

Branford School Readiness Council Meeting
Special Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2021

Board Members Present are in Bold: Dale Izzo, Carole Weisberg, Carly Lemire, Robin Comey, James Cosgrove, Diane Pappacoda, Stephanie Linke, Michele Krumenacker, Rachel Kalman, Lauren Skultery, Vanessa Fleming-Redd

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM by Chair Dale Izzo

1. New Legislation:

A. Council Membership requirements:

A review of the approved legislative HB6559 with new changes/additions related to school readiness councils was reviewed and discussed. The council will be looking to recruit new members as outlined in this new legislation.

Legislation HB6558 established a task force to make recommendations to the OEC.

School Readiness eligible providers now includes group child care homes and family child care home that meet standards established by the commissioner are now open to funding.

B. Funding: Contract v. Grant Funding: language has been included in the new legislation that the state could enter into a contract with a municipality, local or regional board of education.

2. **Supplemental Administrative Funding:**

The council reviewed the Supplemental Administrative Funds Request application in the amount of \$2811.00. A motion was made to submit the fund request with following breakdown: SR \$811.00 for increased responsibilities during the COVID-19 recovery period and \$2000.00 for contract services for an outside consultant to supplement the existing monitoring system to enhance the programs quality.

1st: Jamie Cosgrove 2nd: Diane Pappacoda

Motion carries 5-0

3. **Family Resource Center Staffing:**

The district is in the process of filling the vacant Director and a head teacher positions due to resignations. Carole has been working with the FRC Admin to get information required for monthly reports.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

1st: James Cosgrove 2nd: Vanessa Fleming-Reid

Motion carries

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM