



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SPECIAL MEETING

JUNE 23, 2026

Roll Call of Board Members present:

Amy Blank – Union
Katherine Paulhus – Mansfield
Samantha Derenthal - Plainfield
Maryellen Donnelly – Hampton
Lindsay Spielman - Sprague
Justin Phaiah – Brooklyn
Michael Morrill - Putnam

EASTCONN Employees in Attendance:

Eric Protulis
Brian Greenleaf
Carol Klemyk
Melanie Marcaccio

The meeting was called to order by Eric Protulis at 5:32 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions to the Agenda – None

Audience with Citizens – None

Review and Presentation of the Transportation Budget:

Review of the two budget documents

A number of iterations:

- Transportation lost money consistently each year over the past 6 years
- Honoring committed contracts and restructure to a break even stage
- Worked with current Leadership about what is deliverable in terms of revenue
- A steady decline in revenue

Monthly monitoring of monthly revenue and expenses

There are some expenses beyond the direct control of the transportation department:

Depreciation

Leases

Take the RESC fee off – determine viability and long term plan going forward

Tracking of this budget is different than other ones

There are some possible layoffs in this budget

May work with CREC on evaluation of program

Evaluate the feasibility of the department as a whole

Looking at summer schools and special ed programs and impact on this budget

Looking at possibly selling some buses

Approve the Transportation Budget as presented:

MOTION: Maryellen Donnelly motioned to approve the Transportation Budget as presented

SECOND: Lindsay Spielman

VOTE: Unanimous

ABSTENTIONS: None

Review and Completion of the Regional Performance incentive Program Grant (RPIP)

EASTCONN's application is modeled after what LEARN has done

Expand services at no additional cost with focus on cybersecurity – to share with our districts – at the end the districts should be able to maintain or require minimal services

100% in the first year, 75% in year two, 50% in year three and 25% in fourth year. – incrementally allowing districts to increase their budgets to support it

The cybersecurity covers the infrastructure of the network making sure they have backups on a regular basis so downtime is reduced and training of staff to reduce risk that is generally rooted in human error



Approve the Completion of the RPIP grant as presented referencing the language below:

MOTION: Lindsay Spielman motioned to approve the RPIP Grant as presented with language

SECOND: Maryellen Donnelly

VOTE: Unanimous

ABSTENTIONS: None

Approve the Completion of the Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP) Grant as presented – see complete language below

Motion #1: Move that the EASTCONN Board of Directors approve the shared technology services proposal, commit to funding at least 50% of project costs during the grant period and 100% thereafter, and authorize the Executive Director or designee to execute all necessary grant-related documents and actions.

Motion #2: Move that the EASTCONN Board of Directors endorse the Regional Technology Services Project proposal for EASTCONN's RPIP grant application, authorize Eric S. Protulis, Executive Director, to submit the grant application and execute all actions necessary to implement the project, and affirm the Board's commitment to supporting the initiative.

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Klemyk

Executive Assistant