



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
New Haven, Connecticut

NEW HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, July 19, 2021

MINUTES

Present: Mr. Matthew Wilcox, Ms. Yesenia Rivera, Mr. Larry Conaway
Staff: Dr. Paul Whyte, Mr. Thomas Lamb, Dr. Iline Tracey, Ms. Keisha Redd-Hannans,
Ms. Patricia DeMaio, Ms. Typhanie Jackson, Ms. Viviana Conner, Ms. Mary Derwin,
Mr. Joseph Barbarotta
Closed Captioner

Call to Order: Mr. Wilcox called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Summary of Motions:

Mr. Wilcox recused himself from discussion and voting on Section C, Agreement #1 with Clifford Beers.

1 Abstract, 11 Agreements and 4 Contracts Recommended for Approval in two motions:

Motion #1: A motion by Mr. Conaway, seconded by Ms. Rivera to Recommend Approval of Agreement #1 with Clifford Beers, passed by Roll Call Vote: Mr. Wilcox, Recused; Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Conaway, Yes.

Motion #2: A motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Ms. Rivera to Recommend Approval of 1 Abstract, Agreements #2 to 11 and 4 Change Orders, passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote: Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Conaway, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.

In addition, the Committee Recommended Approval of the Trade Union Collective Bargaining Agreement Renewal for 2021 to 2026 as follows:

Motion #3: A motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Ms. Rivera, to **Recommend Approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement** between the New Haven Board of Education and United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 24; Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 11; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 90; and United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada, Local 777, from July 1, 2021 to June 20, 2026, passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote: Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Conaway, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.

Motion # 4 Adjournment: A motion by Mr. Conaway, seconded by Ms. Rivera to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m., passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote: Mr. Conaway, Yes; Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.

I. INFORMATION ONLY & ACTION ITEMS: Committee members did not have questions about the following Information Only items approved by the Superintendent:

1. Superintendent Approved Agreement with Constance Catrone to recruit, train and supervise 6 masters preparing social workers from NYU and Southern Connecticut State University, to provide integrated school based social work services to students and staff at Metropolitan Business Academy, from August 23, 2021 to June 23, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00.
Funding Source: Interdistrict Magnet Program **Acct. # 270-433-60-56694**
2. Superintendent Approved Agreement with Teachstone, Inc., to perform 32 Head Start classroom observations using the CLASS Observational Tool, from October 1, 2021 to June 25, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$19,200.00. **Funding Source:** Head Start Program **Acct. #2532-5279-56694-0443**

B. ABSTRACTS:

1. **Recommend Approval:** Special Education Stipend COVID-19 Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 was presented by Ms. Jackson who explained that the State awarded districts the funds for Covid support. NHPS will utilize the funds to conduct school psychological evaluations that were delayed during the pandemic. **Funding Source:** Connecticut State Department of Education

C. AGREEMENTS:

1. **Recommend Approval:** Agreement with Clifford W. Beers Guidance Clinic, Inc., to provide interventions, services and mental health support for Head Start student, families and staff, from August 25, 2021 to June 25, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 was presented by Ms. Derwin.
Funding Source: Head Start Program **Acct. # 2532-5278-56694-0443**
Recusal: Mr. Wilcox recused himself from discussion and voting on this Agreement. Mr. Conaway led the discussion and voting.
Motion: A motion by Mr. Conaway, seconded by Ms. Rivera to **Recommend Approval** of Agreement #1 with Clifford Beers, passed by Roll Call Vote: Mr. Wilcox, Recused; Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Conaway, Yes.
2. **Recommend Approval:** Agreement with Pediatric Services of America, LLC d/b/a Aveanna Healthcare to provide nursing care for special education students with complete medical needs, from July 1, 2021 to July 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$22,260.00 was presented by Ms. Jackson.
Funding Source: ESSER I Carryover Program **Acct. # 2550-6342-50157-0000**
3. **Recommend Approval:** Agreement with Pediatric Services of American, LLC d/b/a Aveanna Healthcare to provide nursing care for two special education students during the 2021-2022 school year, from August 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$106,106.00 was presented by Ms. Jackson who explained that the services will be provided to two students who require nursing care, in two separate locations.
Funding Source: IDEA Program (Pending Receipt of Funds) **Acct. #2504-5034-56903-0000**
4. **Recommend Approval:** Agreement with Area Cooperative Educational Services, (ACES), to provide Assistive Technology services for students with special needs, from August 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$60,780.00 was presented by Ms. Jackson.

