



EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES – March 3, 2015

In attendance:

Cheryl Maloney, Superintendent, Weston, Chairperson, EDCO Board of Directors  
Bella Wong, Superintendent, Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District  
Diana Fisher Gomberg, School Committee, Newton  
Paul Ash, Superintendent, Lexington  
Kathleen Bodie, Superintendent, Arlington  
William McAlduff, Superintendent, Winchester Public Schools  
Helen Charlupski, School Committee, Brookline  
Colleen Dolan, Executive Director, EDCO Collaborative  
Judith Vaillancourt, Associate Executive Director, EDCO Collaborative  
Dean Poirier, Chief Financial Officer, EDCO Collaborative  
Thomas Markham, Director of Business Management, EDCO Collaborative

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Maloney at 10:10 am.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Fisher Gomberg and seconded by Dr. Bodie to approve the minutes of the Executive Finance Committee meeting 1.6.15. The motion carried unanimously with Ms. Wong abstaining.

Dr. Maloney explained that along with Ms. Dolan and Mr. Markham, she participated in a conference call this morning with David Lussier, superintendent of Wellesley Public Schools, and Wellesley town counsel, Thomas Harrington, regarding Wellesley's request to withdraw from EDCO as of June 30, 2015. Referring to MGL and EDCO Collaborative's agreement dated 1988, Attorney Harrington feels EDCO's most recent agreement could be redrafted omitting Wellesley, and sent back to EDCO district school committees. Alternatively, Wellesley would be willing to sign the recent agreement in return for Wellesley being treated as a nonmember for FY16 until the agreement is amended and approved formally omitting Wellesley.

Dr. Maloney, Ms. Dolan, and Mr. Markham agree that it will be in the best interest of all to consent to entering into an agreement with Wellesley and moving forward.

A **motion** was made by Dr. Bodie and seconded by Mr. McAlduff to recommend to the Board of Directors entering into an agreement with Wellesley Public Schools such that Wellesley will sign EDCO's Articles of Agreement and be considered nonmembers of FY16. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Dolan presented a spreadsheet summarizing the many retire health benefits currently provided to EDCO retirees. She noted the differences among the various tiers of employees were vast and expressed concern around the inequities. The Executive Finance Committee is asked to consider approving a plan that is equitable, fair, and affordable. Mr. McAlduff requested the spreadsheet be formatted in a more simple way. Ms. Dolan will prepare this for the next EFC meeting.

Ms. Dolan reported she and Mr. Markham met with a sub-committee of Board members from CASE Collaborative and their attorney to explore the possibility of a merger or consolidation on January 15<sup>th</sup>. A follow-up meeting was held with Ed Orenstein, Interim CASE Director, and Bev Beno, CASE Collaborative business manager. EDCO proposed the beginning of a consolidation for FY16, CASE administrators felt

this was timeline was too aggressive. A second meeting with the CASE sub-committee will take place this afternoon, EDCO will ask for clarification of the charge.

Ms. Dolan shared a request from the ELI Director to provide a scholarship for a candidate with financial challenges. Ms. Dolan stated ELI per credit rates are very reasonable, and providing scholarship opportunities is unprecedented in ELI history. She recommended allowing the candidate to establish a payment plan with EDCO. The EFC agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 am.

Respectfully submitted by Colleen Dolan, 4/30/2015.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Colleen Dolan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.