



**CONSOLIDATED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
— OF —  
NEW BRITAIN**

**NEW BRITAIN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING**

**April 22, 2024 – 6:15 PM | NEW BRITAIN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION CENTER**



## NOTICE OF MEETING

TO: New Britain Board of Education Members  
Mayor Erin Stewart  
Mr. Mark H. Bernacki, Town and City Clerk  
New Britain Common Council Members

DATE: April 19, 2024

RE: New Britain Board of Education Committee Meetings

The following Board of Education committee meetings will be held:

- **The New Britain Board of Education Policy Committee** will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the New Britain Educational Administration Center, located at 272 Main Street in New Britain, Connecticut.
- **The New Britain Board of Education Curriculum Committee** will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:15 PM at the New Britain Educational Administration Center, located at 272 Main Street in New Britain, Connecticut.

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

***<https://www.csdnb.org/board/>***

The agendas and board packets in their entirety can be found on the Board of Education website:  
<https://www.csdnb.org/board/BOE-2024-Meetings-Documents-Calendar.php>





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## New Britain Board of Education | Curriculum Committee Regular Meeting

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### 1. Call to Order and Opening

- A. Meeting Called to Order

### 2. Presentation

- A. K-5 General Music Curriculum  
Presented by Ms. Leona Clerkin

### 3. New Business

- A. Review and Approve Minutes from Curriculum Committee Meeting on March 18, 2024  
Submitted by Ms. Aja Edwards | Page 4
- B. Approve American Reading Core Digital Resources which include SchoolPace, SchoolPace Connect, and ARC Bookshelf for digital independent reading texts in English and Spanish  
Submitted by Ms. Lillie Stuart | Page 6
- C. Approve K-5 General Music Curriculum  
Submitted by Ms. Leona Clerkin | Page 15

### 4. Closing and Adjournment

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



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#### 1. Call to Order and Opening

Curriculum Chair, Mr. Escobales called the meeting to order at 6:16pm

##### Board Members Present

Salvador Escobales\*, Anthony Kane\*, Joseph Listro, Barbara Marino\*, Diana Reyes\*, and Tina Santana#\*

\*Committee member #Attended remotely

##### CSDNB Staff Present

Ms. Amy Anderson, Ms. Kristie Bourdoulous, Ms. Lara Bohlke, Ms. Erin Eatmon, Ms. Aja Edwards, Dr. Anthony Gasper, Ms. Maureen Leitao, Ms. Maryellen Manning, Ms. Silvia Mayo-Molina, Mr. Jeff Prokop#, Mr. Tyrone Richardson, Dr. Nicole Sanders, Ms. Lillie Stuart, Ms. Terry Turcotte, and Ms. Ivelise Velasquez

#### 2. Presentation

- A. Creative Curriculum for CSDNB Preschool Programs  
Presented by Ms. Kristie Bourdoulous

RELC Principal Ms. Terry Turcotte along with teachers' Ms. Erin Eatmon and Ms. Maureen Leitao introduced and presented the Creative Curriculum for Preschool Programs.

Presentation attached.

#### 3. New Business

- A. Review and Approve Minutes from Curriculum Committee Meeting on February 20, 2024  
Submitted by Ms. Aja Edwards

Ms. Marino motioned to approve minutes from Curriculum Committee meeting on February 20, 2024, seconded by Ms. Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Approve Creative Curriculum for Preschool – a research-based program that incorporates language, literacy and mathematics through play-based, hands-on investigations – Roosevelt Early Learning Center & Gaffney Elementary  
Submitted by Kristie Bourdoulous

The curriculum committee recommended to add this item to the consent agenda for the upcoming meeting in April.

#### New Britain Board of Education

Joseph Listro – President | Barbara Marino – Vice President | Diana Reyes – Secretary  
Anthony Cane | Salvador Escobales | Anthony Kane | Annie S. Parker | Joan Pina | Jose Rivera | Tina Santana

## 4. Closing and Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.



## CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

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### Board Memorandum

Submitted by Lillie Stuart () for approval at the Regular Board Meeting on May 6, 2024.  
Senior Leadership Sponsor: Kristie Bourdoulous Staff Presenter: Lillie Stuart

#### Type of Memorandum

Purchase Order

#### Background and Purpose/Rationale

This memo is for American Reading Core Digital Resources include the following:

SchoolPace: A database for entering IRLA assessment data and monitoring implementation of the core components of the program including strategic instruction and student reading practice and proficiency. SchoolPace Connect: the digital version of the curriculum including read a louds and other supplemental materials. ARC Bookshelf: for digital independent reading texts in English and Spanish. This includes ARC Reads which are thematic collections matched to each curriculum unit.

