Minutes of the May 23rd, 2023, EASTCONN Board of Directors’ Meeting  
ZOOM AND IN-PERSON

Roll Call of Board Members:
Justin Phaiah, Brooklyn  
Michael Morrill – Putnam  
Maryellen Donnelly – Hampton  
Katherine Paulhus – Mansfield  
Rod Perry - Scotland  
John Raul - Pomfret  
Sonia Greene - Woodstock

EASTCONN Staff Present: Eric Protulis, Carol Klemyk, Melanie Marcaccio, Patricia Proctor, Shawn Brodeur, Kristin Hempel, Diane Dugas, Amy Margelony, Heather Plourde, Dona Prindle, Diane Gozemba, Kim Bush, Sharlene Edwards

The Board Meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by Board Chair, Justin Phaiah

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions to the Agenda:
• Retreat – reminder and discussion
• First Read of Policy #5131 – Conduct and Discipline

MOTION: Maryellen Donnelly moved to add the items to the Agenda
SECOND: Katherine Paulhus
VOTE: Unanimous
ABSTENTIONS: None

Audience with Citizens – None

Approval of minutes – one motion to approve all minutes as presented on the motion document:

MOTION: Maryellen Donnelly motioned to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors’ April 2023 meeting, approve the minutes of the May 2023 Policy Sub-Committee meeting; approve the minutes of the May 2023 Facilities Sub-Committee meeting; approve the minutes of the May 2023 Finance Special Board Meeting.
SECOND: Katherine Paulhus
VOTE: Unanimous
ABSTENTIONS: None
SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Policy:

• Policies ready for approval with today’s agenda
• Updates as needed

Facilities:

• The committee met at Tyler Square. Toured Adult Ed and also the ETA program (in the same building)
• Discussed a number of possible properties
• Determining funding sources
• Visit to Mansfield – vacant sites

Finance:

• Finance Updates from Eric Protulis and Patricia Proctor:
• Focus related to document that was presented at the last Board of Directors’ Meeting
• Review of the updated sheet
• Close out each month and continuously update the budget projection sheet
• Discussion around protocols if grants are not fully expended

Head Start Updates:

Kitchen project for Head Start is moving along quite nicely
Mid-term Data Review
School literacy and work with Adult Ed making an impactful plan for families
Have seen an increase in SEL needs in the classrooms
Updates on the Putnam Site
Invite to Board Members to visit the Head Start Classrooms

NEW BUSINESS:

Enrollment Report:

• Holding steady right now

Division Director’s Report and Updates and Executive Director’s Updates:

• Mobile Learning Lab Discussion
HR Report:
- Net change of 7 positions
- Net changes also includes elimination of positions that we will not be filling at this time – no critical positions
- Vacancies under recruitment
- Working closely with Marketing on recruitment campaign
- Advertising on backs of buses
- Discussion around transitions at QMC and QMC Interview Process for Principal:
  - Discussed the interview process
  - Surveys to parents and staff
  - Performance Task
  - Discussion of environment – RESC vs a district
  - Climate and Culture in the QMC Building
  - Significant Strategic Plan
  - Discussion around turnovers of Presidents at QVCC

The Board of Directors’ Retreat is Saturday, June 3rd at 8:30 am at EASTCONN in Hampton

Discussion on House Bill 5003
Funding Discussion around the magnet school tuitions

Approve the consideration of House Bill 5003 with Board of Directors’ Names:
- MOTION: Katherine Paulhus motioned to go forward with the letter related to HB5003
- SECOND: Michael Morrill
- VOTE: Unanimous
- ABSTENTIONS: None

Terry Cote left the Board Meeting at 6:47 pm

Presentation of the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget:
See Power Point

Approve the 2023-2024 EASTCONN Budget as presented:
- MOTION: John Rauh motioned to approve the 2023-2024 EASTCONN Budget as presented
- SECOND: Maryellen Donnelly
- VOTE: Unanimous
- ABSTENTIONS: None
Approve the following policies as presented:
5144.4/6162.31/6154/6161.3/5113.2/5141.213/3542.22

MOTION: Maryellen Donnelly motioned to approve the policies as presented
SECOND: Katherine Paulhus
VOTE: Unanimous
ABSTENTIONS: None

Approve the Board of Directors’ Meeting Dates for 2023-2024 as presented:

MOTION: John Rauh motioned to approve the meeting dates as presented
SECOND: Sonia Greene
VOTE: Unanimous
ABSTENTIONS: None

Approve the Board of Directors’ Full Calendar including sub-committee meeting dates as presented:

MOTION: John Rauh motioned to approve the full calendar as presented
SECOND: Sonia Greene
VOTE: Unanimous
ABSTENTIONS: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Carol Klemyk