



## CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

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### Regular School Board Meeting Minutes from June 5, 2017 New Britain Educational Administration Center

#### Call to Order and Roll Call

##### Call to Order

Mr. Nicholas Mercier, President of the Board Education, called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

##### Board Members Present

Ms. Grisselle Aponte, Ms. Sharon Beloin-Saavedra, Ms. Mallory Deprey, Mr. Merrill Gay, Ms. Miriam Geraci, Mr. Nicholas Mercier, Ms. Nicole Rodriguez, Ms. Daisy Sanchez, Ms. Gayle Sanders-Connolly,

##### Board Members Absent/Excused

Ms. Elaine Zottola

#### Public Participation

##### Yvonne Muniz

Ms. Muniz, DDS North Region, said she tracks data throughout the state and has been keeping an eye on the high school. She is concerned that numbers are dropping in certain areas and noted that in many districts, a transition coordinator is on site and feels that NBHS can benefit from having one.

#### Awards/Recognition

- Elaine Kieffer of Kelly Services was recognized for being named Substitute of the Year in the state of Connecticut
- Janice Miles of Kelly Services was recognized for her heroic actions in saving a staff member's life
- Pawel Figat and Matthew Cannata were recognized by CABA for winning a Communications Award for their video, NBHS Class of 2016.

#### Presentations

Ms. Jennifer Wright and Ms. Susan O'Connor gave a presentation regarding the Summer XTREME Program. A copy of the presentation has been attached.

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## Superintendent's Report from Ms. Nancy Sarra

Ms. Sarra gave board members a detailed handout of the progress that has been made over the past several weeks. She also reported the following:

### 1. NBHS Production of The Little Mermaid wins two Halo Awards

The New Britain High School Music Department is proud to announce that their March production of "Disney's: The Little Mermaid" with book by Doug Wright, music by Alan Menken and lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater, came home with two Halo Awards.

The Halo Awards, sponsored by the Seven Angels Theater in Waterbury, is a recognition of excellence in High School Theater in Connecticut with similar awards and categories to the Oscars or the Tony Awards.

Both awards went to senior Jasmine Colapietro. She was awarded a special recognition 'Above and Beyond' Halo for her work as Assistant Director on the production. The second was a Halo for 'Best Costume Design/Execution' for her work managing the costume rental and designing additional costume pieces and accessories for the production and our performances at the New Britain Public Library and the preview tour to all of the elementary schools throughout CSDNB.

Jason Ferrandino, Director of the NBHS Production, said they also received nominations for Robert Breau (Best Actor in a Comedic Role) for his performance as Scuttle, Celeste Gigliotti (Best Actress in a Supporting Role) for her portrayal of Ursula the Sea Witch, Jasmine Colapietro for her on-stage role as Ariel (Best Leading Actress) and for the Stage Crew as Best Running Crew for all their work backstage.

### 2. Jordan Fisher Concert at HALS

Jordan Fisher, triple threat singer, songwriter and actor, performed a private concert for the students and staff at HALS Academy and the NBHS Satellite Careers Academy on May 26. The private concert was the grand prize of a national student essay contest that was sponsored by VH1 Save The Music Foundation (VH1STM).

Genesis Brown, student at HALS, was selected as the winner of VH1STM's National Student Essay Contest. The essay contest was open for students in grades K-8 and those writing had to explain why music education in school is important.

### 3. The Buzzin' Bistro

We unveiled our new food truck on May 23. The name of the truck is The Buzzin' Bistro and Jeff Taddeo of Whitsons is finalizing plans to roll out the truck this summer to our various neighborhoods. More information from Whitsons will be coming soon.

## Committee Reports

- **Curriculum:** Ms. Aponte reported that they talked about Social-Emotional Curriculum. They also received a presentation from the Department of Academics about intentional play in our kindergarten classrooms.
- **Finance/Facilities:** Ms. Sanders-Connolly said there were a wide variety of topics that were discussed at the meeting and they will all be reviewed during tonight's meeting.
- **Policy:** Ms. Rodriguez said they are ready to talk about the distribution of contraceptive devices and that will be reviewed during tonight's meeting. She also said they discussed the policy regarding possession of firearms and deadly weapons. Ms. Rodriguez also reported that the state is looking to push off the increase in credits for graduation to the class of 2023.
- **Personnel:** Ms. Sanchez they discussed a few new positions, including Ed Tech Leader. The other positions they reviewed will be discussed in more details at tonight's meeting.

