



*Strength in Diversity  
Quality through Collaboration*

## MINUTES- SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

September 16, 2015

In attendance:

EDCO Collaborative Board:

Kathleen Bodie, Arlington  
Jon Sills, Bedford  
Elyse Shuster, Belmont  
Helen Charlupski, Brookline  
Joan Wickman, Carlisle  
Diana Rigby, Concord, Concord-Carlisle  
Rebecca McFall, Lincoln  
Bella Wong, Lincoln-Sudbury  
Diana Fisher Gomberg, Newton  
Anne Wilson, Sudbury  
Jean Fitzgerald, Watertown  
Ed Heller, Weston  
Judith Evans, Winchester

EDCO Advisory Council:

Ann Guay, Bedford  
John Phelan, Belmont  
Kathleen Snook, Concord  
Lucie St. George, Sudbury  
John Brackett, Weston  
Cindy Bohne, Winchester

EDCO Collaborative:

Colleen Dolan, Executive Director  
Judith Vaillancourt, Associate Executive Director  
Thomas Markham, Director of Business Management

CASE Collaborative Board:

Jon Sills, Bedford  
Joan Wickman, Carlisle  
Diana Rigby, Concord, Concord-Carlisle  
Linda Dwight, Harvard  
Rebecca McFall, Lincoln  
Bella Wong, Lincoln-Sudbury  
Kelly Clenchy, Littleton  
Anne Wilson, Sudbury

LABBB Collaborative Board:

Kathleen Bodie, Arlington  
Jon Sills, Bedford  
John Phelan, Belmont

LABBB Collaborative:

Patric Barbieri, Executive Director

CASE Collaborative:

Thomas Jefferson, Executive Director  
Bev Beno, Business Manager

1. The EDCO Collaborative Board meeting was called to order by Diana Fisher Gomberg at 12:40 PM. Concurrently, LABBB Collaborative and CASE Collaborative boards were called to order.

### 2. ACTION ITEMS

- 2.1 Mr. Sills, Chairperson of the CELC Organizational Study Committee, provided background information on the study. He explained CASE, EDCO, and LABBB Collaboratives have partnered in the past on several initiatives including professional learning for special educators and shared services. There is a great deal of overlap of each of the collaboratives member districts; Bedford is a member of all three. Given the overlap and history of collaboration, the three organizations wish to consider other opportunities for collaboration and have formed a committee to study such. Representatives of each collaborative make up the committee: Diana Fisher Gomberg, School Committee, Newton Public Schools, Kathleen Bodie, Superintendent, Arlington Public Schools, Robert Gerardi, Superintendent, Maynard Public Schools, Jon Sills, Superintendent, Bedford Public Schools, Joan Wickman, Superintendent, Carlisle Public Schools, Patric Barbieri, Executive Director, LABBB Collaborative, Colleen Dolan, Executive Director, EDCO Collaborative, Thomas Jefferson, Interim Executive Director, CASE Collaborative, Judith Vaillancourt, Associate Executive Director, EDCO Collaborative, Bev Beno,

Director of Finance & Operations, CASE Collaborative, and Thomas Markham, Director of Business Management, EDCO & LABBB Collaboratives.

After meeting several times, the committee has determined the use of a consultant would be the best way to move forward. Today the committee recommends the release of a request for proposals (RFP) from qualified individuals or firms to provide organizational consulting services to study the potential benefits of increased partnership and collaboration, up to and including the possibility of consolidation or merger, among the three collaboratives.

Mr. Markham distributed and reviewed a draft RFP and a brief discussion ensued.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Fisher Gomberg and seconded by Mr. Heller for the Board of Directors of the EDCO Collaborative support the efforts, to date, of the CELC Organizational Study Committee with regard to its exploration of future partnership ventures among and between the CASE, EDCO, and LABBB Collaboratives. Further, to endorse the draft Request for Proposals seeking a consultant to conduct a detailed analysis of possible future partner opportunities and authorize its release. The EDCO Collaborative agrees to contribute one-third of the cost of engaging such a consultant, currently estimated at \$45,000. Any funding beyond \$15,000 would need to be approved by a separate vote of the Board or its Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the full Board.

A roll call vote was taken with all EDCO Board members present voting in the affirmative.

### 3. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Evans and seconded by Ms. Charlupski to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25PM.

Respectfully submitted by Colleen Dolan

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