



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes from May 22, 2017 Chamberlain Elementary School

Call to Order and Roll Call

Call to Order

Ms. Nicole Rodriguez, Vice-President of the Board Education, called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM.

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent/Excused

Mr. Nicholas Mercier, Ms. Elaine Zottola

Presentations

The following presentations were made:

- Unified Sports Capstone Project
- Commissioner's Network Update - New Britain High School.

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:

- There will be a new summer program named XTREME, which is an extension of S.E.E. It will run from July 24 – August 18 and will be from 8:30 AM – 3:15 PM. Approximately 150 middle school students will be served. It is intended to offer students the opportunity to engage in high-interest summer programming.
- The first and second level interviews for our Principal opening at Lincoln elementary School is now completed. It is the hope to bring a candidate to the Board for approval at the next regular meeting.

Board Reports

- Ms. Deprey talked about some of the summer initiatives that are being done in the community for the students of New Britain.

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Upcoming Events

Ms. Rodriguez gave a list of upcoming events through June 5. For a full listing of events, please visit 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, this item was approved.

Approve minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting on May 8, 2017

The minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting from May 8, 2017 can be found online at www.csdnb.org.

New Business

Personnel: Approve Personnel Transactions

Submitted by Dr. Shuana Tucker | No committee review

Ms. Beloin-Saavedra motioned to approve the personnel transactions, seconded by Ms. Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously.

Operations: Accept Attendance Reports

Submitted by Jeff Prokop | No committee review

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

Finance: Contract Amendment between CSDNB and Whitsons School Nutrition Corp.

Submitted by Kevin Kane | No committee review

Ms. Beloin-Saavedra motioned to accept the contract amendment between CSDNB and Whitsons School Nutrition Corp, seconded by Ms. Aponte. Mr. Kevin Kane, Chief Financial Officer, answered all questions from members of the Board of Education. Motion carried unanimously.

Bid Waiver for Road Salt

Submitted by Ray Moore | No committee review

Ms. Beloin-Saavedra motioned to approve the bid waiver for road salt, seconded by Ms. Aponte.

Each year the Facilities Department has need to purchase road salt for the purpose of keeping school roads and parking lots ice free and safe. The City of New Britain bids the purchase of road salt for use by the City of New Britain as well as the Board of Education. The total cost is \$12,512.48 and the funding source is Local.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Memorandum of Understanding between The Governor's Prevention Partnership and New Britain High School

Submitted by Ryan Morgan | No committee review

Ms. Sanders-Connolly motioned to approve the memorandum of understanding between The Governor's Prevention Partnership and New Britain High School, seconded by Ms. Aponte.

Kerri-Lynn Major has been working closely with The Governor's Prevention Partnership to build a relationship and bring this opportunity to NBHS. Nancy Sarra and Ryan Morgan have connected with The Partnership numerous times through the Safe

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Schools/Healthy Students grant at the state level. The Partnership - who is committed to building a strong, healthy future workforce through leadership in mentoring and prevention of violence, underage drinking, alcohol and drug abuse- proposes to include NBHS as an E3 site for the 2017-2018 school year.

E3: Encourage, Empower, Engage is a peer-to-peer underage drinking prevention program that addresses critical issues in the lives of youth across CT. E3 Promotes healthy decision making through educational activities, skill development and leadership opportunities. The program includes a structured curriculum available through a web-based portal as well as youth led community campaigns. The curriculum is grounded in a positive youth development approach.

NBHS will be required to host a youth group- new or currently existing- with students willing to participate. The E3 site may take the form of a club, advisory program, existing class, SADD chapter or other youth group. Peers will be selected to facilitate with support from the Partnership. Additional training and technical assistance will be provided. Selected staff will attend four hours of training between June and September 2017.

This partnership aligns to the vision of pursuing excellence one student at a time by giving students and staff the opportunity to further educate themselves on the risks associated with underage drinking and other risky behaviors noted to be trending statewide. By approving this MOU, CSDNB is meeting our core values of both partnership and culture and climate. This is a sustainable partnership that supports academic achievement and social-emotional development of New Britain students. Additionally, if successful, rates of suspension and expulsion could decrease, which directly targets the Culture and Climate pillar success measures.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Accept donation from the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain (\$36,000) for XTREME
Submitted by Donna Clark | No committee review**

Ms. Beloin-Saavedra motioned to accept the donation from the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain (\$36,000) for XTREME, seconded by Ms. Aponte.

A proposal was written to the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain (CFGNB) outlining the planning, implementation and evaluation process of the district's new summer school program, XTREME. The focus of XTREME will be on strengthening STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) skills through hands-on engaging activities that allow students to see practical applications of abstract concepts, at the middle school level. This outline was deemed worthy of the Foundations requirements for innovation, utilizing best practices in reducing the summer learning slide, and promoting community partnerships to improve student academics and engagement in learning during the summer months.

This grant funding will be utilized to support a continuum of summer programming for CSDNB students, by bringing components of the Summer Enrichment Experience to the middle school level. XTREME is intended to offer students the opportunity to engage in high-interest summer programming. Teachers and CBOs will continue to work in close partnership to provide students with an integrated learning environment where they can make connections between activities in their morning and afternoon sessions as well as strengthen their connection to the school and local community. This practice supports the Partnership Pillar of the DIP, "we cultivate and sustain engaging family-school-community partnerships for student and staff success."

Motion carried unanimously.

**Legal Settlement
Submitted by Kevin Kane | No committee review**

Ms. Beloin-Saavedra motioned to go into executive session at 7:24 PM to discuss a legal settlement, seconded by Ms. Sanders-Connolly. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed in regular session at 7:37 PM.

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Ms. Geraci motioned to approve a legal settlement to Attorney David Shaw in the amount of \$1,613.37, seconded by Ms. Aponte. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action of Employee Contract
Submitted by Shuana Tucker | No committee review

Ms. Sanders-Connolly motioned to go into executive session at 7:38 PM for the discussion of an employee contract, seconded by Ms. Geraci. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed in regular session at 7:47 PM.

Ms. Aponte motioned to approve the employee contract for Chief Operations Officer, seconded by Ms. Sanders-Connolly. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Employee Contract and Superintendent's Evaluation
Submitted by Nancy Sarra | No committee review

Ms. Sanchez motioned to go back into executive session at 7:48 PM for the discussion of an employee contract and superintendent's evaluation, seconded by Ms. Aponte. Motion carried unanimously.

Closing and Adjournment

Ms. Beloin-Saavedra motioned to adjourn at 9:08 PM, seconded by Ms. Sanders-Connolly. Motion carried unanimously.