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## Board Reports

- Mr. Mercier noted that we had the NBHS Scholarship Dinner on May 25. He said that we handed out over \$500,000 in scholarships and that the diversity of students, scholarships and the different pathways that NBHS offers was evident.
- Mr. Mercier said the superintendent would like the Transportation Ad-Hoc Committee to start meeting again. Mr. Mercier appointed himself and Ms. Sanders-Connolly and opened it up for more volunteers.
- Mr. Mercier said the Mayor and other representatives have been at the Capitol for more money for the students of New Britain. He said that it appears the budgets with momentum have money slated to come this way.

## Upcoming Events

Mr. Mercier gave a list of upcoming events through June 19. For a full listing of events, please visit [www.csdnb.org](http://www.csdnb.org) and click on Calendars > Upcoming Events.

## Consent Agenda

There were no objections and/or requests from board members to move the following item off the Consent Agenda. Therefore, these items were approved.

### **Approve minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting on May 22, 2017**

The minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting from May 22, 2017 can be found online at [www.csdnb.org](http://www.csdnb.org).

### **Academics: Bid Waiver Approval for Chromebooks at Slade Middle School**

**Submitted by Todd Verdi | Reviewed by the Finance Committee on June 1, 2017**

Slade Middle School continues to develop its technology ratio to consistently meet the needs of all students. The implementation of technology within the district curriculum as a developmental and support tool to engage students has dramatically increased over the years. Providing a Blended learning Intervention, Acceleration and curricular support initiative. This initiative provides students the technology base to assist in accelerating their learning, supporting 21st Century Skill Building and online access to curriculum based programming. Classroom instruction also requires teachers to integrate technology in their classes. The purchase of 50 Chromebooks, as described in the purchase order, will provide teachers with the necessary technology to meet the needs of our students in a smaller group/station setting. The total cost is \$10,470.00 and the funding source is SIG 103(g) Instructional.

### **Operations: Bid Waiver and Purchase Order Approval for additional handicapped compliant walkways to New Britain High School on the west side entrance**

**Submitted by Ray Moore | Reviewed by the Finance Committee on June 1, 2017**

The original Invitation to Bid was advertised in the Hartford Courant on Thursday, March 9, 2017. Six (6) contractors were present at the mandatory prebid meeting at NBHS on Thursday, March 16th at 9:30 AM. Three (3) bids were opened on Thursday, March 23, 2017 and the lowest responsible bidder was Garafalo & Saraceno of Middletown. The base bid to replace the entrance and install an ADA compliant ramp is \$80,000; Alt #1 replace damaged walkway west entrance \$27,500; Alt #2 replace damaged walkway east entrance \$32,750; Alt #3 West side remove asphalt walkway and install concrete walkway \$18,500; total bid award \$158,750. The Board of Education approved the original bid award on April 3, 2017.

Available funds will permit adding Alt #4 West side to remove additional asphalt walkway and install concrete walkway (16.00 square feet +/-) on the west side entrance at a cost of \$25,900. The contractor has agreed to use the same unit pricing

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that was awarded for Alt #3 at New Britain High School.

The total cost of the bid waiver for Garafalo & Saraceno to perform the additional work is \$25,900. Funding will come from the local Facilities budget – Budget Line Code 101093126000-57969.

**Operations: Bid Waiver and Purchase Order Approval to upgrade & replace Lincoln Energy Management Systems (EMS) Controls/Sensors**

**Submitted by Ray Moore | Reviewed by the Finance Committee on June 1, 2017**

The EMS sensors and controls were installed in Lincoln during the school renovation which was completed for school reopening in September 2005. The EMS controls and sensors are 12 years old, they need to be upgraded. The company that installed the EMS equipment and designed the proprietary software to operate the EMS system is out of business (Johnson Goodyear).

Our goal is to network all the schools together with one EMS software package. The EMS equipment at Lincoln now is not accessible via the internet. The school's heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment can be monitored and controlled remotely. We were never able to remotely access the controls at Lincoln and this upgrade will allow remote access to Lincoln to monitor and adjust temperatures as needed.

The EMS software is proprietary equipment. There are two companies we use in New Britain for EMS software – Automatic Building Systems (ABS) and Environmental Systems Corporation (ESC). Two quotes were solicited and Environmental Systems Corporation (ESC) provided the lowest quote. Currently, Environmental Systems Corporation (ESC) has their EMS system installed in ten (10) of our schools. Environmental Systems Corporation (ESC) has been awarded a DAS State contract to install EMS controls in state buildings.

