



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
New Haven, Connecticut

NEW HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday March 21, 2022

MINUTES

Present: Mr. Matthew Wilcox, Ms. Yesenia Rivera, Dr. Yarborough
Staff: Dr. Iline Tracey, Dr. Paul Whyte, Dr. Michael Finley, Mr. Thomas Lamb, Ms. Linda Hannans, Ms. Keisha Redd-Hannans, Ms. Typhanie Jackson, Ms. Gemma Joseph Lumpkin, Mr. Pedro Mendia, Ms. Mary Derwin, Ms. Sue Peters, Mr. Justin Harmon.

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

Summary of Action Item Motions:

Motion to Recommend Approval: A motion by Dr. Wilcox, seconded by Ms. Rivera, to **Recommend Approval of 3 Abstract, 5 Agreements and 1 Purchase Order**, passed by Roll Call Vote.

Recusal:

1. Mr. Wilcox recused himself from the deliberation on Agreement #4 with Clifford Beers.
2. Dr. Yarborough recused himself from the deliberation on Agreement #3 with Office of Early Childhood.

I. INFORMATION ONLY & ACTION ITEMS:

A. INFORMATION ONLY: The following items were approved by the Superintendent:

1. Amendment #1 to Agreement #95042269 with Capital Regional Education Council, (CREC), to change the funding source from IDEA Carryover Program, Acct. # 2504-5042-56903-0000 to IDEA Program, Acct. # 2504-5034-56903-0000 with no change in funding amount of \$15,000.00.

Funding Source: IDEA Program

Acct. #2504-5034-56903-0000

Presenter: Ms. Typhanie Jackson

Document Link: CREC

2. Amendment #1 to Agreement #95722240 with Howard Blas, to increase the number of hours of classroom observation and professional development sessions from 22.96 hours by 60 hours, to a total of 82.96 hours, and to increase funding of \$2,296.00 by \$6,000.00 to \$8,296.00.

Funding Source: Title IIA Non-Public Program

Acct. #2511-5678-56905-NP14

Presenter: Ms. Patricia DeMaio

Document Link: Blas

B. ABSTRACT:

1. Virtual Career Awareness Program in the amount of \$17,603.06 for April 4, 2022 to June 17, 2022.

Funding Source: Yale New Haven Hospital

Presenter: Ms. Dina Natalino

Document Link: YaleCareer

Discussion: Dr. Yarborough asks about if there is any insurance requirements since the students are involved. Ms. Natalino states that it is part of the agreement, but with virtual the liability if little but will return once the students are

allowed back on campus. He also talks about cyber risk and if that is covered in regard to liability. Dr. Wilcox requests a memo that states our attorneys have reviewed and approved of the insurance items for this submission.

- Open Choice Grant, in the amount of \$469,080.00 for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Funding Source: Connecticut State Department of Education

Presenter: Ms. Michele Bonanno

Document Link: OpenChoice

Discussion: No questions or inquiries regarding item.

- Public School Infrastructure Competitive Grant Program SSGP, Round 5, in the amount of \$1,005,924.89 of which \$784,621.41 reimbursed by the State.

Funding Source: State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Service & Public Protection

Presenter: Mr. William Zesner/Ms. Gild Herrera

Document Link: Infrastructure

Discussion: Dr. Yarborough III inquired if there is the description of document regarding the be safer program available for reading. Mr. Zesner states Mr. Lamb has the most recent PowerPoint regarding the program, he will see if he can find something more recent, but not much has changed since then. Mr. Wilcox inquired if the grant program will be increasing the number of cameras or if it will just be replacing existing units. Mr. Zesner states that the grant covers both replacements and the installation of new units throughout the schools to cover blind spots and card access readers. Dr. Yarborough inquires of the expiration of the footage, if it purged after a certain period of time has passed. Mr. Zesner responds with previously footage was kept for 15 days, but has as of recent been extended to up to 30 days.

C. AGREEMENTS:

- Non-Financial Student Educational Affiliation Agreement with Yale New Haven Hospital to provide a School to Career Placement Program for New Haven Public School's high school students, from March 11, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

Presenter: Ms. Dina Natalino

Document Link: Yale1

- Memorandum of Understanding with Yale New Haven Hospital to provide \$17,603.75 to New Haven Public School District for up to 25 high school students who participate in the Yale New Haven Hospital Virtual Career Awareness Program, from April 4, 2022 to June 17, 2022.

Presenter: Ms. Dina Natalino

Document Link: Yale 2

- No Cost Amendment #2 to the Child Day Care Contract #20OECDC01NHV with the New Haven Public School District, to formalize policy changes made by the Office of Early Childhood, (OEC), in response to the Covid pandemic, for the period October 2021 through June 2022.

Presenter: Ms. Pamela Jefferson-Augustine

Document Link: OEC

Discussion: Dr. Yarborough inquires if this is just as acknowledgment of understanding. Ms. Augustine confirms it is acknowledgement of understanding and that there are no monetary updates. *Correction made to amend October 2022 to October 2021.

- Amendment #1 to Agreement # 96363258 with Clifford W. Beers Guidance Clinic to expand the Scope of Service to include Roberto Clemente and Obama Magnet schools; to increase the number of students served from 200 by 200 to 400 students, and to increase funding of \$198,000.00 by \$99,000.00 to \$297,000.00.

