



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

New Britain Board of Education | Regular School Board Meeting

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

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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

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2. Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

Report Attached.

B. Committee Reports

Policy – The committee reviewed Policy 6141.51 – Policy for Advanced Coursework. Policy Chair, Ms. Marino expressed that CAFE is still reviewing the District's policies and will have a report by their scheduled April deadline.

Curriculum- The committee discussed updating to FTE Latinos in Action positions to World Language Spanish positions. This item was moved to the regular agenda for the upcoming meeting.

Personnel – The committee discussed updating to FTE Latinos in Action positions to World Language Spanish positions as well as a request for a Pupil Services assistant which was moved to the consent agenda.

Finance, Facilities, and Transportation - The Finance committee reviewed donations, contracts, purchase orders, and the financial report for February 29, 2024. All items were moved to consent.

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C. Board Reports

Ms. Santana gave a shout out to Mr. Ticotsky and all the wonderful work he does for the district. She expressed her enjoyment of attending the Mayor's Ball and watching HALS band perform. She ended by reminding the CSDNB Staff that the CLIMB cart is in City Hall every Friday from 9-10am, please support our students!

Mr. Kane reminded everyone to come out and support the NBHS Band as they will be marching in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Hartford on Saturday.

Mr. Listro thanked the Guidance counselors at NBHS, as the process for FASFA has changed. Their diligent work while assisting students through this new process is appreciated.

Mr. Rivera sent a thank you to Principal of NBHS, Mr. Damon Pearce for the work that went into senior night being successful.

D. Student Representatives Report

3. Executive Session

- A. Discussion of Worker's Compensation Matter with Attorney Nicole Fluckiger
Submitted by Ms. Heather Barrett

Ms. Santana motioned to go into executive session for the discussion of Worker' Compensation matter with Attorney Fluckiger, seconded by Mr. Cane. Superintendent Tony Gasper, Chief of Staff Maryellen Manning, and Director of Talent and Equity Dr. Nicole Sanders were invited into executive session along with the full Board.

4. Presentation

Ms. Santana motioned to amend the agenda to reflect item B being presented before item A, seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion carried unanimously.

- ~~A. Comprehensive Reading Program, K-5 Implementation Update
Presented by Ms. Ivelise Velasquez~~
- ~~B. 2023-2024 Middle of the Year District Growth Plan Update
Presented by Ms. Ivelise Velasquez~~

Deputy Superintendent Ivelise Velasquez, Academics & Accountability Officers Kristie Bourdoulous and Tyrone Richardson, along with District ELA Coordinator Lillie Stuart gave an update on the Middle of the Year District growth plan as well the implementation of Comprehensive reading program, K-5. Presentations attached.

- A. 2023-2024 Middle of the Year District Growth Plan Update
Presented by Ms. Ivelise Velasquez
- B. Comprehensive Reading Program, K-5 Implementation Update
Presented by Ms. Ivelise Velasquez

*Ms. Santana motioned to amend the agenda to reflect section 7. **Executive Session** for the purpose of discussing school security being moved before the discussion of section 5. **New Business**, seconded by Mr. Rivera. Motion carried unanimously.*

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5. Executive session

- A. Executive session for the purpose of discussing matters of school security
Submitted by Dr. Tony Gasper

Ms. Santana motioned to go into executive session for the purposes of discussing school security, seconded by Mr. Kane. Superintendent Tony Gasper, New Britain Police Department, and Academics and Accountability Officer Tyrone Richardson were invited to discuss this matter with the full board.

6. New Business

- A. Approve minutes from the Regular Board of Education meeting on February 5, 2024
Submitted by Ms. Aja Edwards | No Committee Review

Mr. Cane motioned to approve minutes from the regular Board of Education Meeting on February 5, 2024, seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Acceptance:

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

Ms. Reyes motioned to accept the enrollment report, seconded by Ms. Santana. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Edgar Garcia was appointed to the position of Associate Principal at New Britain High School, and Todd Verdi was appointed Principal of Alternate Education Program at Brookside Extension Center.

Board Approval:

- D. Amended position request – 2 FTE Latinos in Action
Submitted by Ms. Silvia Mayo-Molina

Ms. Reyes motioned to approve amended position request – 2 FTE Latinos in Action, seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion carried unanimously.

- E. New position request – 1 FTE ESL Teacher
Submitted by Ms. Silvia Mayo-Molina

Ms. Parker motioned to approve new position request – 1 FTE ESL Teacher, seconded by Ms. Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

7. 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 board policy 6141.51 – Policy on Advanced Coursework

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Submitted by Ms. Ivelise Velasquez

