending strategies. A discussion ensued. In answer to committee questions, Ms. Redd-Hannans and Dr. Tracey confirmed that proposed staff hired under the grant would be notified upfront that the positions were time limited grant funded positions that end when funding expires. Committee members also asked for detail about the new summer school programs. Ms. Redd-Hannans explained that the RFP process would be utilized for selection of youth service providers and that they will attempt to include as many organizations as possible in order to

provide fun and learning opportunities to engage students at all grade levels. Mr. Wilcox recommended adding a slide outlining the time frame for the grant, a slide for timeline of program implementation, a slide with costs that may become ongoing costs in the future, and a slide with stakeholder participant names. Dr. Tracey noted that the participant list was previously shared with the Board but could be included in the presentation.

Adjournment: Mr. Wilcox asked that the agenda for the April 19, 2021 meeting include an update on the West Rock/Quinnipiac closure and an update on the Cost benefit analysis, previously presented.

A motion by Ms. Rivera, seconded by Mr. Conaway 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