

TO: CREC Council and Superintendents
FROM: Greg J. Florio, Ed.D.
DATE: May 14, 2021

CREC
Council Meeting Minutes
5/19/21
11:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

ZOOM Meeting

(Info to follow in the Appointment Invite)

Council Members Present: Don Harris, Bloomfield; Chris Wilson, Bristol; Tyron V. Harris, East Hartford; Kate Carey-Trull, East Windsor; Kim Oliver, Hartford; Merrill Gay, New Britain; Meg Scata, Portland; John Vecchitto, Region #10; Laurie Boske, Rocky Hill; Lydia Tedone, Simsbury; Krista Chery, Somers; Anitha Elango, South Windsor; Maureen Sattan, Suffield; Deb Rodriguez, Vernon; Mark Zydanowicz, West Hartford; Bobbie Hughes-Granato, Wethersfield; David Furie, Windsor

CREC Staff/Other Attendees Present: Greg Florio, Sandy Cruz-Serrano, Tim Sullivan, Aura Alvarado, Regina Terrell, Heather Tartaglia, Amy Karwan, Jeff Ivory, Mason Thrall, Elsie Gonzalez, Kristina Jordan, Deb Borrero, Elaina Brachman, Darlene Wolliston, Alisa Collins, Tom Sullivan, Susan Bassett, Carlos Figueroa, Sarah Vocca, Sasha Douglas, Namakula Edwards

I. CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL of MINUTES

A. 4/21/21 Council Meeting

MOTION: Motion to approve the April 21, 2021 minutes made Lydia Tedone, seconded Meg Scata, and passed unanimously. The following Council members abstained: Deb Rodriguez.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

III. PRESENTATIONS to COUNCIL

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. **2020-2021 Revised Programs**

- 1) Central Office Facility Cost Center (Attachment A)
- 2) Supplemental Services (Attachment B)
- 3) Early Childhood Education (Attachment C)

B. **2020-2021 New Program**

- 1) Academic and Social Grant (Attachment D)
- 2) Elementary and Secondary School Relief (ESSER II) Grant (Attachment E)

C. 2020-2021 Continuing Programs

- 1) Increasing Acceptance – Academic and Social Support Grant (Attachment F)

D. 2021-2022 Continuing Programs

- 1) Ana Grace Academy (Attachment G)
- 2) Soundbridge (H)
- 3) Polaris (Attachment I)
- 4) Career and Technical Education (Attachment J)
- 5) Youth Services Programs (Attachment K)
- 6) Statewide Family Engagement Center (SFEC) (Attachment L)
- 7) Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (Attachment M)
- 8) Early Childhood Education (Attachment N)
- 9) CREC Resource Group (Attachment O)
- 10) Early Head Start Program (Attachment P)
- 11) Barr Foundation Doing High School Differently-Impact Acad. (Attachment Q)
- 12) Leadership Budget 2021 – 2022 (Attachment R)

MOTION: A motion was made by Merrill Gay seconded by Bobbie Granatho-Hughes and passed unanimously to approve all items under Consent Agenda Section A, B, C and D.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**VII. COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT****VIII. DELIBERATED ACTION****A. New Business**

- 1) Executive Director's Evaluation

The Executive Committee has asked for Council input and feedback to provide the Executive Director as part of his annual evaluation. The Executive Committee met with the Executive Director, reviewed the Council feedback, and discussed his performance. The Executive Committee is recommending the following motion:

Move that the CREC Council approve a contract with the Executive Director for His continued employment for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. Further, it authorized the Chair of the Council to negotiate and sign said agreement.

A MOTION – A motion was made by Meg Scata seconded by Merrill Gay and passed unanimously to approve Extension of Executive Director's Contact for period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

IX LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Deb Borrero have update on TRP – lots of advocating hoping to get additional funding for this program. TRP program was left out of the budget. ESSER Funds were awarded to CREC. There are 22 districts out of the 27 who expressed interest in the program.

X. REPORTS

- A. Financial Report (Attachment S)
Sandy Cruz Serrano presented and reported.

XI. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Chris Wilson wanted the Council members to t up conversations for the upcoming June Council Meeting regarding the ESSER Funds and how each districts will be using the funds to help out students. We will discuss how the meetings going forward will take place during our next couple of meeting.

Tim Sullivan stated that we are extending summer programs and lots of interest. There will be a Summer Enrichment and a Summer Academy.

There is worry about the emotional state of children and we are working on what we can do for the students and children to regain these relationships with staff, children and families. Staff will be starting 1 day earlier to rebuild relationships. They will offer students to stay after school for programming to build relationships. There will be one additional Social Worker added to schools who currently employ SW.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion to adjourn 12:55 p.m. made by Meg Scata, seconded by Merrill Gay and passed unanimously.