



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
New Haven, Connecticut

NEW HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, March 7, 2022

MINUTES

Present: Mr. Matthew Wilcox, Dr. Orlando Yarborough
Staff: Dr. Iline Tracey, Dr. Michael Finley, Dr. Paul Whyte, Mr. Thomas Lamb, Ms. Keisha Redd-Hannans, Ms. Linda Hannans, Ms. Patricia DeMaio, Dr. Nicholas Perrone, Ms. Mary Derwin, Mr. Marc Potocsky, Dr. Richard Therrien, Mr. Joseph Barbarotta, Mr. Justin Harmon, Ms. Typhanie Jackson, Ms. Viviana Conner, Attorney Elias Alexiades
Closed Captioner

Call to Order: Mr. Wilcox called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Recusal: Mr. Wilcox recused himself for discussion and deliberation on Section B. Abstract for the Head Start Grant and Section C. Attestation to Approve Submission of Head Start Grantee.

Motions to Approve Action Items:

1. Dr. Yarborough moved the Abstract for the Head Start Grant and the Attestation to Approve Submission of Head Start Grantee to the full Board with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Wilcox recused.
2. A motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Yarborough to recommend approval of **4 Agreements, 1 Contract, 1 Change Order and the Healthy Food Certification Addendum**, passed by Roll Call Vote: Dr. Yarborough, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.

I. INFORMATION ONLY & ACTION ITEMS:

A. INFORMATION ONLY: Committee members did not have questions about the following Information Items approved by the Superintendent

1. Agreement with Common Ground/New Haven Ecology Project, to provide outdoor activities and programs for K-5th grade students at Family Academy of Multilingual Exploration, from February 1, 2022 to June 17, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00.
Funding Source: ARP ESSER Program **Acct. #2553-6398—56694-0041**
2. Agreement with Arts in CT Corps, to provide guest artists for an arts and cultural program for K-8 students at Edgewood Creative Thinking through Steam Magnet School, from March 15, 2022 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$5,800.00.
Funding Source: ARP ESSER Program **Acct. #2553-6398-56694-0012**

B. ABSTRACT:

1. Head Start Grant in the amount of \$6,070,637.00 for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 was presented by Ms. Derwin. **Funding Source:** U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Head Start
Recusal: Mr. Wilcox recused himself from discussion and deliberation on this item.

C. ATTESTATION TO APPROVE SUBMISSION OF HEAD START GRANTEE

We, the members of the Board of Education for the New Haven Public Schools Head Start Program grant #: 01CH01090503C3, approve the submission of the continuation application to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start, for the City of New Haven in New Haven County requesting a budget in the total amount of \$6,070,637.00 of which \$6,003,703.00 is designated for operations and \$66,934.00 is for training and technical assistance for the Head Start Program grant period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, was presented by Ms. Derwin.

Recusal: Mr. Wilcox recused himself from discussion and deliberation on this item.

Recommendation for Approval: Dr. Yarborough moved the Abstract for the Head Start Grant and the Attestation to Approve Submission of Head Start Grantee to the full Board with a recommendation for approval. Mr. Wilcox recused

D. AGREEMENTS:

1. Agreement with Foundation for the Arts and Trauma, Inc., d/b/a ALIVE/Miss Kendra Program to provide preventive trauma informed programs for students in 1st -7th grades at Edgewood School, from March 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 was presented by Dr. Perrone.
Funding Source: ARP ESSER Program **Acct #** 2553-6398-56694-0012
2. Agreement with Foundation for the Arts and Trauma, Inc., d/b/a ALIVE/Miss Kendra Program to provide trauma informed counseling services to students at Sound School, and to provide in-service education to staff, from March 15, 2022 to June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 was presented by Mr. Potocsky.
Funding Source: ARP ESSER Program **Acct. #**2553-6398-56694-0067
3. Agreement with Carolina Biological Supply Company to provide K5 Smithsonian Science program, including materials, kits, online resources and support, and professional development from March 15, 2022 to June 1, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$2,830,898.63 was presented by Dr. Therrien who answered questions about curriculum for grades 6-12. He also indicated that they do not plan to utilize Orchard Street for kit assembly and storage.
Funding Source: ARP ESSER Program **Acct. #**2553-6398-55100-0414
4. Agreement with Verizon Wireless to provide voice messages services, data services, support devices from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 was presented by Dr. Tracey.
Funding Source: 2022-2023 Operating Budget **Acct. #**190-47200-52260

E. CONTRACTS:

- 1. Award of Contract with Ruotolo Mechanical Inc. for Mauro Sheridan Booster Pump Replacement from March 1, 2022 to August 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$41,065.00 was presented by Mr. Barbarotta.
Funding Source: Capital Projects **Acct. #**3C202071-58101

F. CHANGE ORDERS:

- 1. Change Order #1 to Contract with Hillyard, Inc., to increase amount from \$75,000.00 by \$45,000.00 for a total amount of \$120,000.00 to cover costs for On Call Custodial Equipment Repairs was presented by Mr. Barbarotta.
Funding Source: Capital Projects **Acct. #**3C20-2071-58101 (\$45,000.00)
Funding Source: Capital Projects **Acct. #**3C22-2261-58101 (\$75,000.00)

G. HEALTHY FOOD CERTIFICATION

To approve the **“Healthy Food Certification Statement”** – Addendum to an Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs (ED-099), NHBOE must vote (1) the participation in the healthy food option; (2) to allow Food and Beverage Exemptions; as follows,

“Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the NHBOE certifies that:

- 1. “Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the NHBOE certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.
- 2. The NHBOE It will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food sales. “

The HFC statement it is part of the CT State Department of Education’s Online Application and Claiming Systems for Child Nutrition Programs. Hard copies of the form are no longer required but statement must be presented and approved by vote from the school district board of education.

REVIEW: Committee members reviewed and staff confirmed that the Certification is required annually.

II. DISCUSSION:

- **Update on Public Budget Forum:** Dr. Tracey and Ms. Hannans reported on the first forum, held on March 3, 2022. Dr. Yarborough and Mr. Wilcox, who attended the forums, commended staff for their thorough report and response to questions. Ms. Hannans explained that it is important for the community to understand that the district is primarily funded by grants which cannot be used to supplant. She noted that the district is underfunded and the trend toward reliance on grants cannot continue. Dr. Tracey reported that Mayor Elicker has proposed a \$5 million budget for the District, which must be approved by the Board of Alders. A second public forum will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. A discussion ensued. **No motion was made and no vote was taken.**

Adjournment: A motion by Dr. Yarborough, seconded by Mr. Wilcox to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 p.m., passed by Roll Call Vote: Dr. Yarborough, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DeMaio