



## CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

### New Britain Board of Education | Finance, Facilities, and Transportation Committee Regular Meeting

April 29, 2024 – 6:15 PM | New Britain Educational Administration Center

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

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

#### 1. Call to Order and Opening

Finance Chair, Mr. Tony Cane called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM

##### Board Members Present

Mr. Anthony Cane\*, Mr. Joseph Listro\*, Ms. Barbara Marino, Ms. Annie Parker\*, Ms. Joan Pina\*, Mr. Jose Rivera\*, and Ms. #Tina Santana

*\*committee member*

*#attended remotely*

##### CSDNB Staff Present

Ms. Ann Alfano, Ms. Lara Bohlke, Ms. Kristie Bourdoulous, Ms. Aja Edwards, Dr. Tony Gasper, Ms. Rebecca Gonzalez, Mr. Jeff Prokop, Mr. Tyrone Richardson, Ms. Sondra Sanford, Dr. Nicole Sanders, Mr. Robert Smedley, Ms. Ivelise Velasquez, and Ms. Jennifer Wright

#### 2. New Business

- A. Review and Approve Minutes from Finance, Facilities, and Transportation Committee Meeting on March 25, 2024  
Submitted by Ms. Aja Edwards

**Mr. Listro motioned to approve minutes from Finance, Facilities, and Transportation Committee Meeting on March 25, 2024, seconded by Ms. Parker. Motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Facilities/IT Update  
Presented by Ms. Rebecca Gonzalez and Mr. Jeff Prokop

**Presentation attached.**

- C. Accept donation from the Mayor's Trophy Charitable Fund for the 2023/2024 school yearbook – NBHS (\$800.00)  
Submitted by Mr. Damon Pearce

**Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board's consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.**

- D. Accept donation from Whitsons Culinary Group for Road to Recovery program that provides families identified as homeless with basic needs items and support – Districtwide (\$2,000.00)  
Submitted by Mr. Joe Vaverchak

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Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board's consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Accept grant from The CT Children's Collective (CTCC) to strengthen our organizational capacity and/or implement birth to age five systems projects, around family engagement – Districtwide (14,960.00)  
Submitted by Mr. Christopher Badenhop

Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board's consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.

- F. Accept grant from The American Savings Foundation to provide enrichment support to students for the 3-week Summer Enrichment Experiences (SEE) Program – Districtwide (\$50,000.00)  
Submitted by Ms. Mayra Rodriguez

Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board's consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.

- G. Accept donation from the New York Giants Football team for the CCC Conference to start a Girls Flag Football Program – NBHS (1,957.00)  
Submitted by Ms. Lisa Kawecki

Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board's consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.

- H. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and Amazon to support the implementation of the new reading units – Smalley Elementary (\$20,863.18)  
Submitted by Ms. Andrea Foligno | Funding Source: Commissioner' Network grant 234601210001-56110

Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board's consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.

- I. Approve purchase order and bid waiver between CSDNB and ISC Group, LLC for the renewal of VMWare software, which is used to power the virtual server environment – Districtwide (\$12,792.00)  
Submitted by Mr. Jeff Prokop | Funding Source: MIS Local Software Budget 101092125300-55500

Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board's consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.

- J. Approve purchase order and bid waiver between CSDNB and Dell for the service warranty for physical Dell servers – Districtwide (\$14,227.93)  
Submitted by Mr. Jeff Prokop | Funding Source: MIS Local Budget 101092110000-53510

Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board's consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.

- K. Approve purchase order and bid waiver between CSDNB and CDW-G for the purchase of additional student Chromebooks for newly registered students – NBHS (221,200.00)  
Submitted by Mr. Jeff Prokop | Funding Source: Local MIS Budget - Equipment Replacement 101092125800-57345

Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board's consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.