Environmental Systems Corporation – ESC	\$73,408
Automatic Building Systems – ABS	\$99,785

The total cost is \$73,408 and the funding source is the 2016-2017 Facilities budget – Budget Line Code 101093126000-57969.

**Operations: Bid Waiver and Purchase Order Approval for the purchase and installation of carpet and Vinyl Composition Tiles (VCT) in the auditorium at New Britain High School**

**Submitted by Ray Moore | Reviewed by the Finance Committee on June 1, 2017**

The New Britain High School auditorium is almost 55 years old. Hazardous and liability issues exist. The carpet is worn and is in need of replacement. Upgrades to the auditorium carpet were last done in 2005, twelve years ago.

M. Frank Higgins & Co., Inc. of Newington, CT holds Contract Number 12PSX0307 with the State Department of Connecticut Administrative Services through 12-31-2018.

The total cost is \$24,511.00 and the funding source is the 2016-2017 Facilities budget – Budget Line Code 101093126000-57969.

**Operations: Bid Waiver Approval for a new server at New Britain High School**

**Submitted by Ray Moore | Reviewed by the Finance Committee on June 1, 2017**

A new file server for New Britain High School is needed to replace out-of-date equipment. The district's security equipment is proprietary through Environmental Systems Corporation. The specific Verint software/server can be purchased directly through Dell taking advantage of an educational discount. The total cost of the server to be purchased from Dell is \$11,018.22 and the funding source is the School Security Upgrade (BOE) – City of New Britain Budget Line Code 0063263901- 5454.

**Operations: Bid Waiver and Purchase Order Approval to reclaim, grade and asphalt the driveway and parking lot at the Maintenance Department located at 170 Rocky Hill Avenue.**

**Submitted by Ray Moore | Reviewed by the Finance Committee on June 1, 2017**

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The bituminous concrete driveway and parking lot at the Maintenance Department is in disrepair due to potholes and cracks. The last time the driveway and parking lot was paved in 1969, 48 years ago.

The bid to Reclaim, Grade and Asphalt driveways and parking lots was originally advertised in The Hartford Courant on March 7, 2016. Bids were opened on March 16, 2016, and the lowest responsible bidder was Weber's Nursery of New Britain. The contractor has agreed to use the same unit pricing from the Pulaski Middle School driveway bid.

The total cost is \$57,852.50 and the funding source is the 2016-2017 Facilities budget—Budget Line Code 101093126000-57969.

**Operations: Bid Waiver and Purchase Order Approval for a 2016/17 Ford Transit Cut-Away Chassis Van for the Maintenance Department located at 170 Rocky Hill Avenue.**

**Submitted by Ray Moore | Reviewed by the Finance Committee on June 1, 2017**

An invitation to Bid for a 2015 Ford Transit Van was originally advertised in the Hartford Courant on November 19, 2015. The Board of Education awarded the bid to Crowley Ford, LLC. on March 16, 2016 at a cost of \$33,578.48. Crowley Ford has agreed to honor the same pricing for a 2016/17 Ford Transit Van for \$33,578.48. The total cost is \$33,578.48 and the funding source is the 2016-2017 Facilities budget—Budget Line Code 101093126000-57969.

**Finance: Accept Financial Report – May 31, 2017**

**Submitted by Kevin Kane | Reviewed by the Finance Committee on June 1, 2017**

The Financial Report ending May 31, 2017 can be found online at [www.csdnb.org](http://www.csdnb.org)

**Removed from Consent Agenda**

The following item was removed from the Consent Agenda:

**Academics: Bid Waiver and Purchase Order Approval for Student Agendas**

**Submitted by Amy Anderson | Reviewed by the Finance Committee on June 1, 2017**

Ms. Sanders-Connolly motioned to approve the bid waiver and purchase order approval for student agendas, seconded by Ms. Deprey.

CSDNB provides student agendas for all students. This purchase order contains the total cost for all student agendas for students in grades 3-8. The student agenda is an organizational tool for students to use to record their homework, assignments or projects. It is also an excellent communication tool for parents to help their students stay on track and be successful.

In partnership with family and community, CSDNB works to provide the best personalized and comprehensive whole-child education so our students will be prepared for, and positively contribute to, a profoundly different future. This purchase is directly aligned to our goals in the academic pillar: We prepare all students to be future-ready through an engaging, personalized, and comprehensive education. Planning, prioritizing, task initiation and time management are critical to academic success. Student agendas assist students with mastering these important life skills and habits of mind.

The total cost is \$16,787.95 and the funding source is Title 1 - 2011-969-10001-53401.

