



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Monday, March 25, 2024
VIA ZOOM or HYBRID at
Ross Woodward Magnet
185 Barnes Avenue, New Haven, CT 06513
5:30 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. 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 60 minutes.
4. Action Items – Discussion and vote anticipated on each topic
 1. Approval of Board Minutes – *March 11, 2024*
 2. Personnel Report – *Dr. Madeline Negrón*
 3. Discussion and Possible Actions:
 - a. Motion to name the front foyer at James Hillhouse High School after Dr. Lonnie Garris, Jr.
 - b. Motion to name the Library Media Center at Roberto Clemente after Mrs. Hazel Pappas.
 4. Finance and Operations Committee – *Mr. Matthew Wilcox*

The Committee recommended approval of the following items:

ABSTRACTS:

1. Every Child Art Experience Grant, in the amount of \$2,500.00 to provide tickets to “Sanctuary City” at Hartford Theater Works for 30 New Haven Academy students, from February 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024.
2. Open Choice Program Grant in the amount of \$317,875.00, reflecting CT State Department of Education awards of \$3,000.00 per student for a total of 105 students from surrounding towns enrolled in non-Interdistrict Magnet Schools, Bishop Woods, Brennan-Rogers, Celentano, Roberto Clemente, Conte-West Hills, East Rock, F.A.M.E., John Martinez, Elm City Montessori, Barack H. Obama, and Wilbur Cross, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

RESOLUTION:

Required Resolution by State of CT Department of Agriculture for grant to HSC to expand outdoor garden. The Resolution reflects the Board of Education approved Authorized Signature Resolution.

1. “Be it resolved that it is in the best interest of the New Haven Board of Education, City of New Haven to enter into contracts with the CT Department of Agriculture.

In furtherance of this resolution, the President of the New Haven Board of Education, City of New Haven is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts approved by the by the New Haven Board of Education.

The President of the New Haven Board of Education is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents, approved by the New Haven Board of Education, as may be required by the state or federal government in connection with said approved contracts and to



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execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto approved by the New Haven Board of Education.

The Secretary is authorized to impress the seal of the New Haven Board of Education on any such New Haven Board of Education documents, amendment, rescission, or revision approved by the New Haven Board of Education.”

AGREEMENTS:

1. Agreement with Caley Schwartz Psychological Service, LLC, to provide a student with a full program to support the development of core social deficits-functional life skills, self-care, functional use of language, and problem solving and, to provide a parent involvement and training component, from March 26, 2024 to June 14, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$45,936.00.
2. Amendment #1 to Agreement with Learn Regional Service Center, (LEARN), to add a funding source and account number, splitting the total funding of \$122,000.00, with no change in funding amount as follows of \$122,000.00.
3. Agreement with Auntie Rose Child Day Care and Development Center, to provide a COLA for 46 School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$28,835.00.
4. Agreement with The Little Schoolhouse, to provide a COLA for 18 School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$14,028.00.
5. Agreement with Creative ME, to provide a COLA for 32 School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$24,939.00.
6. Agreement with Central CT Coast YMCA, to provide a COLA for 18 School Readiness spaces, from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$15,587.00.
7. Amendment 1 to Agreement with Winston Strategic Partners LLC to change funding source from 190-40700-56694 to funding source 270-40700-56697, with no change in funding amount of \$60,000.00.
8. Agreement with MAJ Kiernan Shippee as an instructor of the JROTC Program at Hillhouse High School from February 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$44,467.40 (BOE Portion: \$22,233.70).
9. Agreement with Crown Castle International Corp. to upgrade the Wide Area Network for New Haven Public Schools district to provide greater bandwidth and stability from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2029.

CONTRACTS:

1. Award of Contract 21922 with Auto Parts & Services Inc. to provide on call vehicle maintenance services for NHPS fleet, from March 18, 2024 to June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.
5. Student’s Report
6. Teaching and Learning Report – Dr. Edward Joyner
7. Facilities Naming Committee Report – Dr. Edward Joyner
8. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Madeline Negrón
 - Strategic Operating Plan Design Update
 - Superintendent’s Spring Reading Challenge
 - Superintendent’s Attendance Challenge
9. President’s Report – Ms. Yesenia Rivera
10. Head Start Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox
11. Citywide School Building Committee Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox
12. Finance & Operations Report – Mr. Matthew Wilcox



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13. Governance Report – Dr. Abie Benitez

14. Food Service Task Group Report – Dr. OrLando Yarborough

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- i. Executive Session pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(6)(A) re: discussion concerning contractual agreements of public officers in the positions of: (a) Gemma Joseph-Lumpkin, Chief of Youth, Family, and Community Engagement; (b) Lisa Mack, Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations; and (c) Keisha Redd-Hannans, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; (d) Dr. Paul Whyte, Assistant Superintendents; and (e) Linda Hannans, Chief Financial Officer.
- ii. Discussion and possible action on matters heard in Executive Session.

16. Adjournment

Zoom Information:

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