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- L. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and Cherry Hill Glass CO., Inc. for the application of a security film on entrances windows and side panels that would help delay entry to buildings in the event of a critical incident or event – Districtwide (\$281,880.00)  
Submitted by Mr. Robert Smedley | Funding Source: ESSER 206393126002-54001
- Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board’s consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.
- M. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and NYSS Inc. for the addition of 50 security cameras – Districtwide (\$91,394.80)  
Submitted by Mr. Robert Smedley | Funding Source: ESSER 206393126002-54001
- Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board’s consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.
- N. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and Kone Inc. for the furnishing of equipment and installation of passenger elevator – Slade Middle School (\$38,500.00)  
Submitted by Ms. Rebecca Gonzalez | Funding Source: Facilities Budget 10109312600 – 54300
- Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board’s consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.
- O. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and Barall & Konover Floors for the removal and new installation of floors – Northend Elementary (10,625.00)  
Submitted by Ms. Rolanda Booker | Funding Source: Low Performing Schools Bond
- Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board’s consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.
- P. Approve purchase order and bid waiver between CSDNB and DELL for the purchase of two full classroom sets of windows laptops that will be used to enhance instruction and promote content creation – Northend Elementary (\$64,655.40)  
Submitted by Ms. Rolanda Booker | Funding Source: LPB grant
- Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board’s consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.
- Q. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and Apple, Inc. to provide iPad sets for the classroom and Technology center – Northend Elementary (\$41,500.00)  
Submitted by Ms. Rolanda Booker | Funding Source: LPB Grant
- Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board’s consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.
- R. Approve purchase order and bid waiver between CSDNB and CDW-G for classroom sets of windows laptops to support Timeless Technology Lab project – Slade Middle School (\$78,925.00)  
Submitted by Mr. Andrew Mazzei | Funding Source: Low Performing Schools Grant 2394-052-10001-57333 (57346)
- Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board’s consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.
- S. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and Uline for new tables with casters to be easily moved for different collaborative learning activities – Slade Middle School (\$9,283.19)  
Submitted by Mr. Andrew Mazzei | Funding Source: SIG 2045-052-1000000001-56110

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- T. Approve purchase order and bid waiver between CSDNB and Red Thread for the flexible workstations to outfit the Tech Ed computer lab area - Slade Middle School (\$17,850.00)  
Submitted by Mr. Andrew Mazzei | Funding Source: Low Performing Bonds Grant 2394-052-10001-57333 (57346)

Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board's consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.

- U. Approve purchase order and bid waiver between CSDNB and CDW-G to add instructional equipment, computer devices and accessories to support academic attainment – Pulaski Middle School (\$20,160.00)  
Submitted by Mr. Alex Ortiz | Funding Source: Commissioner's Network 23470531000-001-57351

Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board's consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.

- V. Approve purchase order and bid waiver between CSDNB and CDW-G for classroom sets of windows laptops to support IT Lab – Pulaski Middle School (\$96,250.00)  
Submitted by Mr. Alex Ortiz | Funding Source: Low Performing Schools Grant 2394-052-10001-57333 (57346)

Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board's consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.

- W. Approve purchase order and bid waiver between CSDNB and Red Thread for the tables and chairs of flexible work stations to promote collaboration, inquiry and the use of critical thinking skills – Pulaski Middle School (\$20,751.80)  
Submitted by Mr. Alex Ortiz | Funding Source: Low Performing Bond Grant 2390-053-1000-000-00157346

Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board's consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.

***Ms. Marino motion to add items X through item JJ to the consent agenda, seconded by Ms. Pina. Motion carried unanimously***

- X. Approve bid award between CSDNB and Meriden YMCA Arts (YARTS) to provide students with the emotional and academic support and expand students' relationships with peers, teachers, and community – Districtwide (\$11,800.00)  
Submitted by Ms. Mayra Rodriguez | Funding Source: Foundation Grants for the 2024-2025 Budget Cycle Professional and Technical Services

- Y. Approve bid award between CSDNB and World-Wide Youth Networks to provide students with the emotional and academic support and expand students' relationships with peers, teachers, and community – Districtwide (\$10,763.00)  
Submitted by Ms. Mayra Rodriguez | Funding Source: Foundation Grants for the 2024-2025 Budget Cycle Professional and Technical Services

- Z. Approve bid award between CSDNB and PARISI Speed School to provide students with the emotional and academic support and expand students' relationships with peers, teachers, and community – Districtwide (\$18,500.00)  
Submitted by Ms. Mayra Rodriguez | Funding Source: Foundation Grants for the 2024-2025 Budget Cycle Professional and Technical Services

- AA. Approve bid award between CSDNB and New Britain-Berlin YMCA & CT Stem Academy to provide students with the emotional and academic support and expand students' relationships with peers, teachers, and community – Chamberlain (\$9,000.00)  
Submitted by Ms. Mayra Rodriguez | Funding Source: Foundation Grants for the 2024-2025 Budget Cycle Professional and

