



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

New Britain Board of Education | Special Board Meeting June 13, 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 6:02pm.

Board Members Present

Mr. Anthony Cane, Mr. Merrill Gay, Mr. Anthony Kane, Mr. Joseph Listro, Ms. Diana Reyes, Ms. Gayle Sanders-Connolly, Ms. Tina Santana*.

**Arrived at 6:10pm*

CSDNB Staff Present

Ms. Ann Alfano, Ms. Donna Clark, Ms. Kristian DeNegre, Ms. Aja Edwards, Dr. Tony Gasper, Ms. Rebecca Gonzalez, Ms. Ryan Langer, Ms. Maryellen Manning, Mr. Jeff Prokop, Mr. Tyrone Richardson, Dr. Nicole Sanders, Ms. Sondra Sanford, Mr. Mark Spalding, Ms. Ivelise Velasquez.

New Business

A. Partnerships: Accept Grant from Travelers Foundation to Support Career Competency and Skill Attainment Through the Implementation of Work Based Learning Experiences (\$95,000.00)

Submitted by Ms. Sondra Sanford

Travelers Foundation accepts grant applications exclusively for Hartford, Connecticut and St. Paul, Minnesota, primarily for project, program and operating support and for limited capital opportunities in the following area: Academic & Career Success. Through the development of four academies: The Academy of Business & Finance (AoBF), The Academy of Health & Sciences (AoHS), The Academy of Public Service (AoPS) and The Academy of Manufacturing, Engineering & Technology (AoMET), the district improves academic and career success for New Britain's underrepresented students by providing the tools necessary to develop and exercise the vital skills and competencies requested in today's working society. Through support provided by Travelers EDGE, students gain opportunities for academic enhancements and valuable resources, better preparing them for the competitive workforce field upon graduation.

Mr. Gay motioned to accept grant from Travelers Foundation to support Career Competency and Skill Attainment through the implementation of Work Based Learning experiences in the amount of \$95,000.00, seconded by Ms. Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Operations: Review & Approve Contract Between CSDNB and Pope John Paul School for Continued Use as Swing Space

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During School Renovations (Year 1: \$72,000.00, Year 2: \$132,000.000)

Submitted by Dr. Tony Gasper | Funding Source: Local Budget 1010-911-25900-54400

Per the Board's request, Dr. Gasper contacted the owner's representative for Pope John Paul School. The purchasing credit mentioned in item 6.01(d) of the contract has been updated. The owners agreed to increase this amount from \$500,000 to \$800,000.

Ms. Reyes motioned to approve contract between CSDNB and Pope John Paul School for continued use as swing space during school renovations in the amount of \$72,000.00 for year one, and \$132,000.000 for year two, seconded by Mr. Cane. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Operations: Delegate Summer Authority

Submitted by Dr. Tony Gasper

Fiscal Year 2022-2023:

- Authorization to close out under/over-expended object code balances to the Medical Health Insurance Account to fully expend the District’s 2022-2023 appropriation.

Fiscal Year 2023-2024:

- Authorization, in consultation with the President of the Board of Education, to award vendor bids and issue vendor purchase orders in excess of \$7,500 and to waive bids when it is in the best interest of the District to do so.
- Authorization for the Superintendent to designate the Chief Financial Officer and/or the Deputy Superintendent to act on behalf of the Board when appropriate.

Time period:

- This authority is in place from June 14, 2023 through September 3, 2023 (September 4th is the anticipated Board meeting for that month). Board members will receive updates throughout the summer on actions taken under this authority.

Mr. Gay motioned to delegate Summer Authority, seconded by Ms. Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Operations: Discussion and Possible Action on the Board of Education Budget for 2023-2024

Submitted by Dr. Tony Gasper

Line#	Item	Reduction	Context
52101	Health Insurance Fund	\$750,000.00	Total yearly health claims trend at approximately \$24,000,000 Along with other revenue into this account, the Board's share is budgeted at \$7.2m. Last year, the Superintendent recommended \$8.4m and the Board reduced this to \$7.2m. Board Policy 3432.10 requires that this fund be kept at 25-35% of annual claims, or \$6m to \$8.4m. Current balance is \$10.8m. It is important to know that this is a rolling balance as claims come in. We feel that reducing the Board's contribution from local budget by \$750,000 is prudent while still guarding against the possibility of very high claims in the coming fiscal year.

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100 series	Campus Safety Officers	\$900,000.00	This was a new addition to the budget and our district-wide staffing. While the Superintendent still feels that these employees are needed, they were the only addition included in the proposed budget.
56210 56220 56270	Utilities	\$748,674.00	Information was received from colleagues in City Hall after the preparation of the Superintendent's budget regarding contracted utility rates. Rates are lower than originally estimated.
55612	Magnet Tuition	\$421,000.00	The CSDE has announced a one-time grant to help districts defray the cost of transportation to magnet schools. This was announced after the preparation of the proposed budget.
55612	Excess Cost –Transport.	\$500,000.00	In April 2023, CSDE announced increases in excess cost transportation reimbursements to districts.
55100	Excess Cost - Tuition	\$700,000.00	In April 2023, CSDE announced a new three-tier reimbursement structure for excess cost tuition reimbursements to districts.
55613- 55691	Special Ed. Tuitions	\$950,000.00	Information gathered by the Special Education department regarding individual students' programming after the proposed budget was submitted indicate more students graduating and not partaking in transitional services at outplacement sites.
55613- 55691	Special Ed. Tuitions	\$1,000,000.00	Senior Leadership and the Special Education Department will implement strategies to limit the district's exposure to outplacement costs that are not warranted, needed, or appropriate.
		\$5,969,674.00	Total Reductions

Mr. Listro motioned approve the Board of Education Budget for 2023-2024, seconded by Ms. Santana. Motion carried unanimously.

Closing and Adjournment

- A. Other Business Allowed by Law
- B. Adjournment

Mr. Kane motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Santana. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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