



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
New Haven, Connecticut

NEW HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Monday September 19, 2022

Present: Mr. Matthew Wilcox, Dr. Orlando Yarborough
Staff: Dr. Ilene Tracey, Dr. Finley, Dr. Paul Whyte, Mr. Thomas Lamb,
Ms. Patricia DeMaio, Ms. Typhanie Jackson, Ms. Keisha Redd -Hannans, Ms. Linda
Hannans, Ms. Gemma Joseph Lumpkin, Ms. Pamela Augustine-Jefferson, Ms. Michele
Bonanno, Ms. Rebecca Hunt, Attorney Elias Alexiades
Guest: Ms. Anna Masoutis, Footsteps2 Brilliance Representative

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

Summary of Motions:

#1 Motion to Recommend Approval of Action Items: After presentation of the Action Items, a motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Yarborough to Recommend Approval of 1 Abstract, 7 Agreements, 2 Purchase Orders and 1 Change Order, passed by Roll Call Vote: Dr. Yarborough, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.

#2 Motion to Adjourn: A motion by Dr. Yarborough, seconded by Mr. Wilcox, to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m., passed by Roll Call Vote: Dr. Yarborough, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes

I. INFORMATION ONLY & ACTION ITEMS:

A. INFORMATION ONLY: As noted below, Committee members questioned the end date of Agreement #1. The date was corrected below and on the Information Only document for the Board of Education. In addition, as noted below, Committee members had questions about the air quality testing in Agreement #4.

1. Agreement with New Haven Reads to provide an after school tutoring program for Bishop Woods students, from September 13, 2022 to June 17, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.
Funding Source: ARP ESSER III Carryover Program **Acct. #2553-6399-56694-0043**
Correction: Dr. Yarborough noted that the end date of service was a typo. The correction changed date from June 17, 2022 to June 17, 2023.
2. Amendment #1 to Agreement #96398058 with Common Ground, to change the funding from ARP ESSER II Program, Acct. # 2553-6398-56694-0041 to ARP ESSER III Carryover Program, Acct. #2553-6399-56694-0041, with no change in funding amount of \$17,000.00.
Funding Source: ARP ESSER III Carryover Program **Acct. #2553-6399-56694-0041**
3. Agreement with Common Ground to create and support outdoor learning places and provide classes for students and teachers at Edgewood School, from October 12, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$11,380.00.

Funding Source: Magnet 17-22 Edgewood Program **Acct. #** 2517-6260-56694-0012

4. Agreement with Flow Tech, Inc. to provide Aircuity air monitoring system for MBA High school from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$8,240.00 was presented by Ms. Hunt.

Funding Source: 2022-2023 Operating Budget **Acct. #**3C20-2071-58101

Discussion: Committee members asked if a bulk rate purchase was possible if multiple schools will be tested. Ms. Hunt explained that Metropolitan is the only school tested because of its close proximity to the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge.

B. ABSTRACTS:

1. Infant/Toddler Grant in the amount of \$3,611,290.62 for a two year grant, of which \$1,789,847.40 is designated for July, 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 was presented by Ms. Augustine-Jefferson.

Funding Source: State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood

C. AGREEMENTS:

1. Agreement with State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood to provide full time and part time infant/toddler child day care services, in the amount of \$3,611, 290.62 for June 27, 2022 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$3,611,290.62, of which \$1,789,847.40 is allocated for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 was presented by Ms. Augustine-Jefferson.

Funding Source: Infant Toddler Program **Acct. #**2090-6430

2. Agreement with S.P.O.R.T Academy Est.2013 Inc., to provide an after-school tutoring and activity program for 50 students from Roberto Clemente School, from September 27, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$64,000.00 was presented by Ms. Joseph- Lumpkin, who provided an overview of the program.

Discussion: Committee members asked about the evaluation process used for youth programs, Ms. Joseph-Lumpkin indicated that the district is in the process of implementing the National Institute on Out-of-School Time program evaluation tool. She explained that providers would be trained in the model and it will be implemented this year.

Funding Source: ESSER II Program **Acct. #**2552-6363-56694-0444

3. Agreement with Bilingual Special Education Services of Connecticut, to provide psychological, speech and language evaluation for eligible Special Education students from September 13, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$78,500.00 was presented by Ms. Jackson who answered questions about the services.

Funding Source: ESSER II – ARP IDEA Program **Acct. #**2554-6404-56903-0490

4. Agreement with Psychological Assessment Services, LLC, to provide psych-educational evaluations, including cognitive functioning, achievement testing and behavior rating, from September 13, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 was presented by Ms. Jackson.

Funding Source: ESSER II – ARP IDEA Program **Acct. #** 2554-6404-56903-0490

5. Agreement with Achievement First, to provide Special Education services to New Haven Public School students attending Amistad Academy Charter School and Elm City Chart School, to comply with their Individualized Education Plan, (IEP) from August 29, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed

\$482,926.00 was presented by Ms. Jackson, who provided an overview of the Charter School funding process. **Funding Source:** 2022-23 Operating Budget **Acct. #**190-494-56694-0490

6. Agreement with Scenario Learning, LLC dba Vector Solutions to provide SafeSchools Training online staff training for 5,000 clients, from August 29, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 was presented by Ms. Jackson.

Funding Source: Alliance Program **Acct. #**2547-6105-56694

7. Agreement with Footsteps2Brilliance, Inc., Clever Kids University, to provide an expansion of the Footsteps2Brilliance digital bilingual language and literacy platform for K-3rd students, from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$80,843.00 was presented by Ms. Redd-Hannans who introduced Ms. Masoutis, a representative for the contractor.

Funding Source: ESSER II – ARP Program **Acct. #**2553-6399-55100

D. PURCHASE ORDER

1. Purchase Order with Utility Communications, Inc. for upgrade radio equipment order to replace outdated radios for security staff, from July 1, 2022 to July 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$61,523.28 was presented by Ms. Hunt.

Funding Source: 2022-2023 Operating Budget **Acct. #**190-47300-54411

2. Purchase Order with Brightly Software for facilities work order software and support from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$40,472.10 was presented by Ms. Hunt

Funding Source: 2022-2023 Operating Budget **Acct. #**3C22-2261-58101

E. CHANGE ORDERS:

1. Change Order #1 to Contract #21749A-2-4 with Tucker Mechanical to increase funding amount from \$200,000.00 by \$855,238.00 for a total amount of \$1,055,238.00, to cover costs for continuation of monthly chiller rentals and bring cooling systems up to date at various locations within the district was preceded by Mr. Lamb who explained that the District is renting chillers due to a back order for parts to repair existing chillers. He indicated that chillers at Beecher and Clinton Avenue Schools will require replacement. In response to questions, Mr. Lamb indicated that new chillers will be replaced with equipment that are environmentally friendly with updated efficiencies.

Funding Source: 2022-2023 Capital Projects **Acct. #**3C20-2073-58708 (\$85,788.93)
 2022-2023 Capital Projects **Acct. #**3C22-2261-58101(\$114,211.08)
 ESSER – ARP Program **Acct. #**2553-6399-56697 (\$855,238.00)

II. DISCUSSION:

- **ESSER Update:** Ms. Bonanno reviewed a PowerPoint presentation detailing grant expenditures by the District's Priority Areas. She explained that the grant funding ends June 2023 and that the District is on track for spending with \$17 million available balance through June 2023. A discussion ensued about one time and ongoing expenses. Committee members requested that the presentation contain detail of location of positions and that the updated presentation be included in the Board of Education packets.

- **Final FY 2021-22 Financial Report:** Ms. Hannans reviewed the PowerPoint presentation covering both General Funds and Special Funds. She reported a small unaudited surplus of \$47,688.00 but noted there remain factors which may reduce or change the surplus to deficit. A discussion ensued.
- **Defining the Gap Project:** Mr. Wilcox expressed interest in identifying gaps in service and staffing for development of a budget that goes beyond the bare bones model. He indicated interest in identifying actual numbers for a fully funded model based on number of students and costs, information that would help inform the public and legislators of actual need. Ms. Hannans indicated that the District has a staffing model but it needs to be updated to reflect current needs. A discussion ensued. Mr. Wilcox and Ms. Hannans concurred that it would be helpful to establish a committee to work on this project. Mr. Wilcox will contact Ms. Hannans to discuss details.
- **Student Climate Change Resolution:** Mr. Wilcox reported he is working on a motion to bring the Resolution to the full Board of Education. He will continue to meet with students to discuss and asked that Dr. Yarborough join the meeting.

Adjournment: A motion by Dr. Yarborough, seconded by Mr. Wilcox, to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m., passed by Roll Call Vote: Dr. Yarborough, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes