

TO: CREC Council and Superintendents
FROM: Greg J. Florio, Ed.D.
DATE: April 16, 2021

**Updated Agenda
CREC**

Council Meeting Minutes
4/21/21
11:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**CREC Central
ZOOM Meeting**

(Info to follow in the Appointment Invite)

COUNCIL MEMBERS	CREC ATTENDEES
Jackie Blea - Avon	Greg Florio - CREC
Donald Harris -Bloomfield	Sandy Cruz-Serrano -CREC
Christopher Wilson - Bristol	Aura Alvarado - CREC
John Scheideler - Canton	Mason Thrall - CREC
Tyron V. Harris –East Hartford	Tim Sullivan -CREC
Kim Oliver - Hartford	Heather Tartaglia - CREC
Becky Tyrrell - Plainville	Regina Terrell - CREC
Meg Scata - Portland	Jeff Ivory - CREC
Laurie Boske – Rocky Hill	Sasha Douglas - CREC
Lydia Tedone - Simsbury	Deb Borrero - CREC
Anita Elango – South Windsor	
Maureen Sattan - Suffield	Patricia McCarthy – CABB
David Furie -Windsor	

I. CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL of MINUTES

A. 3/17/21 Council Meeting

MOTION: Motion to approve the March 17, 2021 minutes made by Laurie Boske and seconded Meg Scata passed unanimously

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**III. PRESENTATIONS to COUNCIL****IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Tyron reported that the Finance & Audit Committee met on 4/14 via zoom to discuss exhibits that will come up for approval vote later on during the meeting. Meg Scata reported there will be 2 policy exhibits that have been discussed and will come up during this meeting for an approval vote.

V. CONSENT AGENDA**A. General Item**

- 1) School and Libraries Universal Service Program (Attachment A)

B. 2021-2022 Continuing Programs

- 1) Farmington Valley Diagnostic Center (Attachment B)
- 2) Transportation Services (Attachment C)
- 3) Hartford Transportation Services (Attachment D)
- 4) Sheff Technical Services Agreement (Attachment E)
- 5) Early Intervention Birth to Three Services (Attachment F)
- 6) Construction Services (Attachment G)
- 7) Student Service Office (Attachment H)

MOTION: A motion was made by Don Harris seconded by Tyron Harris and passed unanimously to approve all items A-B under the Consent Agenda.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Florio will be discussing Council meetings going forward. We are currently getting the right equipment at CREC Central conference room 101 and 102 to accommodate future meetings for ZOOM and in person. Dr. Florio reported that he was pleased with the response of CREC employees who have been vaccinated at the Trinity Health Care and HHC Vaccine Clinics. A special thank you to Angi Russo and the volunteers who made this happen. Dr. Florio thanked Gloria Dieppa on Administrative Assistant Day. May 3rd is the target date for all employees who return to work in person. Most of the staff are back already. He reminded Council that May will be our Annual Meeting with a Business meeting to follow. Notified members that the school calendar for the upcoming school year will be forwarded by next week to each member. Informed the council that the Governor and State of CT Department of Education are working with the region on Accelerate CT an enhanced summer program and program LEAP which will work with about 15 districts (CREC being one of the recipients). This program looks to enhancing family engagement as we return to normalcy.

VII. COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

Chris Wilson thanked Tyron Harris for filling in the last meeting as he was not available.

VIII. DELIBERATED ACTION**A. New Business**

- 1) Non-Renewal of Certified Staff (Attachment I) – Executive Session Anticipated

(This Exhibit will be sent separately to all Board Members Only)

MOTION: Motion to approve item 1 under Deliberated Actions was made by Don Harris and seconded by David Furie and passed unanimously

- 2) Executive Director Evaluation
Reminder to fill out the form that was previously sent and once completed send to Chris Wilson via email. He will be reviewing and provide an update. He will be finalizing in the next couple of weeks.
- 3) Policies (Attachment J)
The following policies were approved by the Policy Committee on 3/17/2021, as a **first** reading:

