



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**Monday, October 23, 2023**  
**VIA ZOOM or HYBRID at**  
**Barack Obama Magnet**  
**69 Farnham Avenue, New Haven, CT 06515**  
**5:30 PM**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Participation (*see instructions below*)
  1. Public comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker. The Board will hear public comment for up to 90 minutes.
- IV. Action Items – Discussion and vote anticipated on each topic
  1. Approval of Board Minutes – **Revised** *September 26, and October 10, 2023*
  2. Personnel Report – *Dr. Madeline Negrón*
  3. *Discussion and Possible Action* – Strong School Warming Center MOU
  4. Finance and Operations Committee – *Mr. Matthew Wilcox*

The Committee recommended approval of the following items:

**ABSTRACTS:**

1. Family Resource Center Grant for Brennan Rogers, Fair Haven, Hill Central, and Wexler-Grant Schools, for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$450,516.00.
2. Title I Consolidated Grant in the amount of \$11,488,745.00 of which \$11,373,131.61 is designated for public schools and \$115,613.39 is designated for non-public schools, from October 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

**AGREEMENTS:**

1. Agreement with Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven, to provide basic literacy and ESOL services provided to adults from Greater New Haven, as part of the State Adult Education Cooperating Eligible Entity Grant, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$80,977.00.
2. Non-Financial Memorandum of Understanding between New Haven Public Schools and the City of New Haven concerning the use of the gymnasium of 130 Orchard Street, New Haven, CT, as a warming shelter for persons experiencing homelessness, from October 15, 2023 to April 30, 2024.
3. Agreement with Trifecta Ecosystems, Inc., to construct two large raised bed gardens for an outdoor learning area at Fair Haven School, and to provide lesson plans, vegetable transplants, automated irrigation and hand-tools, from November 14, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$75190.00.
4. Agreement with Trifecta Ecosystems, Inc. d/b/a Farm2X, to provide year-round maintenance, support and upkeep for the aquaponic system, two hydroponic systems and raised beds in the courtyard area at Barnard School, from October 12, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$48,000.00.
5. Agreement with Teach For America Connecticut (TFA -CT), to provide 60 tutors for Troup, Brennan Rogers and Wexler Grant schools, from October 24, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$180,000.00.



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6. Agreement with Elm City Montessori Charter School, to provide education to students, employ and evaluate staff, and provide leadership for the general school operations, from October 24, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$1,758,206.00.

**CONTRACTS:**

1. Award of Contract 21883 to New Haven Pictograph to provide audio-visual services districtwide for various events and activities from October 15, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.
2. Award of Contract 21878 to Encore Fire Protection for On Call Kitchen Suppression Repair services from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.
3. Award of Contract 21880 to Precision Food Service for On Oven and Steam services on Food Service equipment from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.
4. Award of Contract to Fresh Point to provide the district with a Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$161,000.00.

**PURCHASE ORDERS:**

1. Purchase Order under TIPS Contract 230105 with Fulcrum Management Solutions Inc. dba ThoughtExchange to provide a collaborative engagement platform from November 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$33,840.00.
2. Purchase Order with Frontline Technologies Group, LLC to provide Applicant tracking, absence management for the Human Resources Dept from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$71,621.05.

- V. Student's Report
- VI. Teaching and Learning Report – Dr. Edward Joyner
- VII. Facilities Naming Committee Report – Dr. Edward Joyner
- VIII. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Madeline Negrón
  - PRESENTATION: On the Path to Mathematics Student Success
- IX. President's Report – Ms. Yesenia Rivera
- X. Head Start Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox
- XI. Citywide School Building Committee Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox
- XII. Finance & Operations Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox
- XIII. Governance Report – Dr. Abie Benitez
- XIV. Food Service Task Group Report – Dr. OrLando Yarborough
- XV. Adjournment

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