#### Financial Information

The total is \$223, 000 and the funding source is Alliance 0002341.

#### Committee Review

To be reviewed by the Curriculum Committee on April 22, 2024

[ARC Proposal - 2024-2025 Digital Resources - 242587 \(1\) - Lillie Stuart.pdf](#)

## **Consolidated School District of New Britain**

### **2024-2025 Digital Resources**

**01/12/2024**

Proposal Number: 242587

Submitted To: -

New Britain, CT 06051

<b>PRICING SUMMARY</b>	
Digital Literacy Platform	\$223,000.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$223,000.00</b>

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**Please note: Prices are valid 90 days from date of proposal**

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**Prices and Fulfillment**

Prices are valid 90 days from date of proposal. Upon receipt of purchase order or other payment method, materials will be shipped on a timeline mutually agreed to by the parties. ARC's Professional Development services will be delivered at customer's request and subject to American Reading Company personnel availability. Please send purchase orders to [orders@americanreading.com](mailto:orders@americanreading.com).

**Warranty and Exchanges**

ARC guarantees quality products and will replace products due to order discrepancies and/or damaged products reported within 90 days of receipt of order. Customers will be provided either credit or replacement product. Marked, stickered, stamped, or otherwise altered materials are non-returnable. Beyond the ninety days allowed for replacement of items deemed defective, ARC disclaims all warranties, expressed or implied.

American Reading Company will pay for return shipping if it is a result of company error. Please contact American Reading Company to ensure your exchange is processed correctly and you receive credit or replacement. If you have questions regarding your order, please contact our Customer Care Department at [customercare@americanreading.com](mailto:customercare@americanreading.com) or (866) 810-2665.

**Professional Development**

American Reading Company limits all workshops to a maximum of 25 participants (20 teachers and 5 support staff). If more than 25 people attend the workshop, you agree to pay \$350 for each additional participant. Professional development training cannot be cancelled or changed within 15 days of the event date, or you will be billed for the event.

American Reading Company reserves the right to convert in person professional development, upon consultation with the customer, to a combination of virtual professional development, physical materials, and/or digital materials when necessary to ensure the health and safety of its employees and customers.

ARC reserves the right to charge a temporary inflation surcharge of up to \$300 per day for any remaining, as yet undelivered, in-person PD.

**Recording of Professional Development sessions**

American Reading Company retains proprietary rights to its professional development, both in person and virtual; therefore, recording of professional development is prohibited. ARC reserves the right to maintain distribution of its professional development services.

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All [ARC Terms and Conditions](#) apply regardless of any additional terms that you may provide with your purchase.

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Signature	Date
Title	Approved Amount: \$

<b>Digital Literacy Platform</b>				
Heading	Product	Quantity	Price	Total
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 1 Literacy Lab	Unidad 1 Grado 1 eBundle: ARC Laboratorio de lectoescritura (ARC Literacy Lab) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 1 Literacy Lab	Unidad 1 Grado 2 eBundle: ARC Laboratorio de lectoescritura (ARC Literacy Lab) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 1 Literacy Lab	Unidad 1 Grado 3 eBundle: ARC Laboratorio de lectoescritura (ARC Literacy Lab) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 1 Literacy Lab	Unidad 1 Grado 4 eBundle: ARC Laboratorio de lectoescritura (ARC Literacy Lab) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 1 Literacy Lab	Unidad 1 Grado 5 eBundle: ARC Laboratorio de lectoescritura (ARC Literacy Lab) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 1 Literacy Lab	Unidad 1 Grado K eBundle: ARC Laboratorio de lectoescritura (ARC Literacy Lab) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 1 Literacy Lab	Unit 1 Grade 1 eBundle: ARC Core Literacy Lab (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00

ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 1 Literacy Lab	Unit 1 Grade 2 eBundle: ARC Core Literacy Lab (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 1 Literacy Lab	Unit 1 Grade 3 eBundle: ARC Core Literacy Lab (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 1 Literacy Lab	Unit 1 Grade 4 eBundle: ARC Core Literacy Lab (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 1 Literacy Lab	Unit 1 Grade 5 eBundle: ARC Core Literacy Lab (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 1 Literacy Lab	Unit 1 Kindergarten eBundle: ARC Core Literacy Lab (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 2 Informational Research Lab	Unidad 2 Grado 1 eBundle: Laboratorio de investigación: Escritura informativa Animales salvajes (Wild and Endangered Animals) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 2 Informational Research Lab	Unidad 2 Grado 2 eBundle: Laboratorio de investigación: Escritura informativa Bichos en sus ecosistemas (Bugs in Their Ecosystems) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 2 Informational Research Lab	Unidad 2 Grado 3 eBundle: Laboratorio de investigación: Escritura informativa El tiempo y clima (Weather and Climate) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 2 Informational Research Lab	Unidad 2 Grado 4 eBundle: Laboratorio de investigación: Escritura informativa Adaptaciones de los animales (Animal Adaptations) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00

ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 2 Informational Research Lab	Unidad 2 Grado 5 eBundle: Laboratorio de investigación: Escritura informativa Ecosistemas (Ecosystems) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 2 Informational Research Lab	Unit 2 Grade 1 eBundle: Research Lab Informational Wild and Endangered Animals (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 2 Informational Research Lab	Unit 2 Grade 2 eBundle: Research Lab Informational Bugs in Their Ecosystems (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 2 Informational Research Lab	Unit 2 Grade 3 eBundle: Research Lab Informational Weather and Climate (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 2 Informational Research Lab	Unit 2 Grade 4 eBundle: Research Lab Informational Animal Adaptations (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 2 Informational Research Lab	Unit 2 Grade 5 eBundle: Research Lab Informational Ecosystems (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 2 Kindergarten Lab	Unidad 2 Kinder eBundle: Research Lab Zoología (Spanish Zoology) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 2 Kindergarten Lab	Unit 2 Kindergarten eBundle: Research Lab Zoology (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 3 Kindergarten Lab	Unidad 3 Kinder eBundle: Research Lab Ecología (Spanish Ecology) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00

ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 3 Kindergarten Lab	Unit 3 Kindergarten eBundle: Research Lab Ecology (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 3 Literacy Genre Lab	Unidad 3 Grado 1 eBundle: Laboratorio de género literario: Historias de la familia (+ Familias) (Family Stories + Families) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 3 Literacy Genre Lab	Unidad 3 Grado 2 eBundle: Laboratorio de género literario: Historias de animales (+ Animales) (Animal Stories + Animals) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 3 Literacy Genre Lab	Unidad 3 Grado 3 eBundle: Laboratorio de género literario: Cuentos tradicionales (+ Culturas del mundo) (Traditional Tales + World Cultures) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 3 Literacy Genre Lab	Unidad 3 Grado 4 eBundle: Laboratorio de género literario: Ficción realista (+ Cuestiones sociales) (Realistic Fiction + Social Issues) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 3 Literacy Genre Lab	Unidad 3 Grado 5 eBundle: Laboratorio de género literario: Aventura (+ Supervivencia) (Adventure + Survival) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 3 Literacy Genre Lab	Unit 3 Grade 1 eBundle: Literature Genre Lab Family Stories (+ Families) (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 3 Literacy Genre Lab	Unit 3 Grade 2 eBundle: Literature Genre Lab Animal Stories (+ Animals) (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 3 Literacy Genre Lab	Unit 3 Grade 3 eBundle: Literature Genre Lab Traditional Tales (+ World Cultures) (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00

ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 3 Literacy Genre Lab	Unit 3 Grade 4 eBundle: Literature Genre Lab American Historical Fiction (+ American History) (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 3 Literacy Genre Lab	Unit 3 Grade 5 eBundle: Literature Genre Lab Adventure (+Survival) (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 4 Argument Research Lab	Unidad 4 Grado 1 eBundle: Laboratorio de investigación: Argumento Plantas (Plants) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 4 Argument Research Lab	Unidad 4 Grado 2 eBundle: Laboratorio de investigación: Argumento Profesiones en mi Comunidad (Jobs in My Community) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 4 Argument Research Lab	Unidad 4 Grado 3 eBundle: Laboratorio de investigación: Argumento Vida marina (Marine Life) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 4 Argument Research Lab	Unidad 4 Grado 4 eBundle: Laboratorio de investigación: Argumento Deportes y sociedad (Sports and Society) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 4 Argument Research Lab	Unidad 4 Grado 5 eBundle: Laboratorio de investigación: Argumento El espacio (Space) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 4 Argument Research Lab	Unit 4 Grade 1 eBundle: Research Lab Argument Plants (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 4 Argument Research Lab	Unit 4 Grade 2 eBundle: Research Lab Argument Jobs in my Community (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00

ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 4 Argument Research Lab	Unit 4 Grade 3 eBundle: Research Lab Argument Marine Life (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 4 Argument Research Lab	Unit 4 Grade 4 eBundle: Research Lab Argument Sports and Society (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 4 Argument Research Lab	Unit 4 Grade 4 eBundle: Research Lab Argument U.S. States (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 4 Argument Research Lab	Unit 4 Grade 5 eBundle: Research Lab Argument Space (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 4 Argument Research Lab	Unit 4 Grade 5 eBundle: Research Lab Argument Civil War Era (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 4 Kindergarten Lab	Unidad 4 Kinder eBundle: Research Lab Entomología (Spanish Entomology) (School Year 2023/2024)	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
ARC Core Digital Support: Unit 4 Kindergarten Lab	Unit 4 Kindergarten eBundle: Research Lab Entomology (School Year 2023/2024)	10	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
SchoolPace/eIRLA or eENIL	SchoolPace (eIRLA/eENIL): 2024/2025 Full-Year Subscription + Access to SchoolPace Connect - Variant 2 (Kindergarten-Grade 5) (1-19 schools)	10	\$9,000.00	\$90,000.00
			<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$223,000.00</b>

**TOTAL: \$223,000.00**



## CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

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### Board Memorandum

Submitted by Leona C. Clerkin () for approval at the Regular Board Meeting on May 6, 2024.  
Senior Leadership Sponsor: Tyrone Richardson Staff Presenter: Leona Clerkin, Chad Fortune, Rachael DuPont

#### Type of Memorandum

Other -

#### Background and Purpose/Rationale

K-5 Music Curriculum is aligned with Dr. Gasper's 'Essential 10' - Curriculum: A rigorous, useful, Board-approved curriculum document for every subject area, course, and grade. As discussed at the last Curriculum Committee meeting, the curriculum renewal and curriculum writing process has been progressing and there is curriculum ready to move forward to the Board for approval. This curriculum has been in place since and was updated based on the CT Core Arts Standards in 2014. With the recent work with EdAdvance, we completed a thorough review and updated areas based on the requirements of CSDNB which we will share with the curriculum committee.

#### Financial Information

N/A

#### Committee Review

To be reviewed by the Policy Committee on April 22, 2024

[Music K-5 Curriculum Board Presentation 24 - Leona Clerkin](#)

# **Music Curriculum Board Presentation**

**K - 5 General Music**

**Presented by:  
Leona Clerkin, Rachael DuPont & Chad Fortune**



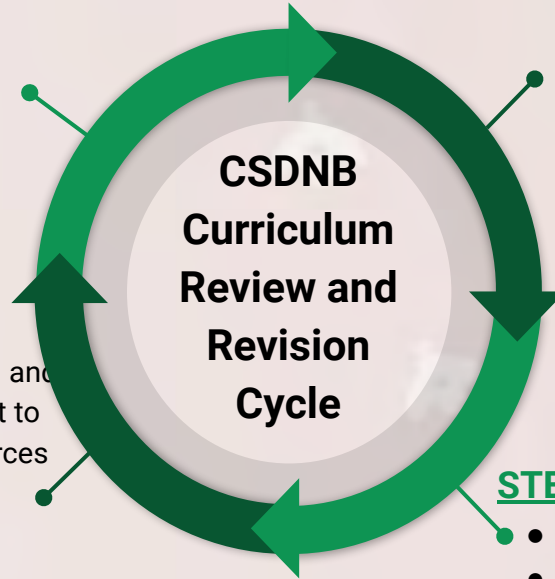
# Elementary K - 5 General Music

## STEP FOUR: BOE APPROVAL

- [Elementary Music Maps K-5](#)
- Folders for Grades K-5 full year.
- Readiness Units.
- Resources.

## STEP THREE: PILOT

- Elementary Music Maps have been developed and shared with music teachers across the district to use including the application of Quaver resources within the curriculum. Music lessons from Quaver are packed with original songs, movement, activities, videos, games, assessments and more to enhance our curriculum. Each element is designed to reinforce students' understanding of musical concepts and in a variety of genres.
- <https://www.quavered.com/music/>



## STEP 1: COURSE DATA REVIEW

- Alignment to the National Core Arts Standards & the CT Core Arts Standards beginning back in 2015
- [2014 Music Standards \(PK-8 General Music\) – NAFME](#)

## STEP TWO: COURSE REVISION

- Rachael DuPont - author
- Chad Fortune - author
- All elementary music teachers
- Leona Clerkin, Jenna Lombardo - reviewers