Revised Policy: 0300P – Policies for CREC Schools

New Policy: 1180P – Memorials

The following policies are presented by the Policy Committee for a **second** reading:

Revised Policy: 0300P – Policies for CREC Schools

New Policy: 1180P – Memorials

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval by CREC Council

MOTION: Motion to approve the following policies **0300P: Policies for CREC Schools** and **1180P: Memorials** was made by Meg Scata, seconded by Becky Tyrrell, and passed unanimously

4. Connecticut State Department of Education. Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education (See enclosed attachment)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the administration to submit a grant application to the Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services, and Adult Education, to continue the PEP Program provided by CREC Community Education Services.

MOTION: Motion to approve the Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services, and Adult Education Application for Renewal was made by Becky Tyrrell and seconded by Meg Scata and passed unanimously.

IX. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Patrice informed the council that Appropriations Committee will be concluding with the items they will be working on. She stated that they are proposing an increase for the grant for VOAG students of \$1000/per student. The transportation bill appears to be revenue-neutral. Stated that several executive orders will continue as the Governor extended some orders. Stated that they still are discussing the need for virtual hearings for the 2021-2022 school year

will have more in the new future approximately next couple of weeks. The question came up regarding mandated vaccine – she stated that it was not discussed at the legislative but it seems very unlikely that it will be mandated unless it becomes required on an emergency basis as the vaccine is slated for children 16 and older. The 948 bill calls for increased funding and new language was introduced to match up with the bill.

X. REPORTS

- A. Financial Report (Attachment K) – Sandy provided update and reminded the council that the Leadership Budget was provided during the March meeting and will be up for approval vote during our Annual Meeting in May. Should any council member have any questions on the Leadership Budget they are asked to contact Sandy for Jeff Ivory.

XII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Council discussion will focus on what districts are doing regarding activities for their high school seniors; proms, outings, and graduations

Tim Sullivan provided information on upcoming events for the HS Seniors. There will be five small graduations (100 each class) at Dunkin Donut park. The graduation is planned as normal as possible with the understanding if the Health Dept. makes any suggestion to change then changes will be accommodated. The schools will provide 5 tickets per student and all will be seated together in one area with all protocols being followed. The senior outing will be held at High Meadow on 6/3 only for those who chose to attend. Details to follow. The senior prom has been the hardest to plan due to restrictions. The arrangement will be 8 students per table will only be allowed to mingle with the students at their table. No outside guests/dates are being allowed. There will be no testing at the door and no vaccines are being required. There will be a vaccination clinic held for HS seniors at Pratt & Whitney Stadium on 4/26 for the first dose following the second dose on 5/17. We have about 80% of seniors currently vaccinated.

Anitha Elongo stated that their graduations will be held at Dunkin Donuts Park and at Holiday Hill in Cheshire and Senior Reception will be held outdoors.

Joe Scheideler stated their graduations are being held at a field at a school to be determined. The prom will be capped at 200 with no outside guests being allowed. Seniors will also have a senior day after graduation.

Jackie Blea work in progress details to follow.

Chris Wilson stated they will have 2 HS graduations. Senior's outing will be held at Quassy Amusement Park. There will be 2 separate dates for them and all who attend must ride the bus with no private transportation, there will be tables of ten, and students need to attend the same school to minimize contact. The graduations will take place at the schools' fields unique to them. They will provide four guests per student. Chris also stated that now students of the Junior class are requesting a prom for them but they did not have any fundraisers to have funds to accommodate.

Lydia Tedone Stated that the prom is still undecided and that graduations are being held at the Meadows outdoor seating rain/shine

Meg Scata stated that their prom is only allowing just for the senior class with no outside guest

Laurie Boske stated their graduation will be at the stadium and prom in Farmington. School is working with parents and student for indoor/outdoor event for their senior outing

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION: A Motion made by Laurie Boske and seconded by Meg Scata and passed unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 12:33 pm