Ms. Anderson and Ms. Bohlke answered all questions from members of the Board of Education. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Personnel: Approve Personnel Transactions**

**Submitted by Shuana Tucker**

Ms. Sanders-Connolly motioned to approve the personnel transactions, seconded by Ms. Aponte. Motion carried unanimously.

**Operations: Accept Attendance Reports**

**Submitted by Jeff Prokop**

Ms. Rodriguez motioned to accept the attendance reports, seconded by Ms. Sanders-Connolly. Ms. Deprey raised some concerns about how attendance at the NBHS Satellite Careers Academy is tracked. She would like to see it in terms of when they started at SCA rather than have their attendance from NBHS carry over. The Board requested that Mr. Foran come to speak at a meeting regarding how attendance can be more accurately tracked. Motion carried unanimously.

**Operations: Accept Class Size Reports**

**Submitted by Paul Salina**

Ms. Rodriguez motioned to accept the class size reports, seconded by Ms. Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel: Approve New Position Request – Occupational Therapist Assistant**

**Submitted by Donna Clark | No committee review**

Ms. Beloin-Saavedra motioned to approve the new position request for Occupational Therapist Assistant, seconded by Ms. Sanchez.

We presently have a vacancy for a full time Physical Therapist Assistant, due to a retirement. The present caseload for Physical Therapy services does not warrant two full time staff members. Our district PT is able to manage services with intermittent assistance from a contract employee, during high volume evaluation periods. On the contrary, the workload responsibilities related to the Occupational Therapy caseload has increased and warrants additional staffing to meet the needs of students. Therefore, this request is to convert the Physical Therapist Assistant position into an Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) position. Both positions belong to Local 1186 and are on the same pay scale.

With a commitment to evidence-based practices, occupational therapists design strengths-based interventions that diminish or eliminate barriers to participation and build competencies required for academic, social, school-based extracurricular, and routine-oriented tasks (<https://www.aota.org>). Occupational Therapy practitioners are trained to provide services that focus on developing an engaging culture that promotes learning for all staff and students.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel: Approve New Job Description: Ed Tech Assistant**

**Submitted by Jeff Prokop | Reviewed by the Personnel Committee on May 31, 2017**

Ms. Sanchez motioned to approve the new job description –for Ed Tech Assistant, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez.

Mr. Jeff Prokop, MIS Director, presented a new job description for Educational Technology Assistant. He explained the role of this position, which would provide the building with a leader in educational technology and assistance. This position is not to interfere with daily teaching responsibilities. The stipend is \$2,927 per year and there would be 15 positions throughout the district. All teachers must re-apply yearly.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel: Approve New Job Description: Lead Teacher**

**Submitted by Lara Bohlke | Reviewed by the Personnel Committee on May 31, 2017**

Ms. Aponte motioned to approve the new job description for Lead Teacher, seconded by Ms. Sanders-Connolly.

Ms. Lara Bohlke, District Coordinator of Curriculum (6-12), presented a new job description for Lead Teacher. The lead teacher will assume all regular responsibilities as a classroom teacher/related services provider and will work collaboratively with school-based administration to enhance staff's professional practice in alignment with results of data-driven decision making. This is a stipend position and teachers must re-apply yearly.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel: Approve Revised Job Description: New Britain High School Department Chairs**

**Submitted by Sondra Sanford | Reviewed by the Personnel Committee on May 31, 2017**

Ms. Aponte motioned to approve the revised job description for New Britain High School Department Chairs, seconded by Ms. Sanders-Connolly.

Ms. Bohlke presented a revised job description for Department Head (Subject Area). Ms. Bohlke and Mr. Pinchera, NBHS Principal, answered all questions from the members of the Board of Education. This is a stipend position and teachers must re-apply yearly.

Mr. Mercier motioned to amend the job description that under *skills, knowledge and abilities*, it should read "...shares innovative strategies with staff **through professional development...**" seconded by Ms. Beloin-Saavedra. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Sanders-Connolly motioned to amend that under *qualifications*, it should read "**completion of state mentorship training (TEAM),**" seconded by Ms. Aponte. Motion carried unanimously.