- Funding Source:** IDEA Program (Pending Receipt of Funds) **Acct. #** 2504-5034-56903-0000
5. **Recommend Approval:** Agreement with CompuClaim to process claims for Medicaid eligible students from August 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$97,200.00 was presented by Ms. Jackson. Ms. Jackson explained that the company generally does not receive the full amount as funding is based on fee collection. **Funding Source:** IDEA Program (Pending Receipt of Funds) **Acct. #**2504-5034-56903-0000
6. **Recommend Approval:** Agreement with Highville Charter School to provide special education services for New Haven students attending Highville Charter School to comply with their IEP's, from August 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$67,727.00 was presented by Ms. Jackson. She explained that two other charter school Agreements are in negotiations at this time as they seek increases over last year.
Funding Source: 2021-2022 Operating Budget **Acct. #**190-494-00-56694
7. **Recommend Approval:** Agreement with American Medical Response to provide standby ambulance service for all levels of sports events/activities, from August 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$38,000.00 was presented by Dr. Whyte on behalf of Mr. Patchkofsky. Dr. Whyte confirmed that the contractor rates are consistent throughout the region.
Funding Source: 2021-2022 Operating Budget **Acct. #**190-40400-56694
8. **Recommend Approval:** Agreement with Gateway Partners, LLC to lease the 1st floor of 54 Meadow Street, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$20,362.75 was presented by Mr. Lamb. **Funding Source:** 2021-2022 Operating Budget **Acct. #**190-47000-56652
9. **Recommend Approval:** Agreement with Gateway Partners, LLC to lease the 8th Floor of 54 Meadow Street, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$102,342.00 was presented by Mr. Lamb. **Funding Source:** 2021-2022 Operating Budget **Acct. #**190-47000-56652
Discussion: Committee members asked about previous plans to move Special Education files from Gateway to another facility. Mr. Lamb explained that staff is looking at other locations and considering cost of renovating the space but will await results of the engineering report once it is complete. He explained that the Gateway owners are aware that the lease is short term and may terminate early if needed.
10. **Recommend Approval:** Amendment #1 to Agreement with Silver Petrucelli & Assoc. to change the Funding Source from Non-Priority School Construction Grant to Capital Projects, with no change in amount, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 was presented by Mr. Lamb.
Funding Source: Capital Projects **Acct. #**3079MB01-58100
11. **Recommend Approval:** Agreement with Hillyard for Eco-Friendly Cleaning Supplies and Service from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$460,000.00 was presented by Mr. Lamb.
Funding Source: 2021-2022 Operating Budget **Acct. #**190-47400-55571

D. CONTRACTS:

1. **WITHDRAWN** Award of Contract #21653 with Anytime Sewer for On Call Sewer Maintenance and cleaning, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 was **withdrawn** by Mr. Barbarotta who explained that the contract is out to bid again as there was only one bidder.

Funding Source: Capital Projects **Acct. #**3C22-2261-58101

2. **Recommend Approval:** Award of Contract #50545R with Tim's Enterprises for On Call Flooring Repairs and Replacement, 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. #**3C22-2261-58101
3. **Recommend Approval:** Award of Contract #50551 with Total Lighting for On Call Testing and Repair of Emergency and Exit Lights, 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. #**3C22-2261-58101
4. **Recommend Approval:** Award of Contract #50527A-2-5 with White Owl Construction for On Call Sidewalk Repairs, 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. #**3C22-2261-58101
5. **Recommend Approval:** Change Order #1 to Contract #21683-2-5 with Tri-State Maintenance Services, LLC to update the generator location for Hooker School, and add Troup School, with no change in funding amount from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 was presented by Mr. Barbarotta.
Funding Source: 2021-2022 Operating Budget **Acct. #**19047400-56624

II. DISCUSSION:

- **Trades Union Collective Bargaining Agreement Renewal:** Mr. Lamb provided an overview of the Contract, noting that the contract has been ratified by union membership for 5 years, 2021-2026, versus previous four year contracts. Mr. Wilcox indicated that the Contract requires Board of Education approval. He asked Mr. Lamb to provide an overview memo detailing changes. He asked that the Bargaining Agreement be included in the Action Items for the July 26, 2021 Board of Education meeting.
Motion: A motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Ms. Rivera, to **Recommend Approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement** between the New Haven Board of Education and United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 24; Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 11; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 90; and United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada, Local 777, from July 1, 2021 to June 20, 2026, passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote: Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Conaway, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.
- **Pay Equity Committee Update:** Mr. Conaway reported that the committee met with administration to discuss pay increase options for full and part time Para Professionals. It was determined that stipends were not an option, but administration will look at increasing rates to 50 cents or \$1.00 over minimum wage. Dr. Tracey reported that Ms. Linda Hannans and Ms. Juanita Mazyck from the Business Offices attended the meeting and discussed the implications of increases, dispelling a misconception that the district has a surplus which could be utilized for increases. They explained that the surplus goes to the City and does not remain with the District. A discussion ensued. Staff agreed to review options for the future. Mr. Wilcox discussed the possibility in the future of setting a higher minimum wage for the

Board of Education, .50 cents or \$1.00 above the National/State minimum wage.

- **Committee Topic Calendar:** Mr. Wilcox noted 9 committee meetings left in the year and questioned the September 7th meeting date, held on a Wednesday. Ms. DeMaio reported that date was incorrect as the committee revised the calendar, approved by the Board, but staff discovered it is listed on the website incorrectly in one place but correct on another page; she will follow up. Mr. Wilcox reviewed a listing of topics covered in meetings last year; members concurred that continued reports on these topics would be helpful. Mr. Wilcox will send out the listing to the Board and staff as a guide to preparing discussion items for agendas.
- **Series 3000 Policy Update:** Mr. Wilcox reported that he has conducted a page by page review of several policies and asked that the committee zero in on policies that need revision. He reported that the Food Service Committee is currently reviewing related policies and will report back. Mr. Lamb volunteered to assist in developing a process review for other policies.

Adjournment: A motion by Mr. Conaway, seconded by Ms. Rivera to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m., passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote: Mr. Conaway, Yes; Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DeMaio