

**CREC**  
Council Meeting  
1/17/2024  
11:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*New Member Orientation 10:30 a.m.*

<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS</b>	<b>CREC ATTENDEES</b>
Tyron Harris	Greg J. Florio
Meg Scata	Sandy Cruz-Serrano
Joan Pina	Tim Sullivan
Bob Brown	Aura Alvarado
Bob Paskiewicz	Mason Thrall
Lydia Tedone	Heather Tartaglia
Maureen Sattan	Brian Greenleaf
Susan Pike	Deb Borrero
Bobbie Granato	Jeff Ivory
Philip Riguer	Carlos Figueroa
Julie Thompson	
Miriam Underwood	

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

1/17/2024 Council Meeting was called to order at 11:33 a.m.

A. 10/18/2023 Council Meeting

**MOTION:** A Motion to approve the October 18, 2023 minutes was made by Meg Scata, seconded by Philip Rigueur and passed unanimously.

**II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**III. PRESENTATIONS to COUNCIL**

New council members introduced themselves.

#### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Meg Scata gave a report regarding Portland's audit which was perfect after their financial meeting on 1/10/2024.

#### V. CONSENT AGENDA

##### A. 2023-2024 Revised Programs

- 1) Head Start/Early Head Start Program (Attachment A)
- 2) CREC Magnet Assistance Program (Attachment B)
- 3) Statewide Family Engagement Center (Attachment C)

##### B. 2023-2024 Continuing Programs

- 1) RESC Alliance SDE IDEA (Attachment D)
- 2) American Rescue Plan: Elementary and Secondary School Relief (Attachment E)
- 3) Entitlement Grants (Attachment F)

##### C. 2023-2024 New Program

- 1) Summer Enrichment Program (Attachment G)

**MOTION** - A motion was made by Lydia Tedone, seconded by Meg Scata and passed unanimously to approve Attachments A-G.

#### VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Florio welcomed all new council members. He talked about working with the legislature, particular regarding the subject of budgets. He talked about Bill 5003, which fell short, at the last session and how that bill would have eased the local financial burden for magnet school tuition.

#### VII. COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Harris welcomed all new council members. He informed the council about an event at the Hartford Public Library called CT Unspoken Crisis. This is a collaboration with Phil Rigueur and the Hartford BoE.

**VIII. DELIBERATED ACTION****A. Appointment of Vice Chairperson through June 30, 2024**

Dr. Florio and Mr. Harris nominated Leonard Lockhart as the Vice Chairperson through June 30, 2024.

A motion to approve the nomination was made by Meg Scata, seconded by Lydia Tedone and passed unanimously.

**B. Policy Approval (Attachment H)**

The following policies/regulations were approved by the Policy Committee on November 15, 2023 as a first reading:

1. Proposed Revised 4111 P – Recruitment
2. Proposed Revised 4111 R – Recruitment and Selection
3. Proposed Revised 4131 P – Staff Development
4. Proposed Revised 6142 P – Basic Instruction Program
5. Proposed Revised 6146 P – Graduation Requirements
6. Proposed Revised 6174 P – Remote Learning
7. Proposed Revised 7230.2 P – Air Quality
8. Proposed Revised 7230.2 R – Air Quality

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

1. Proposed Revised 4111 P – Recruitment
2. Proposed Revised 4131 P – Staff Development
3. Proposed Revised 6142 P – Basic Instruction Program
4. Proposed Revised 6146 P – Graduation Requirements
5. Proposed Revised 6174 P – Remote Learning
6. Proposed Revised 7230.2 P – Air Quality

RECOMMENDED ACTION: *Approval by CREC Council*

**MOTION** - A motion was made by Lydia Tedone, seconded by Bobbie Granato, and passed unanimously to approve Attachment H.

**IX. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Dr. Florio talked about the CABA/HASA/CREC breakfast meeting currently scheduled for 2/15/2024 at the State Capitol. We will be rescheduling due to a scheduling conflict with the superintendents.

**X. REPORTS**

A. 2023 – 2024 Financial Report (Attachment I)

Jeff Ivory gave the report regarding the 2023/2024 budget which is \$404.5M, with \$600K for construction leaving a balance of \$403.9M. With the budget approval at today's council meeting, the budget is \$431M, excluding construction.

He also referenced the Annual Comprehensive Report available to all members for further review.

**XI. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Lydia Tedone praised the ribbon cutting at the Swift Factory early childhood program.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Motion made by Meg Scata, seconded by Lydia Tedone and passed unanimously to adjourn the council meeting at 12:00 p.m.