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Quality through collaboration*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING - May 25, 2017**

**In attendance:**

Board of Directors:

|   |            |                   |                  |                                       |
|---|------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| x | Glenn      | Brand             | Superintendent   | Acton-Boxborough Reg. School District |
| x | Kathleen   | Bodie             | Superintendent   | Arlington Public Schools              |
| x | Jon        | Sills             | Superintendent   | Bedford Public Schools                |
| x | Andrea     | Prestwich         | School Committee | Belmont Public Schools                |
| x | Helen      | Charlupski        | School Committee | Brookline Public Schools              |
|   | James      | O'Shea            | Superintendent   | Carlisle Public Schools               |
|   | Diana      | Rigby             | Superintendent   | Concord Public Schools, CC Regional   |
|   | Mary       | Czajkowski        | Superintendent   | Lexington Public Schools              |
| x | Jessie     | Steigerwald       | School Committee | Lexington Public Schools              |
| x | Rebecca    | McFall            | Superintendent   | Lincoln Public Schools                |
|   | Bella      | Wong              | Superintendent   | Lincoln-Sudbury Reg. School District  |
| x | Diana      | Fisher<br>Gomberg | School Committee | Newton Public Schools                 |
| x | Lucie      | St. George        | School Committee | Sudbury Public Committee              |
| x | Anne       | Wilson            | Superintendent   | Sudbury Public Schools                |
| x | Margaret   | Donnelly          | School Committee | Waltham Public Schools                |
| x | Drew       | Echelson          | Superintendent   | Waltham Public Schools                |
| x | John       | Brackett          | Superintendent   | Watertown Public Schools              |
| x | Elizabeth  | Yusem             | School Committee | Watertown Public Schools              |
|   | Marguerite | Connelly          | Superintendent   | Weston Public Schools                 |
| x | Ed         | Heller            | School Committee | Weston Public Schools                 |
|   | Judith     | Evans             | Superintendent   | Winchester Public Schools             |

From EDCO Collaborative: Colleen Dolan, Andrew Kelley, Thomas Markham, Dana Mullaley, James Sullivan, Judith Vaillancourt

Also in attendance: Dede Galdston, Incoming Superintendent, Watertown Public Schools, Alice Peisch, Chairperson, Joint Committee on Education

Diana fisher Gomberg called the meeting to order at 9:34am. There was no public participation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Kathleen Bodie and seconded by Rebecca McFall to move into executive session for the purpose of conducting contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Executive Director) and to reconvene open session. The motion carried with a roll call vote and all present voting in the affirmative. The Board went into executive session at 9:36 a.m. and re-convened open session at 10:00 a.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

A **motion** was made by Kathleen Bodie and seconded by Helen Charlupski to approve consent minutes of BOD meeting 4.6.17, to accept the minutes of Executive Finance Committee 1.31.17 with a change noted on the adjournment time. The motion carried unanimously with Andrea Prestwich abstaining,

## NEW BUSINESS

Colleen Dolan announced that Winchester would be withdrawing from EDCO next year. She noted that participation from Winchester in round tables and PD had increased over the year and that it would only cost Winchester \$4,000 to stay while they are spending \$11,000 on a student program at North Crossing Academy. She also noted that this withdrawal will not affect membership assessments for other districts.

Ms. Dolan announced that Articles of Agreement will need to be amended again next year.

An agreement between CASE Collaborative and EDCO Collaborative has been reached and EDCO is now waiting for signatures to finalize the deal. The other side of the building is now officially full.

## OLD BUSINESS

The budget presented today represents a \$17,000 difference in the budget presented at the April meeting. The surplus is slightly lower at \$94,000.

A **motion** was made by Kathleen Bodie and seconded by Helen Charlupski to approve the FY18 budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Drew Echelson and seconded by Glen Brand to approve membership assessments as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Kathleen Bodie and seconded by Anne Wilson to approve the tuition rates as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## EDCO UPDATE

Colleen Dolan announced that the building where the Youth Alternative program is housed has been sold and EDCO has been evicted with 30 days to vacate. EDCO has sent a request to the developer for an extension of at least 60 days, but preferably 1 year in order to find a new location. EDCO is also working with Boston Public Schools as well as looking at closed schools within the Archdiocese of Boston as secondary options.

Colleen Dolan noted that John Brackett and Glen Brand will not be returning to the board next year and expressed appreciation for their service. Ms. Dolan also expressed gratitude to Judith Vaillancourt for her support of the programs as she will be retiring this year.

Tom Markham noted that the historical salary report requested by the Executive Finance Committee is also included in the packet.

## GUEST SPEAKER

Alice Peisch, Chairperson, Joint Committee on Education, was present to provide a summary on the current education climate, the legislative agenda and budget.

Chair Peisch provided an update on the FY 18 budget and Chapter 70. And expressed concern about the impact the federal health care bill could have on the Massachusetts budget.

She next provided an update on bills pending approval. There is a House and Senate bill that addresses the rights for English Learners and outlines what programs need to be used in Massachusetts. There are modest changes but it will make it easier for parents and schools and districts to offer something other than SEI. There is also current legislation in place to give level 3 schools more flexibility. Springfield is modeling a program that gives districts more flexibility.

Colleen Dolan thanked Chair Peisch for her update and her continued support of EDCO Collaborative. She noted the EDCO Update is provided in the packets.

#### 6.0 ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Kathleen Bodie and seconded by Rebecca McFall to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Dana Mullaley  
9/14/17

