



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN New Britain Board of Education Regular Meeting

March 6, 2023 - 6:00 PM | New Britain
Educational Administration Center

Call to Order and Roll Call

Call to Order

Ms. Gayle Sanders-Connolly, President of the New Britain Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Board Members Present

Ms. Monica Dawkins, Mr. Merrill Gay, Mr. Anthony Kane, Mr. Joseph Listro, Mr. Matthew Marino, Ms. Annie Parker, Ms. Diana Reyes, Ms. Gayle Sanders-Connolly.

Student Representatives Present:

Tomas Portillo, Olivia Rutkowski

Meditation

Ms. Sanders-Connolly asked everyone to take a moment of meditation.

Public Participation

Alderwoman Desire Costa:

Ms. Costa started by highlighting the progression of communication in the district. The districts online presence, the communication between teachers, admins and students and parents have drastically advanced since last year. Ms. Costa mentioned a job fair for Parks and Rec on March 15, 2023, April vacation camp at Vance, and an Easter egg hunt for the kids of New Britain on April 1, 2023. She highlighted the hard work of our Assistant PE/Health Coordinator, Lisa Kawecky and the hard work she's been contributing to the athletics department.

Alderwoman Costa is looking forward to collaboration with the Board to discuss the school budget. She mentioned the concerns brought up at the council meetings, which is the disparity of HALS Middle School in comparison to the rest of the middle schools in New Britain.

Gallery 66, an art gallery in New Britain does a program every 2nd Saturday of the month called "Let's Talk Heart", Ms. Costa would like to add some of our students and art teachers of the district to collaborate and include art created by the students of New Britain.

She concluded by highlighting the hard work and dedication of Jason Cyr, a custodian of the district.

Reports

Curriculum:

Mr. Kane mentioned the committee received and reviewed the Ed- Advance report.

Finance:

The committee discussed multiple donations, purchase orders and new summer programs.

Policy:

The committee discussed a new flag policy, which was forwarded to Shipman and Goodwin to be reviewed.

Personnel:

The committee went over revised job descriptions, and the change of an administrative position.

Board Reports:

Ms. Reyes stated how she was involved in the Read Across America Day at Smalley. She genuinely enjoyed spending time with the 2nd graders and wished this happened more frequently.

Ms. Sanders-Connolly discussed sports in the district and highlighted Tomas, the Board's student representative that sang the national anthem at our last basketball game.

Student Reports

Mr. Portillo stated how the Snowball Dance had a great turn out, and they are entertaining the idea of a Spring Fling dance. He also asked about the process for finding successors to fill their spots on the Board. Pi Day is approaching which is a math competition, where students compete and auction to throw pies in faces. He stated how he and Olivia are on the Wellness Committee, and would like to expand their representation of what is needed for the district rather than just NBHS.

Ms. Rutkowski stated the Art Club had an art night which featured students that won the Scholastic State Competition, along with the AP Art students. The African American club had a prep rally in the gymnasium, with trivia discussing black history, as well as a hoop off that staff and students participated in.

New Business

Operations: Approve Minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting on February 6, 2023

Submitted by Ms. Aja Edwards | No Committee Review

Ms. Parker motioned to approve minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting on February 6, 2023, seconded by Ms. Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

Operations: Accept Enrollment Report

Submitted by Mr. Jeff Prokop | No Committee Review

Mr. Listro motioned to accept the Enrollment Report, seconded by Mr. Kane. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Personnel: Accept Report of Personnel Transactions and Extracurricular Appointments

Submitted by Dr. Nicole Sanders | No Committee Review

Mr. Kane motioned to accept Report of Personnel Transactions and Extracurricular Appointments, seconded by Ms. Reyes Motion carried unanimously.

