

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 5, 2015**

MINUTES

On November 5, 2015, EDUCATION CONNECTION's Board of Directors held a meeting during which a quorum was present. President Chris Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and recorded the following members in attendance:

1. Roll Call:

Name (District): Michelle Ku, Newtown
Chris Sanders, Region 6

Robert Coppola, New Milford

Participated via conference call:
John Kissko, Torrington

Janelle Wilk, Watertown

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Personnel: Danuta Thibodeau, Executive Director
Jonathan P. Costa Sr., Director of School/Program Services
Rob Parenti, Director of Business Operations and Special Services
Joyce DeAngelo, Board Clerk

2. Approval of October 1, 2015 Minutes:

Upon motion by Michelle Ku, duly seconded by Janelle Wilk, the Board approved the minutes for the October 1, 2015 meeting with 4 in favor and 1 abstention.

3. Questions and Comments from the Public: None

4. Communications:

a) Written:

Dani passed around the Board Communications. She highlighted the EDUCATION CONNECTION Fall 2015 "Making Connections" newsletter.

Dani also noted that she presented information to the sub-committee of the MORE Commission (Municipal Opportunities for Regional Efficiencies.)

b) Grant Awards Report:

Dani acknowledged one (1) grant award. Detailed grant award information was included in the Board packet.

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business:

a) Presentation/Approval: Proposed EDUCATION CONNECTION Membership Dues for FY2016-2017

Rob Parenti shared the proposed membership dues for FY2016-2017. He reviewed the history of the annual dues structure. This year's proposed dues are based on 2014-2015 enrollment figures provided by the Connecticut State Department of Education's Grade by District report.

Upon motion by Robert Coppola, duly seconded by Michelle Ku, the Board unanimously approved the proposed EDUCATION CONNECTION Membership Dues for FY 2016-2017.

b) Approval: Personnel Report 9/19/15 – 10/16/15

With the correction of wages for Hillary Marcinko from \$15 to \$45, upon a motion by John Kissko, duly seconded by Robert Coppola, the Board unanimously approved the Personnel Report.

7. Reports/Updates

i. Executive Director's Report – *Danuta Thibodeau*

Dani updated the Board on the Executive Director Search. She reported that the focus groups have been conducted and the on-line survey completed. The Search Consultants are currently reviewing the data collected, and are looking to report back to the Search Committee prior to Thanksgiving to share their findings. Dani also reported that December 3 is the application deadline.

ii. School/Program Services – *Jonathan P. Costa, Sr.*

Jonathan reported that School/Program Services is very busy and have hired additional staff. He also reported that we are closely monitoring rescissions to the state budget.

iii. Business and Operations – *Rob Parenti*

Rob extended an invitation to all the Board members to stop by and visit our two new locations in Danbury: our ACCESS/GFLC at 103 Miry Brook Rd. and our Danbury office at 4 Mountainview Terrace.

Rob announced that we have locked in our oil price for FY16-17 at \$1.95/gallon.

8. Adjournment:

Upon motion by John Kissko, duly seconded by Robert Coppola, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Minutes recorded by:
Joyce DeAngelo, Board Clerk

Deb Bell, Secretary