



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

New Britain Board of Education | Regular Board Meeting

January 8, 2024 - 6:00 PM – New Britain Educational Administration Center

1. Call to Order and Opening

Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Joseph Listro, President of The New Britain Board of Education called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Board Members Present

Mr. Anthony Cane, Mr. Sal Escobales, Anthony Kane, Mr. Joseph Listro, Ms. Barbara Marino, Ms. Annie Parker, Ms. Joan Pina, Ms. Diana Reyes, Mr. Jose Rivera and Ms. Tina Santana.

2. Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

Report Attached.

B. Committee Reports

Policy – The committee reviewed Policy 4114/4124 with updated revisions, as well as two new recommended policies for adoption regarding admission and enrollment into HALS. The committee discussed a policy audit with CABE.

Curriculum – The committee discussed two informational presentations regarding the safety of students, and reviewed the new math curriculum presentation.

Personnel – The committee discussed new positions and job descriptions, and afterschool stipends which are all on the consent agenda for approval.

Finance, Facilities, & Transportation – The committee reviewed donations, purchase orders, and the financial reports for October and November. All items were moved to consent.

C. Board Reports

Ms. Parker highlighted the recognition Mr. Darwin Shaw received on the news for his hard work and 35 years of dedication to the sports program and the district overall.

Ms. Santana requested donations of art supplies for the Pulaski Pathways program. She also highlighted the cooking club at Slade.

D. Student Representatives Report

Nyok Wol expressed his gratitude to the staff of NBHS. During the recent Shelter in Place at New Britain High School, he stated everything was very organized while prioritizing the safety of students.

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Ariana Mohamed expressed her excitement to be on the cover the latest district dispatch newsletter. She stated the first semester has ended, and testing has begun.

Danial Senior is Editor in Chief this year and reminded the Board that yearbooks will be for sale soon. He shared his excitement as he has been accepted into NDAC, National Council for Drug Prevention in New Britain.

3. Presentation

- A. Facilities Master Plan Presentation by Bureau Veritas
Presented by Ms. Rebecca Gonzalez and Mary Venable, Lead Project Manager for Bureau Veritas
Presentation attached.

4. New Business

- A. Approve minutes from the Regular Board of Education meeting on December 4, 2023
Submitted by Ms. Aja Edwards | No Committee Review

Mr. Cane motioned to approve minutes from the Regular Board of Education meeting on December 4, 2024, seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion carried 9:1 vote.

Board Acceptance:

- B. Enrollment Report
Submitted by Mr. Jeff Prokop | No Committee Review

Mr. Cane motioned to accept the enrollment report, seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Report of Personnel Transactions and Extracurricular Appointments
Submitted by Dr. Nicole Sanders | No Committee Review

Ms. Parker motioned to accept personnel transactions and extracurricular appointments, seconded by Mr. Cane. Motion carried unanimously.

5. 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. Board policy revision - 4114/4124 Job Accommodations and Accommodation Transfers
Submitted by Dr. Nicole Sanders
- B. Recommended policy for adoption - 5111.00 Admission and Placement of Students
Submitted by Ms. Kristie Bourdoulous
- C. Recommended policy for adoption - 5111.10 HALS Enrollment Policy
Submitted by Ms. Ivelise Velasquez
- D. Recommended curriculum for adoption - Problem Solving, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry
Submitted by Ms. Lara Bohlke

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- E. Approve new position request – Teacher Apprentice
Submitted by Dr. Nicole Sanders
- F. Approve Memorandum of Understanding between CSDNB and Local 871, New Britain Federation of Teachers regarding salary, expectations, and union representation for Teacher Apprentices and Mentors
Submitted by Dr. Nicole Sanders
- G. Approve new position request – Lead Teacher
Submitted by Andrew Mazzei
- H. Approve updated job description – Family School Liaison
Submitted by Mr. Joe Vaverchak
- I. Approve updated job description – Senior Accountant
Submitted by Ms. Ann Alfano
- J. Review new position request – Culinary Club: After school
Submitted by Mr. Andrew Mazzei
- K. Review new position request – Boxing Club: After school
Submitted by Mr. Andrew Mazzei
- L. Review new position request – Chess Club: After school
Submitted by Mr. Andrew Mazzei
- M. Review new position request – EdRising Club: After school
Submitted by Mr. Andrew Mazzei
- N. Accept donation from Stacey Lombardo, President and Founder of InfoShred, to support 4th and 5th grade students – Chamberlain Elementary (\$2,000.00)
Submitted by Mr. Zaldivar
- O. Accept grant from the Commission on Community & Neighborhood Development for the purchase and installation of a playground – Lincoln Elementary (\$233,000.00)
Submitted by Mr. Robert Smedley
- P. **Accept grant from The Office of Early Childhood to provide one-time support to the private providers that received FY 2023 Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs) – Districtwide (\$172,859.53)**
Submitted by Mr. Christopher Badenhop

