



EASTCONN Board of Directors FINANCE Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 12th, 2025 ZOOM MEETING

In attendance: Eric Protulis, Brian Greenleaf, Carol Klemyk, Michael Morrill, Terry Cote, Barbara Riley, Maryellen Donnelly, Susan Lannon

1. Call to Order

- Meeting started at 5:16 pm

Budget Mods are completed – discussed procedures

Starting the process to review the Voluntary Pay Reduction Plan

Discussed RESC Fees – within each division

Adult Education – moved some orgs that were under Adult Ed to the Facilities division

Addressed the discussions with Jewett City Bank

Eric talked about the Building Committee Meeting with Support Staff

Conversation was well received and addressed unnecessary misconceptions

FY26 budget – reviewed projections and expenses from Division Directors

- Directors are continuing to work through revenue projections till the end of the year and creating a budget that creates a surplus
- Management for EASTCONN to head in the right direction

Transportation – contracts are coming due this year – we will be able to set competitive rates for the districts

Discussed the rate increase in the middle of the year – created a profit of around 55%

Talked about magnet Schools – and the issues facing all RESCs across the state

Eric will be attending the Public Hearing and Coalition Meeting on February 20th



Still working with legislators about stabilization funds for EASTCONN

**Updates on the Employee Retention Credit – status of EASTCONN’s application
EASTCONN paid employees to remain open during COVID – with recognized loss of revenue during this time**

**Will present the Audit to the Full Board at the March 2025 meeting
EASTCONN is now set-up to accelerate the auditing process. The Audit for next year will be done in a more timely fashion with the new procedures in place**

**Updates on the possible relocation of the NRP Program
Conversations with the owner of the PATH Academy. This would create an opportunity for EASTCONN to expand enrollment. Then would move Bridges to EVC which would also create an opportunity for expansion**

Tuition increases for next year – will hold to less than 5% - with 2-3% increase on the autistic program

Killingly Effective Schools Initiatives – started conversation around these

Updates from legislators about the advantage for districts to have out-of-districts placements – in favor of the RESCs programs they offer to districts. History shows that is highly unsuccessful for students to transition back to their own districts. Discussed expanding the continuum of services

Where does SEED money fit in?

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Klemyk

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