Original motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel: Approve Revised Job Description: Instructional Coach**

**Submitted by Amy Anderson | Reviewed by the Personnel Committee on May 31, 2017**

Ms. Sanders-Connolly motioned to approve the revised job description for Instructional Coach, seconded by Ms. Aponte,

Ms. Amy Anderson, District Coordinator of Curriculum (PK-5), presented a revised job description for Instructional Job Coach. Ms. Anderson answered all questions from the members of the Board of Education. The salary and fringe benefits will be decided per teachers' contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Academics: Approve Nurses Aide Training Agreement between CSDNB & Parkside Rehabilitation/Healthcare Center**

**Submitted by Tricia Putnam | Reviewed by the Curriculum Committee on June 5, 2017**

Mr. Gay motioned to approve the Nurses Aide Training Agreement between CSDNB & Parkside Rehabilitation/Healthcare Center, seconded by Ms. Aponte.

Ms. Aponte said there is not much change to the agreement – it was a renewal with updated information. Ms. Sondra Sanford answered all questions from members of the Board of Education.

Motion carried unanimously.

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**Academics: Approve Memorandum of Understanding between CSDNB and Clark Consultants**

Submitted by Tricia Putnam | Reviewed by the Finance Committee on June 1, 2017

Ms. Sanders-Connolly motioned to approve the memorandum of understanding between CSDNB and Clark Consultants, seconded by Ms. Aponte.

The Consolidated School District of New Britain employs a substantial number of teachers who implement their daily instructional practices with at varying degrees of consistency and effectiveness. Over the past year, the district has partnered with an external consulting firm with the goal of improving language-focused instruction to support the skills necessary for students to read with comprehension and write academically at or above grade level. The district has identified the extended language support into reading and writing classes as an area needing immediate attention. This contract proposal describes in more detail the proposed summer 2017 Phase One: Instructional Performance Coach Practicum Progression, including the scope of consulting services to be provided related to its design, implementation and evaluation.

A group of pre-identified instructional performance coaches will be trained in the five Key Learning Acceleration Principles to support classroom teachers in their instructional practices that are critical to high-quality instruction. These coaches will participate in 12 days of a combination of seminar-style professional development training and in-class practicum during the summer SEE program.

Tentative Plan and Timeline: This proposal details the scope and duration of services to be provided by Clark Consulting and Training, Inc. to the Consolidated School District of New Britain. The duration of this contract is from July 24, 2017 to August 10, 2017. The specific dates of service are identified in a following section.

Funding Source: 1003(a). For the services described above, the total consulting fee is \$39,000.00, which includes all consultant preparation, development, travel and overhead. Billing is to be equal monthly payments upon completion of services. All services are guaranteed to meet the quality standards of the district.

Ms. Beloin-Saavedra is requesting a history of contracts from Clark Consultants so the Board can get a better view of how the money is being spent.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Academics: Approve Bid Waiver and Purchase Order Approval for Follett Destiny Resource Manager**

Submitted by Amy Anderson | Reviewed by the Finance Committee on June 1, 2017

Ms. Sanders-Connolly motioned to approve the bid waiver and purchase order for Follett Destiny Resource Manager, seconded by Ms. Sanchez.

Our new inventory system, Follett Destiny Resource Manager, will provide a user friendly way to track materials and resources allowing us to be more fiscally responsible with our funds. Follett has proven themselves to be an effective and efficient provider of management software through our long standing relationship with Follett Destiny Library Manager.

In alignment with CSDNB Strategic Plan 2016-2021, Follett Destiny Resource Manager will assist in the demonstration of effective and efficient operations that promote and support staff and student engagement. To ensure an effective and efficient inventory system is established and implemented district-wide, the Department of Academics will need to obtain an accurate baseline inventory count.

This task is extremely labor intensive and time sensitive as teachers and students need access to their books/resources during the school year and custodians need access to classrooms during the summer for annual cleaning. Follett will be training and leading the inventory work using large groups of reliable clerical staff, hired and trained by them to accomplish this goal. In addition, they will be offering a day of consulting at no charge to assist with the creation of a district approved procedure/process for inventorying all resources going forward. To ensure sustainability, the district will also have a several staff members shadow the inventory teams to learn their process and be able to provide structures to duplicate it on our own.

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The total cost is \$88,740.61 and the funding source is Department of Academics - Textbooks - 101096122400-56410.

Mr. Prokop answered all questions from members of the Board of Education. Motion carried unanimously.

**Operations: Re-Affirm Policy 4118.23/4218.23 - Possession of Firearms or Deadly Weapons on School Grounds**  
**Submitted by Melony Brady-Shanley | Reviewed by the Policy Committee on June 1, 2017**

Ms. Rodriguez motioned to re-affirm Policy 4118.23/4218.23 - Possession of Firearms or Deadly Weapons on School Grounds, seconded by Ms. Sanders-Connolly. Ms. Rodriguez said this is being reviewed because it hasn't been looked at in over 15 years. However, there were no changes that members of the Policy Committee saw that needed to be made.