Partnerships: Approve Contract Between Parisi Speed School and CSDNB for 8 Week Spring Afterschool Program – Slade Middle School (\$6,000.00)

Submitted by Mr. Andrew Mazzei | Funding Source: Commissioner's Network 234805210001-53200

Mr. Listro motioned to approve Contract Between Parisi Speed School and CSDNB for 8 Week Spring Afterschool Program at Slade Middle School in the amount of \$6,000.00, seconded by Ms. Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

Partnerships: Approve Contract Between Moore Basketball Clinic and CSDNB for 10-week Afterschool Program (\$ 10,700.00)

Submitted by Mr. Andrew Mazzei | Funding Source: Commissioner's Network 234805210001-53200

Ms. Parker motioned to approve Contract Between Moore Basketball Clinic and CSDNB for 10-week Afterschool Program in the amount of \$ 10,700.00, seconded by Ms. Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

Partnerships: Approve MOU Between Meriden-New Britain-Berlin YMCA and CSDNB for 9 Days of Team Building Opportunities Off Campus – Slade Middle School

Submitted by Mr. Andrew Mazzei | Funding Source: Commissioner's Network 234805210001-53200

Mr. Kane motioned to approve MOU Between Meriden-New Britain-Berlin YMCA and CSDNB for 9 Days of Team Building Opportunities Off Campus at Slade Middle School, seconded by Mr. Listro. Motion carried unanimously.

Partnerships: Approve Contract Between Invention Convention and CSDNB for 8-week Afterschool Program at Slade Middle School

Submitted by Mr. Andrew Mazzei | Funding Source: Commissioner's Network 234805210001-53200

Mr. Gay motioned to approve contract between Invention Convention and CSDNB for 8-week afterschool program at Slade middle school, seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion carried unanimously.

Partnerships: Approve Contract Between ROOTS and CSDNB for 3 Week Summer Program (\$27,600.00)

Submitted by Ms. Jennifer Wright | Funding Source: American Savings Foundation, ARP Expansion Grant, Fund for Greater Hartford, United Way, Petit Family Foundation and Community Foundation - Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Prof Service

Mr. Gay motioned to approve Contract Between ROOTS and CSDNB for 3 Week Summer Program in the amount of \$27,600.00, seconded by Ms. Reyes. Motion carried. Mr. Listro abstained from voting.

Operations: Approve Purchase Order of Two New Scoreboards, Shot Clock System, and Installation of Shot Clock System for 2023-2024 Boys & Girls Varsity Basketball Games (\$9,794.00)

Submitted by Lisa Kawecky | Funding Source: Athletics Activity Account

Mr. Kane motioned to approve Purchase Order of Two New Scoreboards, Shot Clock System, and Installation of Shot Clock System for 2023-2024 Boys & Girls Varsity Basketball Games in the amount of \$9,794.00, seconded by Mr. Marino. Ms. Gayle Sanders- Connolly opposed, motion carried with 7:1 vote.

Consent Agenda

(There were no objections and/or requests from Board Members to pull the following items off the Consent Agenda. Therefore, these items were approved):

- A. Review: Revised Job Description – Dual Language Teacher
Submitted by Ms. Silvia Mayo Molina
- B. Review: Revised Job Description – Instructional Coach
Submitted by Ms. Ivelise Velasquez
- C. Review: Revised Job Description – District Coordinator of Curriculum - PK-5
Submitted by Ms. Ivelise Velasquez
- D. Review: Revised Job Description – District Coordinator of Curriculum - 6-12
Submitted by Ms. Ivelise Velasquez
- E. Review: Revised Job Description – District Coordinator of Language Arts - PK-12
Submitted by Ms. Ivelise Velasquez
- F. Review: Elimination of a Position – Administrative Secretary I 1.0 FTE
Submitted by: Dr. Nicole Sanders
- G. Presentation: ERate Form 470 for Contracted Firewall Services for the 2023-24 School Year
Presented by Mr. Jeffrey Prokop | Funding Source: Local MIS Budget 101092125800-57346
- H. Partnerships: Accept Donation from the Anna Grace Project to Purchase Books in Each Classroom, that Celebrate Kindness and Friendship in the Month of February – Chamberlain Elementary School (\$2,300.00)
Submitted by Mr. Manuel Zaldivar | Funding Source: Anna Grace Project
- I. Partnerships: Accept Donation from Game Time Sports for the Physical Education Department – Jefferson Elementary School (\$1,000.00)
Submitted by Mr. Robert Smedley | Funding Source: Game Time Sports
- J. Academics: Approve Contract to Fund a Custom Designed School Assembly Focused on Addressing Major Culture and Climate Concerns at Slade Middle School (\$2,500.00)
Submitted by Ms. Lauren Miele | Funding Source: Commissioner's Network 2348xxx10001-53200
- K. Academics: Approve Purchase Order for Renewal/Replacement of Mystery Science Kits for Grades K-5 (\$80,340.00)
Submitted by Amy Anderson | Funding Source: Grant Alliance Grant, Instructional Supplies, 234196910001-56110
- L. Academics: Approve Purchase Order for Renewal K-8 Mathematics Curriculum - Illustrative Mathematics – Districtwide (\$130,953.43)
Submitted by Ms. Lara Bohlke | Funding Source: Local Academics-Textbooks 101096110001 56410

