



EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES – January 31, 2017

In attendance:

Judith Evans, Superintendent, Winchester
Diana Fisher Gomberg, School Committee, Newton
Kathleen Bodie, Superintendent, Arlington
Helen Charlupski, School Committee, Brookline
Jon Sills, Superintendent, Bedford
Ed Heller, School Committee, Weston
Colleen Dolan, Executive Director, EDCO Collaborative
Thomas Markham, Director of Business Management, EDCO Collaborative
Judith Vaillancourt, Associate Director, EDCO Collaborative
David King, Treasurer, EDCO Collaborative

Diana Fisher Gomberg called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

A motion was made by Kathleen Bodie and seconded by Helen Charlupski to enter into executive session to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (the executive director) and to return to open session. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative.

Open session was reconvened at 10:15 am.

Colleen Dolan introduced Andrew Kelley, EDCO's new Director of the McSwiney Center for Professional Learning. Andrew comes to EDCO from Webster Public Schools where he served as a teacher, Director of Curriculum and Assistant Superintendent.

A motion was made by Kathleen Bodie and seconded by Judith Evans to approve minutes of the 11.28.16 Executive Finance Committee meeting and to recommend the Board of Directors accept the minutes. The motion carried with Judith Evans abstaining.

Thomas Markham presented membership assessments for FY18 as voted by the Board on 11.10.16. Fiscal year 18 is year one of a two year plan to reduce membership assessments by 50%.

Mr. Markham presented a mid-year budget amendment for FY17. Changes include the following:

1. A reduction in funding to the Youth Alternative program by \$85,000.
2. A 50% reduction in funding to The Homeless Initiative program.
3. The Migrant program had a slight increase in budget.
4. The addition of the High School Equivalency program to Migrant.
5. An increase in funding for the Wrentham program.

Mr. Markham noted that the reduction to the Youth Alternative program was known prior to the start of the school year and adjustments to the program had already been made.

Thomas Markham also noted a positive difference in the anticipated loss for the McSwiney Center. The actual loss from the McSwiney Center is almost \$20,000 less than anticipated. Upon this note, Colleen Dolan took the opportunity to introduce Andrew Kelley as the new McSwiney Center Director.

An anticipated projected loss of North Crossing Academy/45 day program has resulted in a budget freeze and reductions in budget by \$190,000. The loss off of budget is higher than the loss of actual. Since it is midyear, EDCO is to make an adjustment by freezing spending and cutting budget by \$190,000 due to lower enrollment. This should not come as a loss across the year for North Crossing Academy. Two individuals have already been laid off to be able to fully realize the savings.

A motion was made by Kathleen Bodie and seconded by Jon Sills to recommend the Board of Directors approve the amendment and related action items as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Helen Charlupski and seconded by Kathleen Bodie to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47pm.

Respectfully submitted by Colleen Dolan, 5.16.17.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen Dolan".