Ms. Rodriguez motioned to postpone this to a second reading at the regular meeting on June 19, seconded by Ms. Sanders-Connolly. Motion carried unanimously.

**Operations: Approve Policy 5141.211 - Distribution of Contraceptive Devices**  
**Submitted by Melony Brady-Shanley | Reviewed by the Policy Committee on June 1, 2017**

Ms. Rodriguez motioned to approve Policy 5141.211 - Distribution of Contraceptive Devices, seconded by Ms. Deprey.

Ms. Melony Brady-Shanley, Assistant Chief Talent Officer, presented several recommendations for changes to Policy 5141.211. The primary change is that students in grades 6-8 would have the ability to receive condoms from the School Based Health Clinic and the offices to the school nurse. Currently, students in grades 9-12 have access to condoms.

Parents and guardians will have the opportunity to deny permission (opt-out) for access to condoms for their student(s) through the offices of the School Nurse, however, all students who have signed up for services at any School Based Health Clinic shall be given access to condoms.

Ms. Rodriguez motioned to postpone this to a second reading at the regular meeting on June 19, seconded by Ms. Sanders-Connolly. Motion carried unanimously.

**Partnerships: Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Coalition for New Britain's Youth**  
**Submitted by Patricia Putnam | No committee review**

Mr. Gay motioned to approve the memorandum of understanding with the Coalition for New Britain's Youth, seconded by Ms. Sanchez. Mr. Gay said this is renewing the partnership with the Coalition and updating the staff liaison list. The total cost to be a part of the Coalition is \$75. Motion carried unanimously.

**Partnerships: Accept donations from the following:**  
**Submitted by Alejandro Ortiz and Susan Girolomoni | Reviewed by the Finance Committee on June 1, 2017**

Ms. Beloin-Saavedra motioned to accept the following, seconded by Ms. Sanchez:

**1. Nelba Marquez-Greene (\$4,000) for DiLoreto Elementary & Middle School**

This donation was a result of our Love Wins Initiative and The Ana Grace Project. The funding will be used to strengthen and support social and emotional learning /regulation by purchasing therapeutic materials for our students. The total amount of the donation is \$4,000.00. The Finance Committee recommended this go to the Board of Education for approval under **New Business** at their next regular meeting.

**2. Jim and Lisa Dufour, of CT Carpentry Group, LLC (\$1,690.21) for New Britain Transitional Center**

Jim and Lisa Dufour, of CT Carpentry Group, LLC have taken NBTC under their wing. Mr. and Mrs. Dufour are in the process of moving their business to New Britain from Meriden. As stakeholders, they wish to support our school and the children of New Britain.

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Jim is a former classmate of mine, NBHS 1982. After attending our NBTC recognition ceremony in May, the Dufours graciously asked to take us on a shopping trip to purchase incentives to support our Specialized Classroom Management system (Boy's Town Model). The total amount of the donation is \$1,690.21.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Partnerships: Grant Approval for the following:**

**Submitted by Amanda Minutillo and Sarah Foligno | Reviewed by the Finance Committee on June 1, 2017**

Ms. Sanders-Connolly motioned to accept the following, seconded by Ms. Aponte:

**1. \$7,000 through the Laura Bush Foundation for Pulaski Middle School**

The application and acceptance of this grant aligns to the District Strategic Improvement Plan by promoting literacy by providing students the opportunity to have access to high interest books that are appropriate for their reading level. The money will also be used to build a character library that includes books that have social emotional learning themes which address the needs of the whole child.

**2. \$6,000 through the Laura Bush Foundation for Vance Elementary School**

In December, Sarah Foligno completed an application for a grant through the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries to receive money to purchase new library books for the Vance Library Media Center. On Friday, May 19th Principal Harris and Sarah received an email from the foundation letting them know that Vance had received the grant. The check for \$6,000 arrived the week of May 22nd.

Motion carried unanimously.

## Executive Session

Ms. Sanders-Connolly motioned to add Superintendent's Evaluation to the agenda, seconded by Ms. Beloin-Saavedra. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Sanders-Connolly motioned to go into executive session at 8:46 PM to discuss the superintendent's evaluation, seconded by Ms. Aponte. Motion carried unanimously.

## Closing and Adjournment

Ms. Beloin-Saavedra motioned to adjourn at 9:48 PM, seconded by Ms. Sanders-Connolly. Motion carried unanimously.