

TO: CREC Council and Superintendents  
FROM: Greg J. Florio, Ed.D.  
DATE: January 15, 2021

**CREC**  
Council Meeting Minutes  
1/20/21  
11:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
**ZOOM Meeting**

**(Info to follow in the Appointment Invite)**

<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS</b>	<b>CREC ATTENDEES</b>
Jackie Blea - Avon	Greg Florio - CREC
Donald Harris -Bloomfield	Sandy Cruz-Serrano -CREC
Christopher Wilson - Bristol	Mason Thrall - CREC
John Scheideler - Canton	Tim Sullivan -CREC
Tyron V. Harris -East Hartford	Amy Karwan - CREC
Kate Carey-Trull – East Windsor	Aura Alvarado - CREC
Gary Blanchette - Ellington	Heather Tartaglia- CREC
Joyce Hall - Enfield	Regina Terrell - CREC
Julie Thompson - Glastonbury	Jeff Ivory - CREC
Mike Fiorentino - Granby	Elsie Gonzalez - CREC
Kim Oliver - Hartford	Deb Borrero -CREC
Darryl Thames – Manchester	
Merrill Gay – New Britain	Attorney Rebecca Santiago - Shipman & Goodwin
Becky Tyrrell -Plainville	Patricia McCarthy – CABA
John Vecchitto – Region #10	Senae Graham – Student Representative
Laurie Boske – Rocky Hill	Namakula Edwards – Parent Senate Representative

Lydia Tedone - Simsbury	
Krista Cherry - Somers	
Anitha Elango – South Windsor	
Maureen Sattan - Suffield	
Mark Zydanowicz – West Hartford	
Bobbie Hughes-Granato - Wethersfield	
David Furie - Windsor	
Patricia King – Windsor Locks	

**I. CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL of MINUTES**

A. 11/18/20 Council Meeting

**MOTION: Motion to approve the November 18, 2020 minutes made Joyce Hall seconded David Furie, and passed unanimously.**

**II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**III. PRESENTATIONS to COUNCIL**

Elsie Gonzalez, Amy Karwan, Elaina Brachman – Diversity Equity and Inclusion – Carried over to February 2021 Meeting

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Tyron Harris stated that the Finance Committee met on 1/13 via ZOOM to discuss council exhibits that will be up for vote later on in this meeting,

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **2020–2021 New Program**

1) Coronavirus Relief Fun (Attachment A)

B. **2020-2021 Continuing Program**

1) Entitlement Grants – Division of Choice Program (Attachment B)

**MOTION: A motion was made by Joyce Hall seconded by Bobbie Hughes-Granato and passed unanimously to approve all items under Consent Agenda Section A and B.**

**VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Dr. Florio will send out an update by Friday to the Council.

**VII. COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chris Wilson directed council members to review pages 146-181 of the CAFR Report Which details Statistical Reports for each individual districts.

**VIII. DELIBERATED ACTION**

## A. New Business

## 1) CREC Constitution Discussion

Dr. Florio shared Revised Draft with changes received and made. This will be up for vote during the February 2021 Council Meeting

## B. Old Business

1. The following policies were approved by the Policy Committee on 11/18/2020, as a **first** reading:

**Revised Policy:** 4117P – Disciplinary Action

**Retire Policy** 4217P: Separation

**Revised Policy:** 6142P – Basic Instructional Program

**Revised Policy:** 6114P/R – Emergencies, Disaster Preparedness

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

**Revised Policy:** 4117P – Disciplinary Action

**Retire Policy** 4217P: Separation

**Revised Policy:** 6142P – Basic Instructional Program

**Revised Policy:** 6114P/R – Emergencies, Disaster Preparedness

## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

**Approval by CREC Council**

The Policy Committee has met, reviewed, and developed/revised policies as needed with Heather Tartaglia, Director of Student Services, Sasha Douglas, Assistant Superintendent, Elsie Gonzalez, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Members of the Policy Committee include Jackie Blea, Meg Scata, Joseph Scheideler, Lydia Tedone, Christopher Wilson; and Helen Apostolides, CREC's Policy Consultant.

*Note: To ease the reading of proposed changes in policy, all old language to be deleted is printed in red/strikethrough. All new language is printed in blue and underscored.*

**MOTION: Motion to approve Revised Policies:** 4117P – Disciplinary Action

**Retire Policy** 4217P: Separation, **Revised Policy:** 6142P – Basic Instructional

Program, **Revised Policy:** 6114P/R – Emergencies, Disaster Preparedness **was made**

**by Lydia Tedone, seconded by Joyce Hall, and passed unanimously.**

2. Approval of CREC Van and Bus Drivers Collective Bargaining Agreement. Van and Bus Drivers Contract Agreement Exhibit – 01-19-2021 and Summary of 2020-2021 Drivers Contract Settlement by Shipman and Goodwin (Attached)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

***Approval by CREC Council***

**MOTION – A motion was made by Joyce Hall, seconded by Laurie Boske, and passed unanimously to approve the CREC Van and Bus Drivers Collective Bargaining Agreement.**

#### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Dr. Florio reminded everyone of the upcoming HASA/CABE/CREC Virtual Legislative Breakfast 2021 scheduled on 2/11/2021. RSVP to [Gdieppa@crec.org](mailto:Gdieppa@crec.org).

#### **IX. REPORTS**

- A. Financial Report (Attachment D)
- B. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Document Emailed)

Jeff Ivory gave the financial report. The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) was reviewed by the finance committee and submitted on 12/31/20 as required by the State a copy of the report was sent as an attachment with Council Packet. Dr. Florio wanted to give a huge kudos to Jeff Ivory and his staff as this is a huge undertaking. Great job!

#### **X. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Don Harris reminded members of the start of Black History Month, also wanted to congratulate Dr. Miguel Cardona as President Biden's choice for Secretary of Education.

Lydia Tedone wanted to say that she has seen a CREC Choice Program commercial and wanted to give kudos.

#### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION: A Motion made by Laurie Boske and seconded by Gary Blanchette and passed unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 12:40 am**