BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 1, 2022

MINUTES

On December 1, 2022, the EdAdvance Board of Directors held a Zoom online meeting during which a quorum was present. President John Kissko called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM and recorded the following members in attendance:

1. Roll Call:

   Name, District:  
   - Joseph Abdella, Region 12  
   - Deb Bell, Region 7  
   - Kate Conetta, Danbury  
   - Roxy Fainer, Thomaston  
   - John Kissko, Torrington  
   - Karen Kulesa, Plymouth  
   - Alison Plante, Newtown  
   - Sarah Robichaud, Colebrook  
   - Lynn Stone, Litchfield  

   EdAdvance Personnel:  
   - Jeffrey Kitching, Executive Director  
   - Rich Carmelich, Chief Operations Officer  
   - Carol Montory, Board Clerk

2. Questions and Comments from the Public: None

3. New Business:

   a) Executive Session: Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Torrington Properties

      Upon a motion by Kate Conetta, duly seconded by Joseph Abdella, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 4:04 PM to discuss the purchase of real estate by EdAdvance and invite Jeff Kitching, Executive Director, Rich Carmelich, Chief Operations Officer, and Carol Montory, Board Clerk, to join the session.

      It is noted that Lynn Stone, Litchfield, joined Executive Session at 4:10 PM.

      The Board came out of Executive Session at 4:30 PM.

   b) Action on Purchase of Torrington Properties
Upon motion by Lynn Stone, duly seconded by Kate Conetta, the Board of Directors unanimously approve to authorize EdAdvance’s Executive Director to negotiate, execute the necessary documents, and finalize the purchase of the property and structures at 95-104 Grove Street, Torrington, CT.

Upon motion by Deb Bell, duly seconded by Joseph Abdella, the Board of Directors unanimously approve to authorize EdAdvance’s Executive Director to negotiate, execute the necessary documents, and finalize the purchase of the property and structures associated with East School at 215 Hogan Drive, Torrington, CT.

c) Presentation/Approval: Participation in the RESC Alliance Cooperative

Jeff spoke about a draft agreement to form a cooperative arrangement between the six Regional Education Service Centers (RESCs) to establish the RESC Alliance Fund Collaborative. This agreement is intended to establish a separate fund from which a RESC may borrow funds on a temporary basis to meet financial obligations in a timely manner when other grant, contract, or anticipated funds are not yet available.

Upon motion by Kate Conetta, duly seconded by Lynn Stone, the Board of Directors unanimously approve to authorize EdAdvance’s Executive Director to take the necessary steps to finalize EdAdvance’s participation in the CT RESC Alliance Cooperative Agreement.

4. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Lynn Stone, duly seconded by Joseph Abdella, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 PM.

Minutes recorded by:
Carol Montory, Board Clerk

Deb Bell, Secretary