Mr. Cane motioned to accept grant from The Office of Early Childhood to provide one-time support to the private providers that received FY 2023 Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs) districtwide in the amount of \$172,859.53, seconded by Ms. Santana. Ms. Reyes abstained from voting, motion carried.

- Q. **Accept grant from The Office of Early Childhood to support any costs associated with providing early childhood care and education services from April 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024 – Districtwide (\$28,350.00)**
Submitted by Mr. Christopher Badenhop | Funding Source: Infant and Toddler Expansion Grant

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the amount of \$28,350.00, seconded by Mr. Kane. Ms. Reyes abstained from voting, motion carried.

- R. Approve afterschool programming stipends to provide extracurricular activities to benefit students – Pulaski Middle School (\$40,000.00)
Submitted by Mr. Alex Ortiz | Funding Source: Commissioner's Network 23470531000151181
- S. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and Total Communications for replacement of phone system – Districtwide (\$1,320,814.02)
Submitted by Mr. Robert Smedley | Funding Source: ESSER
- T. Approve contract and purchase order between CSDNB and Yang's US Taekwondo to offer afterschool program – Smalley Elementary (\$15,000.00)
Submitted by Ms. Andrea Foligno | Funding Source: Commissioner Network 204 601210002-53200
- U. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and PowerSchool Group LLC, for the renewal of E-Collect add on – Districtwide (\$21,369.00)
Submitted by Mr. Jeff Prokop | Funding Source: MIS Local Software Budget 101092110000-53510
- V. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and PowerSchool Group, LLC for yearly renewal of licensing, cloud hosting, and registration services – Districtwide (\$143,126.25)
Submitted by Mr. Jeff Prokop | Funding Source: MI Local Software Budget 101092110000-53510
- W. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and Dr. Szachowicz & Mr. McNulty to conduct a full day of interviews with District Leadership to support Future-Focused Academic Improvement Planning (\$9,000.00)
Submitted by Dr. Tony Gasper | Funding Source: ESSER
- X. Approve an audit on Board Policies to be conducted by CABA (\$3,000)
Submitted by Mr. Joseph Listro
- Y. Accept donation from the NBHS Band Boosters to fund a stipend position for a Color Guard Advisor – NBHS (\$2,500.00)
Submitted by Mr. Damon Pearce
- Z. Approve contract and purchase order between CSDNB and The Modern Classroom Project to provide 50 full online mentorship subscriptions to teachers – Districtwide (\$72,500.00)
Submitted by Mr. Tyrone Richardson | Funding Source: ESSER 20639610002-53200
- AA. Approve contract between CSDNB and New Britain Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Development to collaborate with after-school programming in the middle and elementary schools – Districtwide (\$112,000.00)
Submitted by Mayra Rodriguez | Funding Source: Extended School Hours State Grant Professional and Technical Services
- BB. Approve contract and purchase order between CSDNB and Klinberg Family Centers to provide mental health services and "Love Wins" based interventions built on the needs of the students and families – Districtwide (\$90,000.00)
Submitted by Ms. Donna Clark | Funding Source: Title IV Grant 2019 969 10001 53340
- CC. Accept financial report – October 31, 2023 & November 30, 2023
Submitted by Ms. Ann Alfano

Mr. Cane motioned to adopt the consent agenda, seconded by Ms. Marino. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Executive Session

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- A. Executive session for the purposes of reviewing the Superintendent's contract
Submitted by Dr. Tony Gasper

Ms. Marino motioned to go into executive session for the purposes of reviewing the Superintendent's contract seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Closing and Adjournment

- A. Other Business as Permitted by Law
- B. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm