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Quality through collaboration*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING - March 13, 2017

In attendance:

Board of Directors:

x	Glenn	Brand	Superintendent	Acton-Boxborough Reg. School District
	Kathleen	Bodie	Superintendent	Arlington Public Schools
x	Jon	Sills	Superintendent	Bedford Public Schools
	Elyse	Shuster	School Committee	Belmont Public Schools
x	Helen	Charlupski	School Committee	Brookline Public Schools
x	James	O'Shea	Superintendent	Carlisle Public Schools
	Diana	Rigby	Superintendent	Concord Public Schools, CC Regional
x	Mary	Czajkowski	Superintendent	Lexington Public Schools
x	Rebecca	McFall	Superintendent	Lincoln Public Schools
	Bella	Wong	Superintendent	Lincoln-Sudbury Reg. School District
x	Diana	Fisher Gomberg	School Committee	Newton Public Schools
	Anne	Wilson	Superintendent	Sudbury Public Schools
	Drew	Echelson	Superintendent	Waltham Public Schools
	John	Brackett	Superintendent	Watertown Public Schools
x	Robert	Tremblay	Superintendent	Weston Public Schools
x	Judith	Evans	Superintendent	Winchester Public Schools

EDCO Collaborative

Colleen Dolan, Andrew Kelley, David King, Thomas Markham, Dana Mullaley, James Sullivan, Judith Vaillancourt

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 PM

1.1 No public participation.

2.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

A **motion** was made by Helen Charlupski and seconded by Jon Sills to enter into executive session for the purpose of conducting contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (executive director) and to reconvene in open session. A roll call vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative.

OPEN SESSION reconvened at 3:25 PM.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A **motion** was made by Rebecca McFall and seconded by Mary Czajkowski to approve the consent agenda including: approve Board of Directors meeting minutes 12.8.16 as presented, to accept Executive Finance Committee meeting minutes 11.28.16 as presented, to approve field trip for Deaf and Hard of Hearing program students to attend academic bowl at Gallaudet

University 3.9.17 - 3.13.17 and to approve employee actions as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4.0 OLD BUSINESS

The Annual Report was approved and is available to all EDCO constituents.

The Annual Audit was also approved with one change - the state auditors requested a list of leases that has been sent by Thomas Markham.

Commissioner Chester has approved the change to the Articles that omits Wellesley Public Schools as an EDCO member district.

The commissioner has also approved the change to the Articles that deletes Wellesley Public Schools as an EDCO member district.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

Budget Amendment FY1 7: This is a midyear amendment and the Executive Committee is recommending approval.

Thomas Markham referenced a handout included in everyone's packet. The amendment was reviewed by the finance committee in February and includes final contract/grant amounts. Mr. Markham summarized the five changes to EDCO program budgets.

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

Mr. 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.

An anticipated projected loss of North Crossing Academy/45 day program has resulted in a budget freeze and reductions totaling \$190,000 in the North Crossing budget. Two individuals have already been laid off to be able to fully realize the savings.

Jon Sills questioned what constitutes occupancy cuts and Thomas Markham responded that it was savings off the budget and it includes items that we will not move forward with facility-wise. Improvements to the HVAC system was provided as an example.

Helen Charlupski inquired as to whether or not the new rental income was reflected in this information and Mr. Markham replied that it was not and explained that reliance on rental space should be considered additional funds to be used for building improvements but not to run the building.

Ms. Dolan reminded everyone that EDCO's goal is still to make each cost center self-sufficient and she indicated that we are moving close to realizing that goal.

A **motion** was made by Robert Tremblay and seconded by Judith Evans to approve the FY-17 budget amendment as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Space lease to CASE Collaborative: Colleen Dolan announced that EDCO's Partners Program will be moving to Middlesex Turnpike and take over four classrooms on the North Crossing Academy side. In addition, the CASE Collaborative is interested in leasing two classrooms and an office for their new transition program for 18 - 22 year olds. EDCO is reluctant to make a commitment longer than two years as we anticipate our own programs growing.

New School Committee Orientation: Colleen Dolan reminded districts that EDCO can run school committee orientation if there is a need. Ms. Dolan also announced that Elyse Schuster of Belmont will not be running for re-election.

Andrew Kelley announced that EDCO just added a new SEI course that started March 9th that will run to end of school year. Twenty-three of the twenty-five available seats went to EDCO participants. The McSwiney Center is looking at the possibility of having an earlier start date in August for the fall SEI courses. More information will be forthcoming.

Judith Vaillancourt noted that Jon Sills had requested a survey for feedback on programs. Ms. Vaillancourt has sent one out but only received about 12 responses. All of the feedback received was positive but the return was disappointing. Based on the responses, the biggest issue seems to have to do with marketing the programs, not the programs themselves.

Colleen Dolan reminded members to take a copy of the annual report. She noted that Alice Peisch will be here for May meeting and she is also working on having someone from DESE come to the April meeting to discuss new regulations that pertain to homelessness.

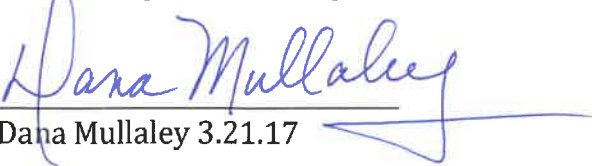
Judith Evans expressed her appreciation to Colleen Dolan and the team for working to balance the budget.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Robert Tremblay and seconded by Judith Evans to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

The *EDCO UPDATE* will be provided in your packets.

Successfully submitted by:


Dana Mullaley 3.21.17

