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Board of Directors' Meeting
EDCO Collaborative, 36 Middlesex Tpke., Bedford, MA 01730
Thursday, May 24, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

In attendance:

Board of Directors:

x	William	McAlduff	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
x	James	O'Shea	Superintendent	Carlisle Public Schools
x	Laurie	Hunter	Superintendent	Concord Public Schools, CC Regional
	Mary	Czajkowski	Superintendent	Lexington Public Schools
x	Rebecca	McFall	Superintendent	Lincoln Public Schools
x	Bella	Wong (9:43)	Superintendent	Lincoln-Sudbury Reg. School District
x	Diana	Fisher Gomberg	School Committee	Newton Public Schools
	Anne	Wilson	Superintendent	Sudbury Public Schools
x	Drew	Echelson	Superintendent	Waltham Public Schools
x	Deanne	Galdston	Superintendent	Watertown Public Schools
x	Marguerite	Connelly	Superintendent	Weston Public Schools

Advisory Committee Members in attendance:

Tara Mitchell, Ed Heller, Margaret Donnelly

EDCO Collaborative staff:

Colleen Dolan, Andrew Kelley, David King, Thomas Markham, James Sullivan

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: Diana Fisher Gomberg called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2.0. Consent Agenda

A **motion** was made by Jon Sills and seconded by Kathleen Bodie to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

3.0 Old Business

An amendment to EDCO's Articles of Agreement (elimination of Winchester Public Schools and change in non-discrimination clause) was presented for first reading. Ms. Dolan will prepare a memo explaining the changes for school committees to vote.

4.0 New Business

4.1 McSwiney Training Room expansion project:

Following on the discussion had at the April 5 EFC meeting, Colleen Dolan updated the Board members on the progress being made on the McSwiney training room expansion project in Room 214 & 215. She noted that the architect's structural engineer, after a full inspection and conference with the town Building Inspector, is now recommending a steel girder be added to the project to independently hold and secure the hanging, movable partition wall being erected in place of the standard wall between the two rooms. Additional cost estimates for the structural design, steel purchase, wall reinforcements and installations would be about \$20,000. Tom Markham added that the price of steel is quite expensive and the girder itself could cost approx. \$15,000. Ms. Dolan said that the additional funds are available in the Seefurth Fund as that was approved by the Board in January as the source of funds for this project. EFC members discussed this at their last meeting and recommended access to the funds to complete this project.

A **motion** was made by Helen Charlupski and seconded by Drew Echelson for the Board to support an additional withdrawal not to exceed \$25,000 from the Seefurth Fund to cover necessary costs to complete the McSwiney Center expansion. Voted unanimously.

4.2 FY19 Budget Presentation and Vote:

Tom Markham presented a revised FY19 Budget Proposal document with clarifications and more detailed explanations, as requested by the Board on April 12 and reviewed by the Executive Finance Committee on May 15. Mr. Markham noted that the overall budget figure has not changed since the initial presentation on April 12.

This revised budget document has been formatted in a booklet form with descriptions and accompanying charts and schedules of the 45 Day construction project, McSwiney initiatives, reductions in Member Assessments, state contracts and grants, the FY19 teacher educational interpreter salary schedules and central/business office reorganization including the RIF of two positions in the business office. Mr. Markham walked the Board through the budget booklet and a brief Powerpoint presentation. The Board discussed the revised budget book and complimented Mr. Markham for its usefulness and clarity.

A **motion** was made by Drew Echelson and seconded by Kathleen Bodie to approve an FY19 budget of \$16,118,964 as presented.

A **motion** was made by Helen Charlupski and seconded by Bella Wong to amend the motion on the table to reflect an amount that would hold off on the construction of the 45 Day Assessment Program suite until FY20. After discussion about the need for such program expansion, the amendment motion

was defeated with two votes in favor and eleven opposed. The original motion to approve the FY19 budget as presented carried with eleven voting in favor and two opposing.

4.3 BOD schedule for FY19

Colleen Dolan distributed a draft schedule of Board meetings for FY19. She requested that Board members let her know of conflicts as soon as possible.

4.4 Executive Director Finalists Interviews

The Board concluded its regular business and, after a brief recess, begin the public interviews of the two finalists for the position of Executive Director. The Board interviewed, separately in open session, Nadine Ekstrom and Carolyn Wilson.

5.0 Adjournment

A **motion** was made by Kathleen Bodie and seconded by Drew Echelson to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50am.

Respectfully submitted by Colleen Dolan



Colleen Dolan 9.20.18