



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

New Britain Board of Education | Regular School Board Meeting

February 5, 2024 - 6:00 PM – New Britain Educational Administration Center

Members of the public may attend this meeting in person or view a live broadcast of the proceedings online via the livestream link:

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1. Call to Order and Opening

Meeting Called to Order

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

Board members present

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

Student representative present

Ariana Mohamed

2. Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

Report attached.

B. Committee Reports

Policy – The policy committee reviewed the draft policy 6141.51 - Policy for Advanced Coursework, followed by a presentation by Deputy Superintendent Ivelise Velasquez regarding this policy. The committee also reviewed the draft Flag Display policy, and recommended to table until a later date.

Curriculum- The curriculum committee reviewed an amended position request for two Latino in Action positions at Slade and Pulaski, to World Language Spanish Teacher positions.

Personnel – The personnel committee reviewed new position requests, two World Language Spanish Teachers, and one Pupil Services Assistant

Finance, Facilities, and Transportation - The Finance committee reviewed donations, contracts, purchase orders, and the financial report for January 31, 2024. All items were moved to consent.

C. Board Reports

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Diana Reyes along with a few other Board members/CSDNB Staff attended the MLK Event at Roosevelt, where she expressed her enjoyment of watching the students from HALS and NBHS perform.

Tony Cane stated NBHS PTO will be having a fundraiser on February 27, 2024 from 2pm-9pm, in the Stop and Shop plaza next to CCSU

Tina Santana will be attending Family night, Mayor Stewart visited HALS where the students were excited to meet her. Ms. Santana concluded by expressing her gratitude to the students and staff of New Britain for the wonderful job they do.

D. Student Representatives Report

Ms. Mohamed will be delivering tours to incoming parents and students at NBHS as part of her volunteer work during Family Night. Ms. Ariana provided an update on events at both NBHS and the middle schools. She acknowledged the difficulties many students are facing with FASFA but expressed gratitude to the counselors for their diligent work. She concluded by expressing how excited she was to take the senior panoramic photo.

3. New Business

- A. Approve minutes from the Regular Board of Education meeting on January 8, 2024
Submitted by Ms. Aja Edwards | No Committee Review

Ms. Santana motioned to approve minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting on January 8, 2024, seconded by Ms. Marino. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Acceptance:

- B. Enrollment Report
Submitted by Mr. Jeff Prokop | No Committee Review
- C. Report of Personnel Transactions and Extracurricular Appointments
Submitted by Dr. Nicole Sanders | No Committee Review

Board Approval:

- D. Board policy 6172.121 – DiLoreto Dual Language Program
Submitted by Mr. Tyrone Richardson

Ms. Marino motioned to approve Board policy 6172.121 – DiLoreto Dual Language Program seconded by Ms. Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Board policy 6153 – Field Trips
Submitted by Ms. Barbara Marino

Ms. Marino motioned to approve Board policy 6153 – Field Trips, seconded by Ms. Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

- F. New position request – Principal of Alternative Education Program
Submitted by Ms. Maryellen Manning

Mr. Kane motioned to approve new position request – Principal of Alternative Education Program, seconded by Ms. Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

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- G. Recommended school calendar for 2024-2025
Submitted by Dr. Tony Gasper

Ms. Parker motioned to approve recommended school calendar for 2024-2025, seconded by Ms. Pina with the amended changes reflecting the correct voting day. Motion carried unanimously.

4. 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. Art Curriculum – K-8 Art, Elements of Art, Drawing 1
Submitted by Ms. Leona Clerkin
- B. Multilingual Department – Middle School World Language, Spanish
Submitted by Ms. Silvia Mayo-Molina
- C. New position request – Color Guard Stipend for NBHS
Submitted by Mr. Damon Pearce
- D. New position request – Teacher of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing
Submitted by Ms. Donna Clark
- E. New position request – Special Education Teacher
Submitted by Ms. Donna Clark
- F. Accept donation from The Parent Music Association to support a stipend for color guard advisor – NBHS (\$2,500.00)
Submitted by Mr. Damon Pearce
- G. Accept donation from Hartford Marathon for reimbursement of bus fee for Hartford FIT Run – Districtwide (\$600.00)
Submitted by Ms. Gina Cavallo
- H. Accept grant from Connecticut State Department of Education for K-5 personal safety curriculum, expanded access to Vector solutions platform, expanded services from registered Behavioral technician, and additional surveillance cameras – Districtwide (\$349,812.00)
Submitted by Ms. Ivelise Velasquez
- I. Accept grant from American Savings Foundation to develop mindfulness room that promotes mental well-being – NBHS (\$1,000.00)
Submitted by Ms. Keira Soler
- J. Approve amended purchase order and contract between CSDNB and Blazerworks, LLC to reflect update in non-compete clause – Districtwide (\$1,975,240.00)
Submitted by Ms. Donna Clark | Funding Source: ESSER 206397412002-53200
- K. Approve contract between CSDNB and Wheeler Clinic, Inc. for use of space and behavioral health service provision - Pulaski & Slade Middle School
Submitted by Ms. Donna Clark | Funding Source: N/A

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- L. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and Boys Town for last round consultation with Specialized Classroom Management trainer – Districtwide (\$12,428.12)
Submitted by Ms. Donna Clark | Funding Source: Title IV 2019 969 10001 53340
- M. Approve contract between CSDNB and PowerSchool, LLC to allow Talent Department access to the Unified Talent Platform – NBEAC (\$32,221.98)
Submitted by Dr. Nicole Sanders | Funding Source: Local 1010941100000 – 53510
- N. Approve amended contract between CSDNB and ESS to manage the recruitment and retention of substitute teachers – Districtwide (\$650,000.00)
Submitted by Dr. Nicole Sanders | Funding Source: Local 101094125711-53590
- O. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and CT Radio for the purchase of more radios and charging equipment – Districtwide (\$25,710.00)
Submitted by Ms. Rebecca Gonzalez | Funding source: local facilities budget 101093126000 54300
- P. Approve purchase order and bid waiver between CSDNB and Allied Roofing Inc. for materials, label, and installation of metal roof guard – Roosevelt (\$12,800.00)
Submitted by Ms. Rebecca Gonzalez | Funding Source: Facilities Budget 10109312600 - 56103
- Q. Approve purchase order and bid waiver between CSDNB and New York Security Solutions (NYSS) for continuation of update to legacy camera systems – Districtwide (\$1,351,679.26)
Submitted by Mr. Robert Smedley | Funding Source: ESSER
- R. Approve bid award and purchase order between CSDNB and Summit ToyotaLift for purchase of fork lift truck & electric pallet jack – Districtwide (\$67,881.00)
Submitted by Mr. Robert Smedley | Funding Source: Food Service Account
- S. Approve purchase order and bid waver between CSDNB and Realityworks, LLC for additional infant simulators – NBHS (\$35,375.00)
Submitted by Mr. Ted Kerrigan | Funding Source: Perkins V Grant 2028969100057346
- T. Approve purchase order and contract between CSDNB and Scan-Optics Data Management to convert paper records into a digital environment – Districtwide (\$47,646.10)
Submitted by Ms. Ann Alfano | Funding Source: ESSER Grant 260396910001-53200
- U. Accept financial report – December 31, 2023**
Submitted by Ms. Ann Alfano

Ms. Reyes motioned to accept financial report – December 31, 2023, seconded by Mr. Rivera. Motion carried by 7:3 vote. Mr. Cane, Ms. Marino, and Ms. Santana opposed.

5. Closing and Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:47PM

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