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Technical Services

- BB. Approve bid award between CSDNB and US Taekwondo Center CT Inc. to provide students with the emotional and academic support and expand students' relationships with peers, teachers, and community – Districtwide (\$16,080.00)  
Submitted by Ms. Mayra Rodriguez | Funding Source: Foundation Grants for the 2024-2025 Budget Cycle Professional and Technical Services
- CC. Approve bid award between CSDNB and Arts for Learning Connecticut to provide students with the emotional and academic support and expand students' relationships with peers, teachers, and community – Gaffney Elementary (\$39,375.00)  
Submitted by Ms. Mayra Rodriguez | Funding Source: Foundation Grants for the 2024-2025 Budget Cycle Professional and Technical Services
- DD. Approve bid award between CSDNB and Bhogah Yoga, LLC to provide students with the emotional and academic support and expand students' relationships with peers, teachers, and community – Chamberlain Elementary (\$15,088.00)  
Submitted by Ms. Mayra Rodriguez | Funding Source: Foundation Grants for the 2024-2025 Budget Cycle Professional and Technical Services
- EE. Approve bid award between CSDNB and Bring the Hoopla to provide students with the emotional and academic support and expand students' relationships with peers, teachers, and community – Chamberlain & Gaffney Elementary (\$27,712.00)  
Submitted by Ms. Mayra Rodriguez | Funding Source: Foundation Grants for the 2024-2025 Budget Cycle Professional and Technical Services
- FF. Approve bid award between CSDNB and Yousef Taekwondo to provide students with the emotional and academic support and expand students' relationships with peers, teachers, and community – Gaffney Elementary (\$15,800.00)  
Submitted by Ms. Mayra Rodriguez | Funding Source: Foundation Grants for the 2024-2025 Budget Cycle Professional and Technical Services
- GG. Approve bid award between CSDNB and The Children's Museum to provide students with the emotional and academic support and expand students' relationships with peers, teachers, and community – Gaffney Elementary (\$17,517.77)  
Submitted by Ms. Mayra Rodriguez | Funding Source: Foundation Grants for the 2024-2025 Budget Cycle Professional and Technical Services
- HH. Approve bid award between CSDNB and 2-4-1- Care, Inc. to provide students with the emotional and academic support and expand students' relationships with peers, teachers, and community – Chamberlain & Gaffney Elementary (\$35,528.00)  
Submitted by Ms. Mayra Rodriguez | Funding Source: Foundation Grants for the 2024-2025 Budget Cycle Professional and Technical Services
- II. Approve bid award between CSDNB and New Britain ROOTS to provide students with the emotional and academic support and expand students' relationships with peers, teachers, and community – Gaffney Elementary (\$18,400.00)  
Submitted by Ms. Mayra Rodriguez | Funding Source: Foundation Grants for the 2024-2025 Budget Cycle Professional and Technical Services
- JJ. Approve bid award between CSDNB and Connecticut Invention Convention to provide students with the emotional and academic support and expand students' relationships with peers, teachers, and community – Gaffney Elementary (\$15,450.00)  
Submitted by Ms. Mayra Rodriguez | Funding Source: Foundation Grants for the 2024-2025 Budget Cycle Professional and Technical Services
- KK. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and The Warehouse Restaurant to upgrade the cafeteria serving line – Jefferson Elementary (\$65,773.92)  
Submitted by Ms. Rebecca Gonzalez | Funding Source: Cafeteria Fund 101093131000 -57010

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Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board’s consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.

- LL. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and Scholastic Books to provide every elementary school with a set of thematic books aligned to the District’s ELA units of study – Districtwide (\$56,743.22)  
Submitted by Ms. Ivelise Velasquez | Funding Source: Alliance Instructional Supplies 234196910001-56110

Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board’s consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.

- MM. Approve purchase order between CSDNB and American Reading Core Company for digital resources which include SchoolPace, SchoolPace Connect, and ARC Bookshelf for digital independent reading texts in English and Spanish – Districtwide (\$223,000.00)  
Submitted by Ms. Lillie Stuart | Funding Source: Alliance 0002341

Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board’s consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.

- NN. Accept financial report – March 31, 2024  
Submitted by Ms. Ann Alfano

Mr. Cane motioned to add this item to the Board’s consent Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting in May. Motion carried unanimously.

### 3. Closing and Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm