



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

New Britain Board of Education Finance Subcommittee Meeting

October 23, 2018 - 5:30 PM | New Britain Educational Administration Center

Call to Order and Opening

Ms. Gayle Sanders-Connolly, Finance Subcommittee Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM.

Committee Members Present

Mr. Merrill Gay, Mr. James Sanders Jr., Ms. Gayle Sanders-Connolly

CSDNB Committee Staff Present

Mr. Matthew Cannata, Mr. Kevin Kane, Mr. Ray Moore, Ms. Nancy Sarra

New Business

Operations: Approve bid award to Crowley Ford, LLC Lincoln & Mercury for Ford F-350 Pick-up Truck with plow

Submitted by Mr. Ray Moore | Funding Source: Local

The Maintenance Department is in need of a Ford F-350 Pick-up Truck with a snow plow. The new 2019 truck will replace an obsolete 2003 Ford F-350 with a lift gate.

An Invitation to Bid was placed in the Hartford Courant on October 11, 2018 and bids were opened on October 18, 2018. Crowley Ford of Plainville, Connecticut was the low bidder - State Contract 10PSX0239. The Board of Education is being requested to approve a bid award.

The total is \$35,480.12 and the funding source is Local 101093126000-57301.

The Finance Subcommittee recommended that this request go to the Board of Education for approval at the next regular meeting.

Academics: Approve purchase order for Discover Video

Submitted by Mr. Jeff Prokop | Funding Source: Local

This is the renewal quote for Discover Video, which is the software system used by the district to broadcast live video feeds, as well as delivery to television signage stations located around the district. The total is \$18,852.40 and the funding source is Local MIS Software Budget 101092110000-53510.

The Finance Subcommittee recommended that this request go to the Board of Education for approval at the next regular meeting.

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Partnerships: Approve grant in the amount of \$2,000 from Schaller Automotive for safety initiatives at NBHS

Submitted by Mr. Robert Smedley

Schaller automotive offered security grants to area schools to help improve school safety. Grant was administered through the Greater Foundation of New Britain. Funding will be used to purchase equipment for our CSO's and/or licenses for more ALICE training. The total is \$2,000.00 and the funding source is Schaller Automotive // Greater Foundation of New Britain.

The Finance Subcommittee recommended that this request go to the Board of Education for approval at the next regular meeting.

Partnerships: Accept donation in the amount of \$1,000 from Yang's US Taekwondo School for Summer Enrichment

Submitted by Ms. Nancy Puglisi

Yang's U.S. Taekwondo school has been a Community Based Organization partner in the Summer Enrichment Experience for the last four summers. The School has also provided after and before school programming in district elementary schools, instructing over five hundred of our students in Taekwondo. Each year the school raises funds to help support a community project. This year they have selected the Summer Enrichment Experience as the recipient of their donation.

The district is mandated to provide summer school to students in grades post K – post 3, who score substantially deficient in reading. To support increased attendance the District partners with community agencies to provide full day programming. In the morning more traditional academic classes increase student academic skills and in the afternoon enrichment activities support this learning. Funding will be utilized to further support Goal 4 Strategy 3 of the DIP: Leaders access resources shared among schools, districts and communities in conjunction with other organizations and agencies that provide critical resources for children and families.

The total is \$1,000 and the funding source is Yang's US Taekwondo School.

The Finance Subcommittee recommended that this request go to the Board of Education for approval at the next regular meeting.

Discussion: Update on Hurricane Maria Funds

Submitted by Mr. Kevin Kane

Mr. Kevin Kane, Chief Financial Officer, recommended the following with this memorandum:

“Due to our present situation where the City has closed our Self-Insurance Fund into theirs, I am recommending at this time these funds be set aside to be used for the 2019-2020 budget.

If our BOE Medical Self-Insurance Fund is restored, there should be consideration to use these funds as a payment towards the City Workman Compensation Fund. Reason I am suggesting this action is that it is my belief that the City is facing financial difficulties which led to their action in taking the BOE Medical Self-Insurance Fund. If my statement is correct and the City endures a major financial demise, it is important that it is based on the City's mismanagement and that BOE cannot be directly held responsible.”

Closing and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

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