



Minutes of the April 26th, 2022, EASTCONN Board of Directors' Meeting

Present: Roll Call of Board Members:

Rod Perry, Scotland	Sonia Greene, Woodstock
Joan Trivella, Woodstock Academy	Justin Phaiah, Brooklyn
Diane Summa, Plainfield	Maryellen Donnelly, via ZOOM
Herb Arico, Willington	Terry Cote, Eastford via ZOOM
Michael Morrill, Putnam	Judy Benson-Clarke, Region #8

EASTCONN Staff Present: Carol Klemyk, David Erwin, Andrea Messenger, Rich Tariff, Shawn Brodeur, Kristin Hempel, Andy DePalma, Kim Bush, Joni Weglein, Diane Dugas, Diane Gozemba, Connie Sipos, Dona Prindle, Dave Brown, Amy Margelony, Heather Plourde

The Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Board Chair, Joan Trivella

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome to new Board Member

Approval of minutes:

MOTION: Herb Arico motioned to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022 meeting
SECOND: Judy Benson-Clarke
VOTE: Unanimous
ABSTENTIONS: Rod Perry and Diane Summa

Additions to the Agenda: None

Audience with Citizens: None

Presentations from Adult Education and Community Services

Presentation from Leading and Learning and ESSER funds

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Policy:

No report – Policy did not meet in April

Finance:

- The Committee met and reviewed the March financials
- Will provide a more detailed report later in the Agenda under New Business

Facilities:

No report – Facilities did not meet in April

- Director of Facilities and Executive Director will be working with CFO on finding resources
- Discussion around the purchase of two new trucks, 3 new heat pumps for the Hampton site for the de-humidification problem in the building
- Need a generator in Hampton
- HVAC system at ACT – operating only on a third capacity of the two units currently there
- Building renovation of the Transportation department – space is VERY limited and could expand services with a new location
- Internet server at Hampton
- Heat Pumps replacement is very costly
- Discussed the recent purchase of a box truck with a lift gate

Herb Arico left the meeting at 6:30 pm

Head Start Updates:

No report – Policy Council did not meet in April

Updates on Executive Director Search:

- The Search is well underway. Contracted with NESDEC
- Focus Groups are taking place this week
- NESDEC will compile all the information and bring that info back to the Search Committee

Enrollment Report:

- Discussion around the Agency plan to increase enrollment at the magnets as it relates to funding
- Discuss about the vision of increasing marketing strategies and what that would look like

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Where Learning Comes to Life

- 22 different districts send students to QMC
- Discussion around Personalized Learning
- The plan for freshman taking college courses
- 40 different districts send students to ACT

Michael Morrill left the meeting at 7:00 pm

Division Director's Report and Updates:

Entire area of hiring still remains unpredictable.

Expanded the platforms that we use to find good candidates to join EASTCONN

Live-scan online electronic fingerprinting has been upgraded and the process is now very fluid

Food Service Department is celebrating their tenth year!!

Name of the new Autism Program: BRIDGES COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Continued discussion around the need for replacement busses and trucks – evident in the directors' reports

RESC Alliance moved to the use of the CANVAS platform last year – early childhood is utilizing the platform

Killingly site visit

FINANCE REPORT:

- March discussion points – highlighting \$5m in current receivables
- Seeing trend and increase in the Special Ed Programs – especially psychological services
- Discussion around the revenue compared to expenses and around the items that hit hard at the end of the year – i.e. balloon payments
- Closely monitoring agency costs especially items like gas and food

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT:

- Joan Trivella led the discussion around the HR report – honing in on priority jobs – finally seeing a lot of progress
- Will provide an updated ORG chart for a future meeting

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Program Enhancement Project Grants for 2022-2023:



Where Learning Comes to Life

MOTION: Diane Summa motioned to approve the Program Enhancement Project Grants for 2022-2023 as presented
SECOND: Justin Phaiah
VOTE: Unanimous
ABSTENTIONS: None

Approval of the Appointment of an Audit Firm for 2022-2023:

MOTION: Justin Phaiah motioned to approve the Appointment of an Audit Firm for 2022-2023
SECOND: Sonia Greene
VOTE: Unanimous
ABSTENTIONS: None

Approval of the Updated Corporate Resolution

MOTION: Maryellen Donnelly motioned to approve the Updated Corporate Resolution as presented
SECOND: Sonia Greene
VOTE: Unanimous
ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion to Adjourn:

MOTION: Justin Phaiah motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 pm
SECOND: Maryellen Donnelly
VOTE: Unanimous
ABSTENTIONS: None

Respectfully Submitted

Carol Klemyk