

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

February 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 – *January 23, 2023*
 - ii. Personnel Report – Dr. Iline Tracey
 - iii. *Discussion and Possible Action of Proposed New 2023-2024 Governance Schedule*
 - iv. *Discussion and Possible Action of Special Graduation Requirements 2023*
 - v. Finance and Operations Committee – Mr. Matthew Wilcox

The Committee recommended approval of the following items:

AGREEMENTS:

- i. Amendment #1 to Agreement #96399090 with Common Ground Schoolyards Program, to increase funding of \$20,000.00 by \$8,000.00 to \$28,000.00 to cover costs of adding an assistant teacher from the program at Jon C. Daniels School, with no change in funding source or scope of services.
- ii. Agreement with Ice the Beef to provide a mentor program during school and after school for 25 students from Jepson and 25 students from Barnard schools, from February 14, 2023 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.
- iii. Amendment #1 to Agreement with Baystate Interpreters, Inc. to increase the funding amount of \$18,000.00 by \$7,000.00 to \$25,000.00 which will cover additional costs incurred for the special education documents.
- iv. Agreement with Area Cooperative Education Services, (ACES), - Urban Youth Elementary, to provide the educational program, Urban Youth Elementary, to “at risk” students, from August 22, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000.00.
- v. Agreement with Area Cooperative Education Services, (ACES), to provide the Aspire Program to “at risk” students, from August 29, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000.00.
- vi. Agreement with Alpha to Omega Management Group, Inc., d/b/a Brown Girls Cooking and Conversation, to provide outreach and case management of up to 100 students identified as chronically absent, from February 14, 2023 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.
- vii. Agreement with Connecticut Violence Intervention Program, Inc., to provide outreach and case management for 100 students identified as chronically absent, from February 14, 2023 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.
- viii. Agreement with Ice the Beef to provide outreach and case management to 100 students identified as chronically absent, from February 14, 2023 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.
- ix. Amendment #1 to Agreement #96363135 with Arts in CT Corp, to expand the Scope of Service to include outreach and case management of 40 students identified as chronically absent and, to increase funding amount of \$30,000.00 by \$24,000.00 to \$54,000.00.



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- x. Amendment #1 to Agreement #96393141 with Kiyama Movement, Inc., to expand the Scope of Service to include outreach and case management to 100 students identified as chronically absent, and to increase funding of \$30,000.00 by \$60,000.00 to \$90,000.00.
- xi. Amendment #1 to Agreement #95326164 with Upon this Rock Ministries, to expand the Scope of Service to include outreach and case management to 100 students identified as chronically absent, and to increase funding of \$42,900.00 by \$60,000.00 to \$102,900.00.
- xii. Amendment #2 to Agreement #96363107 with S.P.O.R.T Academy Est.2013 Inc., to change funding source for Brennan Rogers from 21st Century Program, Acct. #2579-6325-56694-0021 to 21st Century Program, Acct. #2579-6354-56694-0021, with no change in funding amount for the school; and to expand the Scope of Service to include outreach and case management to 100 students identified as chronically absent, and, to increase funding of \$88,600.00 by \$60,000.00 to \$148,600.00.
- xiii. Amendment #2 to Agreement with Kids Kraze to expand the Scope of Service to include outreach and case management to 80 students identified as chronically absent, and to increase funding of \$73,775.00 by \$48,000.00 to \$121,775.00.
- xiv. Agreement with Urban Community Alliance to provide outreach and case management for 20 students identified as chronically absent, from February 14, 2023 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$24,000.00.
- xv. Agreement with The Monk Center for Academic Enrichment and Performing Arts, to expand the Scope of Service to include outreach and case management to 100 students identified as chronically absent, and to increase funding of \$30,000.00 by \$60,000.00 to \$90,000.00.
- xvi. Agreement with Svigals & Partners, LLC to provide On Call Architectural Services as needed, from February 13, 2023 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.
- xvii. Agreement with Innovative Engineering Solutions, LLC to provide On Call Mechanical Engineering Services as needed, from February 13, 2023 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.

PURCHASE ORDERS:

- i. Purchase Order with Encore Fire Protection for repairs to fire panel for Lincoln Bassett, from January 11, 2023 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$48,092.00.
- ii. Purchase Order with Advanced Office Systems for equipment purchase of 18 milestone servers from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$194,274.00.
- iii. Purchase Order with CDW Government, Inc. for Sophos subscription license renewal from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$80,250.00.
- iv. Purchase Order with Utility Communications, Inc. for security upgrades to Edgewood School, from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$44,726.71.
- v. Purchase Order with Utility Communications, Inc. for security upgrades to ESUMS, from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$263,480.55.
- vi. Purchase Order with Utility Communications, Inc. for security upgrades to multiple locations, from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$40,520.00.

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

- State of NHPS Update

- i. Literacy/Math/Chronic Absenteeism/Career Pathways

- ii. Principal Voices: Mrs. Kenneasha Sloyer, Principal of Conte West Hills and Mrs. Medria Blue-Ellis, Principal of ESUMS



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- 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
 - i. FIRST READING of Policy 5118.1(a) Homeless Students
 - XIV. Food Service Task Group Report – Dr. Orlando Yarborough
 - XV. Executive Session
 - i. Executive Session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(6)(A) concerning the employment (*contract renewals*) of public officers or employees Thomas Lamb, Viviana Conner, and Dr. Michael Finley.
 - ii. Executive Session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 1-200(6)(B) and §§ 1-201(b)(4) & (10) concerning strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims by William Wynn, and discussion which would result in the disclosure of attorney-client privileged communications.
 - XVI. *Discussion and Possible Action resulting from Executive Session* regarding:
 - i. Renewal of contracts for Thomas Lamb, Viviana Conner, and Dr. Michael Finley.
 - ii. Results of Pending Litigation.
 - XVII. Adjournment
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