



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2017 Jefferson Elementary School

Call to Order and Roll Call

Call to Order

Mr. Nicholas Mercier, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

Board Members Present

Ms. Grisselle Aponte, Ms. 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

Opening and Awards

- Ms. Wanda Lickwar, Principal of Jefferson Elementary School, welcomed all to the school. Kindergarteners performed a song and the Jefferson Hotstix also performed a piece for those in attendance.
- Students whose artwork was displayed in an exhibit in our sister city of Atsugi, Japan were honored by the Board of Education. The staff who worked with those students were also honored.

Executive Session

Ms. Rodriguez motioned to go into executive session at 6:31 PM to discuss a Workers' Compensation Settlement, seconded by Ms. Sanders-Connolly. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Janice Grega-Mals (Talent Manager) and Attorney O'Donnell were invited into executive session.

Continuation of Meeting

At this point, Ms. Beloin-Saavedra excused herself from the meeting. A quorum was still in effect.

Ms. Geraci motioned to award a \$5,000 Workers' Compensation Settlement to Ms. Elizabeth Russell for any and all claims she has pending at this time against the New Britain Board of Education and City of New Britain, seconded by Ms. Sanders-Connolly. Motion carried unanimously.

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Presentations

T-EVAL Platform

Ms. Elizabeth Crooks, Principal of HALS Academy, presented the most updated T-EVAL Platform for Board Approval. Also presenting were Mr. Jeff Prokop, MIS Director, Ms. Heather Nicol, Assistant Principal at Vance Elementary School and Mr. Sal Escobales, teacher at New Britain High School and president of the Teachers' Union. They answered all questions from the board.

Ms. Sanchez motioned to approve the T-EVAL Platform, seconded by Ms. Aponte.

Mr. Mercier motioned to amend page 13, third column to read ***the minimum number of mini-observations must be completed by February 15***, seconded by Ms. Geraci. Motion carried unanimously

Motion to approve the T-EVAL Platform carried unanimously.

New Britain High School – Chronic Absenteeism Case Study

The New Britain High School Administration presented several case studies of students who are chronically absent. The administration talked about the steps they use to follow up with these students and track their attendance. They answered all questions from the board.

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:

- Fifth Graders from Chamberlain, DiLoreto, Northend, Smalley and Smith along with eighth graders from DiLoreto went to CCSU to 'Finish the Race' with The Ana Grace Project and Central Connecticut State University. Over 400 of our students participated in various activities throughout the campus. CCSU and The Ana Grace Project will be establishing a scholarship in Ana Grace's name for a New Britain High School senior for grit and resiliency.
- Mr. Paul Salina, Chief Operations Officer, noted that students in grades 3-8 will be attending the New Britain Bees game on April 27, courtesy of Whitsons Culinary Group.
- There is a 'Got Grit' Conference at CCSU on April 28. Select middle and high school students will be invited to attend.

Board Reports

- Mr. Gay stated that he talked to numerous people about the upcoming state budget. He noted that legislators are being told not to schedule vacation until the third week of August. Mr. Gay said the Governor may issue a continuing resolution, which would see immediate budget cuts and holds.
- Mr. Mercier noted that board members held a workshop with CAFE and said it was very productive. He is looking forward to holding more workshops in the future. He also gave a list of upcoming events throughout the district.
- Ms. Sanchez noted that Jefferson School was holding a talent show on April 26.

Consent Agenda

Approve minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting on April 3, 2017

The minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting from April 3, 2017 can be found online at www.csdnb.org.

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New Business

Approve Personnel Transactions

Submitted by Dr. Shuana Tucker | No committee review

Ms. Sanchez motioned to approve the personnel transactions, seconded by Ms. Deprey. Motion carried unanimously.

Accept Attendance Reports

Submitted by Jeff Prokop | No committee review

Ms. Aponte motioned to accept the attendance reports, seconded by Ms. Sanders-Connolly. Motion carried unanimously.

Contract Amendment for Pope John Paul II School (Community Health Center of New Britain)

Submitted by | No committee review

Mr. Gay motioned to approve the contract amendment from the Community Health Center of New Britain for Pope John Paul II School (Smalley Elementary), seconded by Ms. Aponte. Motion carried unanimously.

Closing and Adjournment

Ms. Sanders-Connolly motioned to adjourn at 8:29 PM, seconded by Ms. Aponte. Motion carried unanimously.

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