



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
New Haven, Connecticut

NEW HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 29, 2020

SPECIAL MEETING - VIRTUAL

MINUTES

Present: Mr. Matthew Wilcox, Chair; Ms. Yesenia Rivera, Mr. Larry Conaway, Mr. Darnell Goldson
Staff: Mr. Phillip Penn, Dr. Iline Tracey, Ms. Patricia DeMaio, Attorney Michael Pinto, Attorney Elias Alexiades, Mr. Michael Gormany, Ms. Gail Sharry, Mr. Joseph Barbarotta
Other: Closed Captioner

Call to Order: Mr. Wilcox called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

I. ACTION ITEMS

- A. **Information Only:** The Superintendent approved an Agreement with Berchem Moses, P.C. for \$19,000.00. Committee members had no questions.
- B. **Agreements:**
 - 1. Amendment #1 to Agreement with First Student: Mr. Penn and Attorney Pinto announced successful negotiations with First Student, in response to Executive Order 7R. Invoices for the remainder of the 2020 fiscal year will be reduced by \$1,507,967.99.
- C. **Contracts:** Attorney Pinto presented contract renewals for Go To Commercial Services and Eco-Urban Pioneers, LLC. Mr. Penn discussed the plan to mitigate unused hours for Eco-Urban. He explained that in future, staff will increase frequency to every two weeks for review of pre-paid unused hours in order to avoid an accumulation.
- D. **Change Orders:** Mr. Gormany reviewed Change Orders with Nuovo Venture, which increased due to need for supplies related to Covid 19 and an increase for Precision Services for oven cleaning and repair services.

Motion:

A motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Ms. Rivera to Recommend Approval of 1 Agreement, 1 contract and 2 Change Orders, passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote: Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Conaway, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.

II. DISCUSSION

❖ **2020-2021 Budget Mitigation Items**

- **Part-time Staff – General Fund & Before and After School Pre-K program:** In response to a request from the last Board of Education meeting, Mr. Penn reviewed a memo, included in the committee packet that provides a breakdown of staff by role and cost. In addition, the memo

responds to questions asked about the 'Before and After' Pre-K program which is provided free at the magnet schools. He noted that as an alternative to eliminating the program in its entirety, the program could reduce hours to the numbers of hours students spend in the building, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., which would save 2 hours per day in each of 33 classrooms, with an estimated savings of \$200,000.00 per year.

- **2020-2021 Proposed Budget Mitigation:** Mr. Penn reviewed a presentation outlining budget need and Tier I and Tier 2 Mitigation Strategies for budget reductions. A discussion ensued.

Motion to Endorse Tier I Strategies:

A motion by Ms. Rivera, seconded by Mr. Conaway to endorse Tier I budget mitigation strategies and move it to the Board of Education was approved unanimously by Roll Call Vote: Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Conaway, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.

Adjournment: On a motion by Ms. Rivera, seconded by Mr. Conaway, the meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m., passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote: Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Conaway, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Patricia DeMaio