



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
New Haven, Connecticut

NEW HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 17, 2023

MINUTES

Present: Mr. Matthew Wilcox, Dr. Orlando Yarborough, Ms. Yesenia Rivera
Staff: Dr. Paul Whyte, Dr. Michael Finley, Ms. Keisha Redd-Hannans, Ms. Viviana Conner, Ms. Patricia DeMaio, Mr. Thomas Lamb, Ms. Juanita Mazyck, Ms. Christine Borne, Ms. Jessica Haxhi, Mr. Frank Fanelli, Ms. Mary Derwin, Attorney Elias Alexiades

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

Summary of Motions:

1. **Amended Motion to Recommend Approval of Action Items:** A motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Yarborough to amend the original motion to recommend approval of 2 Abstracts, 1 Grant Application for Office of Head Start; Amendment #3 to Local 3429 Para Money Purchase Plan; and, 2 Agreements, passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote: Dr. Yarborough, Yes; Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.
2. **Motion to Recommend Approval of Action items:** A motion by Mr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Yarborough, to Recommend Approval of 2 Abstracts; 1 Grant Application for Office of Head Start; Amendment #3 to Local 3429 Para Money Purchase Plan, 2 Agreements and 1 Contract, passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote: Dr. Yarborough, Yes; Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.
3. **Motion to Adjourn:** A motion by Dr. Yarborough, seconded by Mr. Wilcox, to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m., passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote: Dr. Yarborough, Yes; Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.

I. ACTION ITEMS:

A. ABSTRACTS:

1. NHPS Arabic Program QFI Grant, in the amount of \$37,137.00 for August 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023 was presented by Ms. Haxhi who provided an overview of the program and answered questions.
Funding Source: Qatar Foundation International, LLC
2. CT-SEDS Implementation Stipend Grant, in the amount of \$52,500.00 of which \$50,000.00 is designated for New Haven Public Schools and \$2,500 is designated for non-public schools, from March 1, 2023 to September 1, 2023 was presented by Ms. Redd-Hannans on behalf of Ms. Typhanie Jackson. Ms. Redd-Hannans answered questions about the new State required system for PPT documentation and need for staff training.
Funding Source: Connecticut State Department of Education

B. APPROVAL FOR GRANT APPLICATION:

1. Request Board of Education Approval to submit a funding application to the Office of Head Start for the COLA and Quality Improvement funds in the amount of \$495,591.00 of which, \$345,307.00 is designated for the Cost of Living Adjustment and \$150,284.00 if for Quality Improvement, for the period of July 1, 2023 through March 30, 2024 was presented by Ms. Derwin.

C. APPROVAL FOR LOCAL 3429 PARA MONEY PURCHASE PENSION PLAN AMENDMENT 3:

1. Amendment 3 to Local 3429 Paraprofessional Money Purchase Pension Plan dated as of July 1, 2013, is hereby amended as follows Article IX sections 9.1 and 10.4 was presented by Mr. Lamb who explained that the changes pertain to outdated language due to new regulations. Mr. Wilcox asked Mr. Lamb to provide a memo for the Board of Education that outlines specific changes.

D. AGREEMENTS:

1. Agreement with Modern Classroom Project, to provide an online mentorship program and webinars for educators, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$140,000.00 was presented by Ms. Redd-Hannans on behalf of Ms. Edith Johnson.
Funding Source: ESSER III Carryover Program **Acct. #2553-6399-56694-0410**
2. Agreement with Daikin Applied Americas, Inc. to provide chiller repair services for Wilbur Cross High School, from May 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$71,201.00 was presented by Mr. Lamb.
Funding Source: ESSER II Carryover Program **Acct. # 2553-6399-56697-0474**

E. CONTRACTS:

1. **WITHDRAWN: Award of Contract 21835 with Barrett Inc.** for Hillhouse Auditorium Roof Replacement from May 1, 2023 to July 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$292,600.00 was initially presented by Mr. Fanelli. After the first vote to approve recommendation of action items, Mr. Lamb noted that the dates of service cross fiscal years. He and Ms. Redd-Hannans discussed best method to make the corrections. It was determined that the Agreement would be withdrawn so that Mr. Lamb has time to consult the contractor on whether or not the contract can be split between the two fiscal years and the financial split. Mr. Lamb noted that a Special Meeting may be needed prior to the Board of Education meeting on Monday, April 24, 2023 in order to present the transportation contract. He indicated that the corrected Barrett contract would be re-presented at that time.
Funding Source: ESSER II Carryover **Acct. #25536399-56697-0474**

Amended vote recommending approval of action items: Since the committee members had already voted to recommend approval of the action items, Mr. Wilcox made a motion to amend the original motion. The motions and votes taken are as follows:

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II. DISCUSSION:

- **March 2023 Financial Report:** Ms. Borne presented the General Fund portion of the report and Ms. Mazyck presented the Special Funds portion of the report. Ms. Borne confirmed that budget mitigation efforts continue. **No motion was made and no vote was taken.**
- **Food Service Budget Report:** Mr. Gormany reviewed the budget report and answered questions. The Food Service Budget report will be forwarded to Board of Education members and posted. **No motion was made and no vote was taken.**
- **Series 3000 Block 3 Polies:** Mr. Wilcox indicated that the policies, previously posted, will have final review at the next Finance and Operations Committee meeting. At that time, the committee will vote to move those policies to the Governance Committee. **No motion was made and no vote was taken.**

Adjournment: a motion by Dr. Yarborough, seconded by Mr. Wilcox, to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m., passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote: Dr. Yarborough, Yes; Ms. Rivera, Yes; Mr. Wilcox, Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DeMaio