- M. Operations: Approve Purchase Order of One Year Renewal of Student Consumables for Students in Grades K-3 to Continue Foundations Program (\$47,462.40)
Submitted by Amy Anderson | Funding Source: Alliance Grant Alliance Grant, Instructional Supplies, 234196910001-56110
- N. Partnerships: Approve Contract Between Master Yang, Yang's U.S. Taekwondo and CSDNB to Provide Students K-8 With Weekly Discounted Classes to Improve Self-Regulation and Social Skills Through Taekwondo – NBTC (\$14,006.00)
Submitted by Ms. Donna Swaby | Funding Source: Title IV 2019-969-10001-53320
- O. Partnerships: Approve Purchase Order and Review MOU Between the CSDNB and Klingberg Family Centers, Inc to Provide Staff with the Skill Set Needed to Support Whole Child Development (\$90,000.00)
Submitted by Dona Clark on Behalf of Mark Spalding | Funding Source: Title 4 201996910001-53320
- P. Partnerships: Approve Purchase Order and Contract Between OIC of New Britain and CSDNB to Provide Healthy Living Program for Youth in Middle and High School - Brookside School, Transition Center and the Bridges Program (\$57,000.00)
Submitted by Donna Clark on behalf of Mark Spalding | Funding Source: Title 4 201996910001-53320
- Q. Partnerships: Approve Contract and Purchase Order in Collaboration with YMCA New Britain and OIC New Britain for Summer Bridges Program for 30 8th Graders Transitioning into High School (\$44,000.00)
Submitted by Ms. Daisy Sanchez | Funding Source: ARP/ESSER 3 206395110002-53200
- R. Partnerships: Approve Contract Between Southern Regional Education Board and CSDNB for Rounds of 3-day Visits That Include Job-Embedded Coaching/Technical Assistance in Classrooms
Submitted by Ms. Sondra Sanford | Funding Source: Perkins V Perkins V Grant, Employee Training & Development 202896910001-53300
- S. Partnerships: Approve Purchase Order Between Delta-T Group and CSDNB to Cover Additional Costs Anticipated for the Remainder of the School Year (\$386,874.73)
Submitted by Ms. Donna Clark | Funding Source: ESSER 2063-974-12001 -53200
- T. Academics: Approve Purchase Order to Expand SPIRE Access, a Comprehensive, Multisensory, and Systematic Reading and Language Arts Program to the Secondary Level (\$16,613.68)
Submitted by Ms. Donna Clark | Funding Source: Local 101097412002-56110
- U. Operations: Approve Purchase Order Between Bureau Veritas Technical Assessments LLC and CSDNB for Facilities Master Plan Bid Award (\$173,112.65)
Submitted by Ms. Rebecca Gonzalez | Funding Source: 101093126000-53340 - OTHER PROF/TECH SVCS
- V. Partnerships: Approve Contract Between 2-4-1 Sports and CSDNB for 3 Week Summer Program (\$16,587.00) Submitted by Ms. Jennifer Wright | Funding Source: American Savings Foundation, ARP Expansion Grant, Fund for Greater Hartford, United Way, Petit Family Foundation and Community Foundation - Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Prof Service
- W. Partnerships: Approve Contract Between Parisi Speed School and CSDNB for 3 Week Summer

Program (\$25,272.50)

Submitted by Ms. Jennifer Wright | Funding Source: American Savings Foundation, ARP Expansion Grant, Fund for Greater Hartford, United Way, Petit Family Foundation and Community Foundation - Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Prof Service

X. Operations: Accept Financial Report –January 31, 2023

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm



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Anthony Cane | Monica Dawkins | Anthony Kane | Matthew Marino | Annie S. Parker | Diana Reyes | Tina Santana

