

TO: CREC Council and Superintendents  
FROM: Greg J. Florio, Ed.D.  
DATE: March 12, 2021

**CREC**  
Council Meeting Minutes  
3/17/21  
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
Chris Davey - Bolton	Aura Alvarado - CREC
Christopher Wilson - Bristol	Mason Thrall - CREC
John Scheideler - Canton	Tim Sullivan -CREC
Tyron V. Harris –East Hartford	Amy Karwan - CREC
Gary Blanchette - Ellington	Deb Richards- CREC
Mike Fiorentino - Granby	Regina Terrell - CREC
Kim Oliver - Hartford	Jeff Ivory - CREC
Merrill Gay – New Britain	Sasha Douglas - CREC
Meg Scata - Portland	Elsie Gonzalez - CREC
John Vecchitto – Region #10	Kim Mearman - CREC
Laurie Boske – Rocky Hill	Sanae Graham – Student Representative
Lydia Tedone - Simsbury	Namakula Edwards – Parent Senate Representative
Anita Elango – South Windsor	
Maureen Sattan - Suffield	Patricia McCarthy – CABE
Bobbie Hughes-Granato	

David Furie - Windsor	
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**I. CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL of MINUTES**

A. 2/17/21 Council Meeting

**MOTION: Motion to approve the February 17, 2021 minutes made by Gary Blanchette seconded John Vecchitto, and passed unanimously****II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION****III. PRESENTATIONS to COUNCIL**

Dr. Greg Florio presented Powerpoint Presentation on Budget Process. This presentation gives in detail how the Budgets work at CREC and how all Program Budgets depend on Revenue. Stated to the board that they will be receiving budgets in the next upcoming Council Meetings which will come up for voting during our May Annual Meeting. (Presentation will be attached to the minutes)

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS****V. CONSENT AGENDA**A. **2021-2022 Continuing Programs**

- 1) CT State Dept. of Education Addendum for Child Nutrition (Attachment A)
- 2) Strive (Attachment B)
- 3) Central Office Facility Cost Center (Attachment C)
- 4) Learning Corridor Campus (Attachment D)
- 5) Theater of the Performing Arts (Attachment E)
- 6) Regional Fingerprinting Service (Attachment F)
- 7) CREC Wide Area Network (Attachment G)
- 8) Internal Sheff Development (Attachment H)
- 9) Audit Required Budget Authorizations (Attachment I)
- 10) Made in the Shade (Attachment J)

**MOTION: A motion was made by Bobbie Hughes-Granato seconded by Meg Scata and passed unanimously to approve all items 1-10 under Consent Agenda.****VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Discussion of Topics and Format for Council Presentations reiterated what he has discussed during the last meeting on having a meeting to discuss other items that (i.e. sheff, current events) during a separate meeting suggested the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month or should be incorporate these topics in the monthly meeting. Communication will be sent on what is decided.
- Dr. Florio expressed just how proud he is of CREC on the turnaround of the Vaccination Program. We are currently about 75% vaccinated with at least the 1<sup>st</sup> dose with the second dose starting on the week of 3/22. There were a few clinics provided with the last being this afternoon for 1<sup>st</sup> doses. The Finance Funding for Magnet Schools testimony happening as we speak. CT TRP working hard to market the program statewide. He introduced Kim Mearman who is here covering for Heather Tartaglia during her maternity leave.

**VII. COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT**

**Tyron V. Harris covered this meeting as Chris Wilson was not available as he was on standby for the Finance Funding Testimony Hearing.**

**VIII. DELIBERATED ACTION**

- A. New Business
- B. Old Business

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Patric McCarthy gave update on Legislative issues. She stated that the Legislative front has been busy with the 1<sup>st</sup> CABE Day at the hill which is being done virtually. She stated that there will be a hearing today at 1 pm to discuss the Freedom of Information for virtual. She reported that the TRP program is getting lots of support. She stated that the Education committee need to have any bills that needed to be added by the deadline of 4/5 and for the Appropriations Committee the date by 4/10

**IX. REPORTS**

- A. Financial Report (Attachment K)
- B. Leadership Budget 2021 – 2022 (Attachment L)

Sandy Cruz-Serrano presented the financial report and Leadership Budget. She notified the council members that for the next couple of meetings she will be presenting budgets that will need approval in May or June.

**X. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

With the vaccine rollout moving along, the Chair asks Council Members to Share information on their district's plans on changes to the in-school program.

Meg Scata reported that her district was about a 28% vaccination rate as she was the district was one of the lowest COVID19 infections. They are current having in-person learning with the Virtual Academy shrinking in size.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION: A Motion made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Meg Scata and passed unanimously to adjourn the Council Meeting at 12:08 pm**