- B. New position request – 1 FTE Pupil Services Assistant
Submitted by Ms. Donna Clark
- C. Accept donation from the Mayor’s Trophy Charitable Fund to purchase a new amp and speaker for the Guitar Ensemble – HALS (\$2,079.00)
Submitted by Ms. Leona Clerkin
- D. Accept donation(s) from The Connecticut State Department of Education, Donor’s Choose to assist/fund PK-5 teachers with projects aligning to CSDE ESSER priorities – Districtwide
Submitted by Ms. Kristie Bourdoulous & Tyrone Richardson
- E. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and Mystery Science for renewal/replacement of mystery science kits for all classrooms K-5 – Districtwide (\$80,560.00)
Submitted by Ms. Lara Bohlke | Funding Source: Alliance Grant Alliance Grant, Instructional Supplies, Account # 234196910001-56110
- F. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and Imagine Learning for one-year cost of student print consumables in both English and Spanish – Districtwide (\$103,004.62)
Submitted by Ms. Lara Bohlke | Funding Source: Local Academics-Textbooks 101096110001 56410
- G. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and Red Thread for 50 mobile student desk and chairs to create mobile workstations provide flexible seating arrangements – Northend Elementary (\$27,500.00)
Submitted by Ms. Rolanda Booker | Funding Source: Low Performing Schools Bond
- H. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and Wilson Language Training Corp. to replenish Foundations consumables – Districtwide (\$53,676.00)
Submitted by Ms. Lillie Stuart | Funding Source: Alliance 234196910001-56110
- I. Approve memorandum of understanding between CSDNB and New Britain Institute – Manufacturing Collaborative, a parent – Enrichment Program that will provide hands-on learning in stem and manufacturing – Districtwide (\$50,000.00)
Submitted by Ms. Sondra Sanford | Funding Source: LP1
- J. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and Carbide 3D for 5 Nomad 3 - Bamboo Desktop CNC Mills with starter pack attached – NBHS (\$15,675.00)
Submitted by Ms. Sondra Sanford | Funding Source: Governor's Budget: LP1 Other Expenses 2628-969-10001-57346
- K. Approve purchase order and bid waiver between CSDNB and Bantam Tools to purchase equipment for the manufacturing labs, aligned to industry standards – NBHS (\$54,721.16)
Submitted by Ms. Sondra Sanford | Funding Source: LP1/NBHS 2620
- L. Approve purchase order and bid waiver between CSDNB and B&H Video for additional and updated equipment in the video production room – NBHS Met Academy (\$79,976.00)
Submitted by Ms. Sondra Sanford | Funding Source: LP1/NBHS MET 2628-969-10001-57346
- M. Approve purchase order and contract between CSDNB and Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc. to complete Feasibility Study – Smith & Jefferson Elementary School (\$97,500.00)
Submitted by Ms. Rebecca Gonzalez | Funding Source: Facilities - Professional Services 101093126000-53340
- N. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and Bartholomew Contract Interiors for the refurbishing of gymnasium

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floor – Roosevelt Middle School (\$39,150.00)

Submitted by Ms. Rebecca Gonzalez | Funding Source: Facilities Budget 101093126000 – 56102

- O. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and Bartholomew Contract Interiors for the refurbishing of lower level gymnasium floor – NBHS (\$55,000.00)
Submitted by Ms. Rebecca Gonzalez | Funding Source: Facilities Budget 101093126000 – 56102
- P. Approve purchase order and bid waiver between CSDNB and CT Air Temp to upgrade Building Management System – Districtwide (\$145,000.00)
Submitted by Mr. Robert Smedley | Funding Source: ESSER
- Q. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and Air Temp Mechanical Services Inc. for replacement of Evapco cooling tower – NBHS (\$345,524.00)
Submitted by Mr. Robert Smedley | Funding Source: ESSER/ Facilities
- R. Approve contract between CSDNB and Lotterease, LLC to provide school choice lottery services – DiLoreto Magnet School (\$8,086.02)
Submitted by Mr. Jeff Prokop | Funding Source: ESSER
- S. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and PowerSchool for one-year renewal of Unified Insights Platform – Districtwide (\$64,840.00)
Submitted by Mr. Jeff Prokop | Funding Source: ESSER
- T. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and Follett School Solutions, LLC for the renewal of Destiny Library Manager and Resource Manager services – Districtwide (\$23,994.67)
Submitted by Mr. Jeff Prokop | Funding Source: MIS Local Software Budget 101092110000-53510
- U. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and Pearson Review 360 for one-year renewal of general education subscription – Districtwide (\$25,900.00)
Submitted by Mr. John Taylor | Funding Source: ESSER – Software/Tech
- V. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and Red Thread for furniture to promote collaborative learning, share their mastery of skills and learn from each other – Slade Middle School (\$90,712.68)
Submitted by Mr. Andrew Mazzei | Funding Source: Commissioner's Network 2348-1000-000-001-228721
- W. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and Red Thread for furniture to promote collaborative learning, and support student centered engagement – Pulaski Middle School (\$110, 793.93)
Submitted by Mr. Alejandro Ortiz | Funding Source: Low Performing Bond Grant 2390-053-10001-57333
- X. Approve purchase order and bid waiver between CSDNB and DialMedical USA to purchase equipment needed to provide students the opportunities to utilize the SimRig Ambulance Trainer – NBHS (\$11,185.00)
Submitted by Mr. Ted Kerrigan | Funding Source: Perkins V Grant 20289691000-57346
- Y. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and Pocket Nurse for Body Interact Education 12 Month Subscription with 100 emergency scenarios – NBHS (\$15,950.00)
Submitted by Mr. Ted Kerrigan | Funding Source: Perkins V Grant 20289691000-57346
- Z. Approve purchase order and bid waiver between CSDNB and Engraving Systems LLC to provide additional laser engravers – NBHS (\$33,014.00)
Submitted by Mr. Ted Kerrigan | Funding Source: Perkins V Grant 20289691000-57346
- AA. Approve contract, and purchase order between CSDNB and Powerschool, LLC to provide a fully integrated

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automated timesheet module – Districtwide (\$131,320.00)

Submitted by Ms. Ann Alfano | Funding Source: ESSER III Grant Funds 206391125900-53500

BB. Approve contract and purchase order between CSDNB and Questica Ltd., an end-to-end budgeting system that assists with the management of the budgeting process & provides full circle budgeting solutions – Districtwide (\$258,401.33)

Submitted by Ms. Ann Alfano | Funding Source: ESSER Grant Funds 206391124000-53500

CC. Accept financial report – January 31, 2024

Submitted by Ms. Ann Alfano

8. Closing and Adjournment

A. Other Business as Permitted by Law

Ms. Reyes motioned to amend Graduation Day to officially be on June 13, 2024, seconded by Mr. Kane. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:17PM

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