



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

New Britain Board of Education | Regular School Board Meeting

December 4, 2023 - 6:00 PM – New Britain Educational Administration Center

1. Call to Order and Opening

Call to Order

Board Secretary Mr. Joseph Listro, called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Board Members Present

Mr. Anthony Cane, Mr. Sal 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 Board Members Present

Ariana Mohamed

2. Public Participation

Nassir Alsami – Nassir, senior at NBHS expressed his concerns of the current events happening in the Middle East. He suggested the promotion of peace and empathy within the schools are needed, as well as providing more insight and knowledge of the current events happening in the world and how it affects the students here in our district.

Alderwoman Sharon Saavedra – Ms. Saavedra congratulated the newly appointed/elected members of the Board, and wished them well as they embark on their new journey. She expressed her concerns as the Board has not come together to delegate positions and reiterated to the Board, their purpose as members.

3. Election of Officers

President:

Ms. Parker motioned to nominate Joseph Listro as President of the Board, seconded by Ms. Reyes. Motion failed due to a 5:5 vote.

Mr. Cane motioned to nominate Barbara Marino as President of the Board, seconded by Mr. Kane. Motion failed due to a 5:5 vote.

Mr. Listro stated that due to the split votes of Board Chairman not being appointed, the Board cannot move forward with the election of officers.

Mr. Cane motioned to table this election to the next meeting in January, seconded by Mr. Rivera. Dr. Gasper recommended the Board resolve this matter as soon as possible. Ms. Reyes suggested the Board have a special meeting once the Board can come to an agreement. Due to a split vote 5:5, motion failed.

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4. Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

Report attached.

B. Board Reports

Mr. Cane thanked Academic & Accountability Officer, Tyrone Richardson for visiting his school. Mr. Cane attended the CAFE Conference, where he felt it could've been more informative.

Mr. Listro shared that he also attended the CAFE Conference, where he stated our very own student representative Ariana Mohamed represented the District of New Britain so well.

Ms. Santana followed up by reiterating how great Ms. Ariana did as a speaker, and how well she engaged with the panel and audience. Ms. Santana attended the Coffee Talk event at Slade, and concluded by giving a shout out to Principal of Pulaski, Mr. Ortiz and sent well wishes to Smith Elementary Principal, Ms. Falvey.

Mr. Kane congratulated the NBHS Football team for a successful season. He reminded the Board of the many concerts that will be happening in the coming weeks, and asked the community to come out and support.

C. Student Representative Report

Ms. Ariana reintroduced herself once more to the new members, and thanked them for the continuous work they do for the students of New Britain. Ms. Ariana provided updates of what's going on at the high school and ended by sharing her excitement of being able to view her senior photos, that are now available for purchase.

5. Presentation

A. HALS Academy – Tiny House Project

Presented by Ms. Leona Clerkin & HALS Students

Presentation attached.

6. New Business

A. Approve minutes from the Regular Board of Education meeting on November 6, 2023

Submitted by Ms. Aja Edwards | No Committee Review

Ms. Santana motioned to approve minutes from the Regular Board of Education meeting on November 6, 2023, seconded by Ms. Reyes. Ms. Joan Pina abstained from voting. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Joan Pina abstained from voting.

B. Approve 2024 Board of Education Meeting Calendar

Submitted by Ms. Aja Edwards | No Committee Review

Mr. Kane motioned to approve the 2024 Board of Education Meeting Calendar with the amended change reflecting the date change April board meeting, seconded by Ms. Reyes Motion carried unanimously.

C. Approve 2024 Board of Education Grievance Hearing Calendar

Submitted by Ms. Aja Edwards | No Committee Review

Ms. Reyes motioned to approve 2024 Board of Education Grievance Hearing Calendar, seconded by Ms. Santana. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Acceptance:

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- D. Enrollment Report
Submitted by Mr. Jeff Prokop | No Committee Review
Ms. Reyes motioned to accept enrollment report, seconded by Mr. Cane. Motion carried unanimously
- E. Report of Personnel Transactions and Extracurricular Appointments
Submitted by Dr. Nicole Sanders | No Committee Review
Mr. Cane motioned to accept report of Personnel Transactions and Extracurricular Appointments, seconded by Ms. Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.
- F. Grant from Long Island Sound Schools network to research various factors & increase ocean literacy in students and our community – HALS Academy (\$5,000.00)
Submitted by Ms. Leona Clerkin
Mr. Cane motioned to approve grant from Long Island Sound Schools network to research various factors & increase ocean literacy in students and our community at HALS Academy in the amount of \$5,000.00, seconded by Ms. Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.
- G. Donation from BIC Corporation for writing supplies in support of Global Education week – Smith Elementary (\$2,794.00)
Submitted by Ms. Michele Kushman
Mr. Cane motioned to approve donation from BIC Corporation for writing supplies in support of Global Education week at Smith Elementary in the amount of \$2,794.00, seconded by Ms. Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Approval:

- H. Contract(s) between CSDNB and Office of Early Childhood for individual consultants to support our School readiness teachers and/or administrators – Districtwide (\$35,000.00)
Submitted by Mr. Christopher Badenhop | Funding Source: Office of Early Childhood 320 Professional Education Services
Ms. Parker motioned to approve contract(s) between CSDNB and Office of Early Childhood for individual consultants to support our School readiness teachers and/or administrators in the amount of 35,000.00, seconded by Mr. Kane. Ms. Joan Pina and Ms. Diana Reyes abstained from voting, motion carried unanimously.
- I. Contract between CSDNB and MABE (Multistate Association for Bilingual Education-Northeast, Inc.) to provide professional development and technical assistance for staff of Dual Language Education – DiLoreto Magnet School (\$19,600.00)
Submitted by Ms. Silvia Mayo-Molina | Funding Source: Local Dept. 962- Technical Services Local: 1010-962-22044-53500
Mr. Cane motioned to approve contract between CSDNB and MABE (Multistate Association for Bilingual Education-Northeast, Inc.) to provide professional development and technical assistance for staff of Dual Language Education at DiLoreto Magnet School in the amount of \$19,600.00, seconded by Ms. Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.
- J. Purchase Order between CSDNB and CDW-G for renewal of Google education license – Districtwide (\$46,750.00)
Submitted by Mr. Jeff Prokop | Funding Source: MIS Local Software Budget 101092110000-53510

Ms. Parker motioned to approve purchase Order between CSDNB and CDW-G for renewal of Google education license in the amount of 46,750.00, seconded by Ms. Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.
- K. Contract between CSDNB and Sprague Operating Resources for one-year contract to fix the price of the natural gas supply for fuel cell – Districtwide
Submitted by Mr. Robert Smedley
Ms. Parker motioned to approve contract between CSDNB and Sprague Operating Resources for one-year contract to fix the price of the natural gas supply for fuel cell districtwide, seconded by Ms. Reyes.

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D. Closing and Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm