

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

March 13, 2023

VIA ZOOM

5:30 PM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Participation (*see instructions below*)
 - i. 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
 - i. Approval of Board Minutes – *February 27, 2023 and January 23, 2023*
 - ii. Personnel Report – Dr. Iline Tracey
 - iii. Finance and Operations Committee – Mr. Matthew Wilcox

The Committee recommended approval of the following items:

AGREEMENTS:

- i. Amendment #1 to Agreement #96393161 with Trifecta Ecosystems, Inc., to refine the payment structure from lump sum to 50% deposit to start project for purchase of supplies and materials; 25% when Hydroponic systems are installed and 25% after Aquaponics system is installed, with no change in total funding amount of \$117,891.90.
- ii. Amendment #2 to Agreement #96363032 with Boy Scouts of America – CT Yankee Council, to expand the Scope of Service to provide STEM day programming for 50 students, grades K-8; and to increase funding of \$136,974.00 by \$42,000.00 to \$178,974.00 covered by ESSER II funds.
- iii. Agreement with Abundant Harvest Outreach Community Engagement, to provide outreach and case management to students identified as chronically absent, from March 14, 2023 to June 23, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.
- iv. Amendment #1 to Agreement #95208194 with 'r Kids, Inc., to change the funding source and acct # from Title I Program, acct. #2531-5208-56694-0000 to Title I Carryover Program, acct. #2531-5265-56694-0480, with no change in funding amount of \$135,000.00.
- v. Amendment #1 to Agreement A23-0049 with McPherson & Jacobson for Superintendent search to increase funding amount from \$32,900.00 by \$6,000.00 for a total amount of \$38,900.00 to cover travel costs associated to the facilitation of interviews for the Superintendent candidates.

CONTRACTS:

- i. Change Order #1 to Contract 21740B-2-4 to Long Wharf Transportation, LLC. to decrease funding amount from \$37,500.00 by \$11,250.00 for a total amount of \$26,250.00, due to City placing vendor on hold and not able to perform services.
- ii. Change Order #1 to Contract 21740A-2-4 to Auto parts & Service Inc. to increase funding amount from \$37,500.00 by \$11,250.00 for a total amount of \$48,750.00 to cover services for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- iii. Change Order #1 to Contract 21681-3-4 to Connecticut Custom Aquatics LLC for on call swimming pool repairs and supplies, to increase funding amount from \$50,000.00 by \$10,000.00 for a total amount of \$60,000.00.



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PURCHASE ORDERS:

- i. Purchase Order for CDW Government, Inc. to provide amplified support for google education, from February 1, 2023 to February 1, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.
- ii. Purchase Order for Total Communications to provide cisco umbrella cloud security from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$84,690.00.
- iii. Purchase Order for Total Communications to provide ups refresh at select locations from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$886,332.56.
- iv. Purchase Order for Total Communications to provide network refresh at select locations from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$624,869.09 (BOE Portion \$103,414.36; ERATE Reimbursement \$586,014.71.
- v. Purchase Order for Total Communications to provide wireless upgrade at Career, Edgewood, Mayo, NHA, ESUMS, Obama and Worthington Hooker from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$555,217.69 (BOE Portion \$83,282.65; ERATE Reimbursement \$471,935.03.

- 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. Iline Tracey
 - i. Principal Voices – Mr. Shawn True *of Hill Regional Career High School* and Ms. Nicole Brown *of Hill Central Music Academy*
 - ii. 2023-2024 Budget Proposal – Ms. Linda Hannans
 - iii. UPDATE on Open Choice/Woodbridge Issue
- 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

Zoom Information:

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with the Board in advance of the meeting: <https://www.nhps.net/Page/761> Public participation comments should be submitted prior to 12:00 noon March 13, 2023.