Funding Sources: ESSER II Program

Acct. #2552-6263-56697-0000 (\$198,000.00)

ARP ESSER Program

Acct. #2553-6398-56694 -0000 (\$99,000.00)

Presenter: Ms. Gemma Joseph Lumpkin

Document Link: CliffordBeers

Discussion: Mr. Yarborough inquiries regarding the enrollment in the program over winter break, Ms. Lumpkin 800 applied but we were only able to honor 200 of them. With the 2 additional sites we are able to include more slots available to more students due to high interest.

5. Amendment #2 to Agreement #96363252 with Boys and Girls Club of New Haven, to 1) increase the number of students served at Bishop Woods School from 50 by 15 to 65 students; 2) to expand the Scope of Service to include Brennan Rogers with 100 students, Beecher with 65 students, and John Daniels School with 65 students, 3) expand the Scope of Service to include winter vacation camp for 61 students and spring vacation camp for 70 students, and 4) increase funding of \$56,400.00 by \$276,224.00 to \$332,624.00.

Funding Sources: 21st Century After School Program

Acct. #2579-6273-56694-0043 (\$ 3,600.00) ESSER II Program:

Acct. #2531-5208-56698 (\$ 52,800.00) Title I

Acct. #2553-6398-56697-0043 (\$ 27,800.00)

Acct. #2553-6398-56697-0021 (\$139,000.00)

Acct. #2553-6398-56697-0003 (\$ 31,800.00)

Acct. #2553-6398-56697-0013 (\$ 42,000.00)

Acct. #2553-6398-56697-0000 (\$ 16,592.00)

Acct. #2553-6398-56697-0000 (\$ 19,032.00)

Presenter: Ms. Gemma Joseph Lumpkin

Document Link: BoysGirls

Discussion: Dr. Yarborough asks about the numbers for the program, as there is a letter dated October in the submission and inquires of the delay in the amendment. Mr. Lumpkin states that the directors were adding locations and students in real time, as the program was live. After months of conversations both parties were able to tally up the totals to what is currently presented to the board. Ms. Lumpkin added that her team would provide a memo to outline the itemized value of the agreement prior to Monday's board meeting. *Correction made to the second account number.

D. PURCHASE ORDER

1. Purchase Order for DecisionEd Group, for the K-12 Performance Management Classroom/student software, provides all functionality of the Administrators option along with licenses and components for classroom staff from March 29, 2022 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$290,800.00.

Funding Source: ESSER II Program

Acct. # 2552-6363-54409-0000

Presenter: Dr. Michele Sherban

Document Link: DecisionED_PO

Discussion: Dr. Yarborough inquires on the timeline of implementation. Dr. Sherban states that once approved we will need servers and assign a point person to the district where they can pull in our data. As well as having end users test run reports and have employees dashboard set up for what they need to see. However, it will be a learning process for all. Dr. Yarborough follows up if we have had a data security audit recently, Mr. Zesner states it has been about 2 years since the last completed audit with the district. However, he adds all the data is secure in the servers as well as in the cloud off site.

II. DISCUSSION:

- **February 2022 Financial Report**

Ms. Hannans noted that the report includes the Monthly General Funds Report. Currently they are still working on finalizing POs that are being utilized and cancelling POs that have not been utilized in over 60 days by the schools. Which will allow March/April financial report to be more robust with its accounts of the current state of affairs.

- **Facilities/ IT related issues of policy for Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth**

Mr. Wilcox states that this discussion a upcoming policy being drafted by Ms. Typhanie Jackson regarding Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming in regard to this and how possibly PowerSchool can be utilized to assist this. Dr. Yarborough inquires the culture of the schools and whether there are resources available or additional conversation and policy is implemented as it relates to facilities and possible building and locker

changes. Mr. Wilcox states this conversation is to find the gap so that they can be filled going forward. Mr. Lamb adds that his IT team has addressed some ideas regarding. As well as with the facilities team reviewing blueprints and how the schools can be adjusted to accommodate the needs for this item. Dr. Tracey adds that training will be required as well, to ensure proper transition.

- **F&O related implications of student-led New Haven Climate Movement resolution**

Mr. Wilcox states that similar to above this discussion is to identify the gaps in regard to climate movement and fill the gaps so that we can lower our footprint and aid the world. Mr. Yarborough asks about Transportation since it is outsourced, and asked if there is a company that has a more climate friendly initiative. Mr. Lamb states that the current vendor has a mix of both diesel and propane buses, and he has begun discussions regarding a more standard in regard to a more sustainable approach.

- **Overview of snow removal operations**

Mr. Wilcox asks about the process of the overall operations. Mr. Barbarotta states all schools are plowed and sanded for each snow storm and a few vendors are hired and assigned schools by zone. Timing of the storm depends on when the preventative measures are assigned to staff and vendors. The issue comes up during a thaw and refreeze overnight, but the parking lot areas need more maintenance in instances such as this. Dr. Yarborough asks if certain schools with problem location whether there can be a tighter partnership between maintenance if it affects our staff since the teacher come in earlier than students and falls occur. Mr. Barbarotta agrees that he can implement a parking lot walkthrough with his staff the morning after storms to quickly address ice issues that either the vendors can handle or in house 287 staff with sanding truck can assist with prior to the start of teachers arrivals.

Adjournment: A motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Ms. Rivera to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m., passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote: Ms. Rivera, Yes; Dr. Yarborough, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

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