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Quality through collaboration*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING - September 14, 2017**

**In attendance:**

**Board of Directors:**

x	William McAlduff	Interim Superintendent	Acton-Boxborough Regional School District
x	Kathleen Bodie	Superintendent	Arlington Public Schools
x	Jon Sills	Superintendent	Bedford Public Schools
	Andre Prestwicha	School Committee	Belmont Public Schools
x	Helen Charlupski	School Committee	Brookline Public Schools
x	James O'Shea	Superintendent	Carlisle Public Schools
x	Laurie Hunter	Superintendent	Concord Public Schools, CC Regional
x	Mary Czajkowski	Superintendent	Lexington Public Schools
x	Rebecca McFall	Superintendent	Lincoln Public Schools
x	Bella Wong	Superintendent	Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District
	Diana Fisher Gomberg	School Committee	Newton Public Schools (10:30 am)
	Anne Wilson	Superintendent	Sudbury Public Schools
x	Drew Echelson	Superintendent	Waltham Public Schools
x	Deanne Galdston	Superintendent	Watertown Public Schools
x	Midge Connolly	Superintendent	Weston Public Schools

**Advisory Council:** Ed Heller, School Committee, Weston Public Schools

**EDCO Collaborative:** Colleen Dolan, Andrew Kelley, Thomas Markham, James Sullivan, David King

**Also in attendance:** Karen Thomsen, EDCO IDEAS Director

Kathleen Bodie called the meeting to order at 9:35am. There was no public participation. Bodie welcomes new members Dede Galdston, Watertown, and Laurie Hunter, Concord and Concord-Carlisle. Also, Bill McAlduff was welcomed back to the EDCO Board. He is the interim superintendent for Acton-Boxborough.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

A motion was made by William McAlduff and seconded by Rebecca McFall to approve minutes of the BOD meeting 5.25.17, to accept the minutes of Executive Finance Committee 5.16.17. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bella Wong and seconded by Drew Echelson to approve employee actions as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Colleen Dolan announced that Winchester would be withdrawing from EDCO next year. The withdrawal will not affect membership assessments for other districts. We will address the need for amending the Articles at the next meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Tom Markham reported the FY17 budget is close to being closed. Several grants do not close until the end of August. Markham anticipates a surplus for FY17. The audit will commence in the weeks to come and will be presented at the November Board meeting.

Markham reported several construction projects occurred over the summer including dividing a classroom into two office spaces, and construction of a walk-in freezer for increased culinary demands. EDCO's weekend business has increased and the professional learning spaces have been busy. Due to the move of EDCO's Partners program, and leases to NuPath, VanPool, and CASE Collaborative, all spaces are occupied.

## **EDCO UPDATE**

Colleen Dolan announced that every EDCO program started the year at or above budgeted enrollment. This is the first time in her tenure (5 years) that this has occurred.

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

Karen Thomsen, director of IDEAS (Initiatives for Developing Equity and Achievement for Students) spoke to the board. She explained the IDEAS mission and stressed the need for a consistent flow of communication with districts. Thomsen asked that each district be represented at IDEAS Board meetings so that the message can go back to the district administrative teams. Thomsen reported membership has increased and IDEAS instructors are very busy. There is a need for additional instructors.

IDEAS will present their first annual full day conference, *From EMI to IDEAS: Persevering in Challenging Times*, at Brandeis University on April 7<sup>th</sup>. The keynote speaker will be Beverly Daniel Tatum.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by William McAlduff and seconded by Jon Sills to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.

Respectfully submitted by:



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Colleen Dolan

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