



**Minutes of the May 23rd, 2023, EASTCONN Board of Directors' Meeting
ZOOM AND IN-PERSON**

Roll Call of Board Members:

Justin Phaiah, Brooklyn
Michael Morrill – Putnam
Maryellen Donnelly – Hampton
Katherine Paulhus – Mansfield
Rod Perry - Scotland
John Raul - Pomfret
Sonia Greene - Woodstock

EASTCONN Staff Present: Eric Protulis, Carol Klemyk, Melanie Marcaccio, Patricia Proctor, Shawn Brodeur, Kristin Hempel, Diane Dugas, Amy Margelony, Heather Plourde, Dona Prindle, Diane Gozemba, Kim Bush, Sharlene Edwards

The Board Meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by Board Chair, Justin Phaiah

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions to the Agenda:

- Retreat – reminder and discussion
- First Read of Policy #5131 – Conduct and Discipline

MOTION: Maryellen Donnelly moved to add the items to the Agenda
SECOND: Katherine Paulhus
VOTE: Unanimous
ABSENTIONS: None

Audience with Citizens – None

Approval of minutes – one motion to approve all minutes as presented on the motion document:

MOTION: Maryellen Donnelly motioned to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' April 2023 meeting, approve the minutes of the May 2023 Policy Sub-Committee meeting; approve the minutes of the May 2023 Facilities Sub-Committee meeting; approve the minutes of the May 2023 Finance Special Board Meeting.
SECOND: Katherine Paulhus
VOTE: Unanimous
ABSTENTIONS: None

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Policy:

- Policies ready for approval with today's agenda
- Updates as needed

Facilities:

- The committee met at Tyler Square. Toured Adult Ed and also the ETA program (in the same building)
- Discussed a number of possible properties
- Determining funding sources
- Visit to Mansfield – vacant sites

Finance:

- Finance Updates from Eric Protulis and Patricia Proctor:
- Focus related to document that was presented at the last Board of Directors' Meeting
- Review of the updated sheet
- Close out each month and continuously update the budget projection sheet
- Discussion around protocols if grants are not fully expended

Head Start Updates:

Kitchen project for Head Start is moving along quite nicely

Mid-term Data Review

School literacy and work with Adult Ed making an impactful plan for families

Have seen an increase in SEL needs in the classrooms

Updates on the Putnam Site

Invite to Board Members to visit the Head Start Classrooms

NEW BUSINESS:

Enrollment Report:

- Holding steady right now

Division Director's Report and Updates and Executive Director's Updates:

- Mobile Learning Lab Discussion

HR Report:

- Net change of 7 positions
- Net changes also includes elimination of positions that we will not be filling at this time – no critical positions
- Vacancies under recruitment
- Working closely with Marketing on recruitment campaign
- Advertising on backs of buses
- Discussion around transitions at QMC and QMC Interview Process for Principal:
 - Discussed the interview process
 - Surveys to parents and staff
 - Performance Task
 - Discussion of environment – RESC vs a district
 - Climate and Culture in the QMC Building
 - Significant Strategic Plan
 - Discussion around turnovers of Presidents at QVCC

The Board of Directors' Retreat is Saturday, June 3rd at 8:30 am at EASTCONN in Hampton

Discussion on House Bill 5003

Funding Discussion around the magnet school tuitions

: Approve the consideration of House Bill 5003 with Board of Directors' Names:

MOTION: Katherine Paulhus motioned to go forward with the letter related to HB5003
SECOND: Michael Morrill
VOTE: Unanimous
ABSTENTIONS: None

Terry Cote left the Board Meeting at 6:47 pm

Presentation of the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget:

See Power Point

Approve the 2023-2024 EASTCONN Budget as presented:

MOTION: John Rauh motioned to approve the 2023-2024 EASTCONN Budget as presented
SECOND: Maryellen Donnelly
VOTE: Unanimous
ABSTENTIONS: None

Approve the following policies as presented:

5144.4/6162.31/6154/6161.3/5113.2/5141.213/3542.22

MOTION: Maryellen Donnelly motioned to approve the policies as presented

SECOND: Katherine Paulhus

VOTE: Unanimous

ABSTENTIONS: None

Approve the Board of Directors' Meeting Dates for 2023-2024 as presented:

MOTION: John Rauh motioned to approve the meeting dates as presented

SECOND: Sonia Greene

VOTE: Unanimous

ABSTENTIONS: None

Approve the Board of Directors' Full Calendar including sub-committee meeting dates as presented:

MOTION: John Rauh motioned to approve the full calendar as presented

SECOND: Sonia Greene

VOTE: Unanimous

ABSTENTIONS: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Carol Klemyk