

**CREC**

Council Meeting

2/15/2023

11:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

In-Person and ZOOM Meeting (Link in Calendar Invite)

<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS</b>	<b>CREC ATTENDEES</b>
Dilip Desai – Rocky Hill	Greg Florio
Miriam Underwood – Ellington	Sandy Cruz-Serrano
Meg Scata – Portland	Tim Sullivan
Lydia Tedone – Simsbury	Carlos Figueroa
Bobbi Granato – Wethersfield	Heather Tartaglia
Leonard Lockhart – Windsor	Jeff Ivory
John Vecchitto – Region 10	Mason Thrall
Julie Thompson - Glastonbury	Amy Karwan
Chris Theissing - Somers	Aura Alvarado
Kim Oliver – Hartford	Deb Borrero
Tyron Harris – East Hartford	<b>GUESTS</b>
	Patrice McCarthy
	Jariana Mojica
	State Rep. Jeffrey Curry
	Lisa Hammersley

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

2/15/2023 Council Meeting at 11:35am

A. 01/18/2023 Council Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** A Motion to approve the January 18, 2023 minutes was made by Meg Scata and seconded by Leonard Lockhart and passed unanimously.

**II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Lydia Tedone introduced Rhea Klein and Susan Pike both representing Bolton. She also acknowledged Jariana Mojica who is the student representative.

Mason Thrall presented details on the Capital Improvement Plan. The full plan is available online and offered to do a tour of the schools. Council members interested should email Gladys Rivera and Tom Sullivan will coordinate the tour.

### III. PRESENTATIONS to COUNCIL

#### 1. House Bill 5003 Student Centered Funding Bill – State Representative Jeffrey Curry and Lisa Hammersley, CT School Finance Project (Attachment A)

Jeff Curry and Lisa Hammersley gave a detailed overview of House Bill 5003, which was modified to provide full funding until 2028. Lisa provided two links that include additional and updated information on the Bill

<https://schoolstatefinance.org/resource-assets/Statement-of-Support.pdf>

<https://linktr.ee/studentcenteredfunding>

#### 2. Results of contract negotiations - Thomas Mooney, Shipman and Goodwin:

- CREC Education Association (Teachers) – (Attachment B)
- CREC Administrative Personnel (Certified Administrators) - (Attachment C)

Tom Mooney gave a summary of the two contracts that were negotiated and accepted by the unions. They included changes to health insurance focusing on prescription drug coverage, preventive prescriptions, and pre-authorized radiology. It also includes Juneteenth as a holiday, property damage, bereavement leave, eight sick days that can be used for family illness. The teacher's contract also gives CREC the right to defer transfers from 45 to 90 days depending on CREC's needs and gives the ED additional responsibility to issue stipends.

### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Legislative** – Deb Borrero gave an update regarding the Legislative Forums and encouraged attendance.

### V. CONSENT AGENDA

None

### VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The annual meeting will be held in May and will invite superintendents.

### VII. COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

Lydia Tedone discussed the NSBA meeting that she attended and participated in the Equity Symposium and met with the congressional delegation at the two-day advocacy institute. She encouraged everyone to attend the CAFE Day on the Hill on March 8.

**VIII. DELIBERATED ACTION****1. Approval of Capital Improvement Plan (Attachment D)**

*Move that the CREC Council approve the Capital Improvement Plan.*

**MOTION** - A motion was made by Bobbie Hughes-Granato seconded by Dilip Desai and passed unanimously to approve Attachments D

**2. Approval of Contract with CREC Education Association**

*Move that the CREC Council approve the collective bargaining agreement with the CREC Education Association (Teachers' Union) for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.*

**MOTION** - A motion was made by John Vecchitto seconded by Meg Scata and passed unanimously to approve Attachments A.

**3. Approval of Contract with CREC Administrators**

*Move that the CREC Council approve the collective bargaining agreement with the CREC Administrative Personnel (Certified Administrators' Union) for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027.*

**MOTION** - A motion was made by Meg Scata seconded by Dilip Desai and passed unanimously to approve Attachments B.

**4. Approval of Amendment to Executive Director's Contract**

*Move that the CREC Council authorize the CREC Council Chair to negotiate and sign an amendment to the contract for CREC's Executive Director for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. Said changes shall not incur any greater cost to CREC than those currently provided.*

**MOTION** - A motion was made by Meg Scata seconded by Tyron Harris and passed unanimously to approve the Amendment to Executive Director's Contract.

**VII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Patrice McCarthy reported on the legislative recommendations. The Education Committee deadline is 3/27 and the Appropriations Committee is 4/21. Deb Borrero will support by providing testimonies and Lydia Tedone encouraged council members to testify.

**VIII. REPORTS**

None.

**IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Recognition and kudos were given to Mason Thrall for the Capital Improvement Report, to Deb Borrero for her legislative efforts and to Carlos Figueroa and his team for the contract negotiations.

A discussion about how districts are doing with COVID especially concerning the students social and emotional care.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting will be held on March 15, 2023.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Meg Scata seconded by Miriam Underwood and passed unanimously to adjourn the council meeting at 1:14 pm.