

Southington Education Foundation

December 10, 2019 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Panera Bread

Special Meeting Minutes

Quorum= 7 Directors

9 of 13 Directors Present- Jerry Belanger, Ellen Bellinger, Gloria Brown, George Fornier, Jan Galati, Paula Knight, Michelle LeBrun-Griffin, Joyce McAloon, and Dianne Quinn.

Welcome/Call to Order – Paula called the special meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Grant Recognition Night - Paula

Paula expressed kudos to the foundation for the inspirational evening. A discussion followed with ideas for making it bigger and better.

Substantial Donation - Paula

Paula reported a \$5,000 donation was unexpectedly received from the Quinn family. This influx of funds was very much appreciated!

Approval of the 21st Century Skills- Middle School Robotics Grant - Jan

<u>Background</u>: On October 21st, the Grant Committee called for the *21st Century Skills—Middle School Robotics* grant (the only application submitted in the fall cycle) to be revised and resubmitted. The grant committee reviewed and approved the revised grant on November 18th. This special meeting was called in order to expedite its approval.

Jan presented the committee's recommendation for partial funding.

<u>Motion</u>: Jerry moved to fund the grant for the full amount of \$4,943.40 in order to impact the most students. Gloria seconded the motion.

<u>Discussion</u>: A discussion followed involving the various levels of funding requested, its impact, and our budget. The proposal's intended outreach was also discussed with suggestions for some expansion. <u>Action</u>: The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:27pm.

Respectfully submitted – Ellen Bellinger, Secretary

Next Regular Meeting – January 14, 2020, 6-7:30pm, The Orchards

<u>Mission</u>: The Southington Education Foundation, Inc. is committed to instilling a life-long love of learning in all children through innovative, creative learning experiences that expand upon existing educational opportunities. The Foundation will partner with the community to secure resources, inspire excellence, and enrich student achievement.

Core Values: Innovation, Learning, Equity, School-Community Partnership, Integrity