

Thursday, September 23, 2021

MINUTES OF THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE OF THE BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION, held September 23, 2021, at Central High School, 1 Lincoln Boulevard, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 6:19 p.m. Present were Chair John Weldon and member Joseph Sokolovic. Board member Albert Benejan was present.

Mr. Sokolovic moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 10, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weldon and unanimously approved.

The next agenda item was on a solicitation for athletic training services. Present were Tony Pires, business manager; and James Denton, director of adult education.

Mr. Pires said this is an RFP requesting services of athletic trainers for high school athletics. The current provider has been in place for three years, but the contract must go out to bid. They are providing services on a per diem basis for the fall. Once the RFP and selection process is complete, the new contract will begin in January, hopefully.

In response to a question, Mr. Pires said it was a standard RFP that was reviewed by the city attorney's office.

Mr. Sokolovic moved "*to refer to this to the full board with a recommendation that this RFP be issued.*" The motion was seconded by Mr. Weldon and unanimously approved.

The next agenda items were on a contract with Access Education Services to provide an after-school program at Classical Studies Magnet Academy and a similar contract with the Carver Foundation.

Lindsey Davis, Classical Studies principal, said the contracts were the same as last year except for the dates of operation. Last year, the programs were virtual; this year they will be in-person.

Ms. Davis said Carver partners with the Linwood campus for Grades 3 to 6. Carver supplements the program with fundraising, which is open to all students and free of charge.

Ms. Davis said Access is one of the community-based partners with the program, which provides Lego engineering for 2nd graders two days a week as part of the after-school program. This is also free of charge to all K to 2 students.

In response to a question, Ms. Davis said the programs are paid for by the Extended School Hours Grant.

In response to a question, Ms. Davis said the Access program has been expanded and is fantastic.

Mr. Sokolovic moved *“to refer these two items to the full board with a recommendation to approve them on Monday evening.”* The motion was seconded by Mr. Weldon and unanimously approved.

Mr. Sokolovic moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benejan and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John McLeod

*Approved by the committee on February 16, 2022*