



EDCO COLLABORATIVE
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
 REMOTE MEETING
 Monday, April 26, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m.
 36 Middlesex Turnpike, Bedford, MA 01730

Present BOARD MEMBERS

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| X | Peter Light | Superintendent | Acton-Boxborough Reg. School District |
| X | Kathleen Bodie | Superintendent | Arlington Public Schools |
| X | Philip Conrad | Superintendent | Bedford Public Schools |
| | Amy Checkoway | 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 |
| | Julie Hackett | Superintendent | Lexington Public Schools |
| X | Rebecca McFall | Superintendent | Lincoln Public Schools |
| X | Bella Wong | Superintendent | Lincoln-Sudbury Reg. School District |
| X | Tamika Olszewski | School Committee | Newton Public Schools |
| X | Brad Crozier | Superintendent | Sudbury Public Schools |
| X | Brian Reagan | Superintendent | Waltham Public Schools |
| X | Deanne Galdston | Superintendent | Watertown Public Schools |
| X | Marguerite Connelly | Superintendent | Weston Public Schools |

Present ADVISORY MEMBERS

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| | Tessa McKinley | School Committee | Acton-Boxborough Reg. School District |
| X | Kathleen Bodie | Superintendent | Arlington Public Schools |
| X | Ann Guay | School Committee | Bedford Public Schools |
| | John Phelan | Superintendent | Belmont Public Schools |
| | James Marini | Superintendent | Brookline Public Schools |
| X | Sara Wilson | Superintendent | Carlisle Public Schools |
| X | Sara Wilson | School Committee | Concord Public Schools, CC Regional |
| | Kathleen Lenihan | School Committee | Lexington Public Schools |
| | Trintje Gnazzo | School Committee | Lincoln Public Schools |
| | Ellen Joachim | School Committee | Lincoln-Sudbury Reg. School District |
| | David Fleishman | Superintendent | Newton Public Schools |
| | Lisa Kouchakdjian | School Committee | Sudbury Public Schools |
| | Margaret Donnelly | School Committee | Waltham Public Schools |
| | John Portz | School Committee | Watertown Public Schools |
| X | Marguerite Connelly | Superintendent | Weston Public Schools |

Also Present

EDCO Staff: Cyndy Taymore, Ann Knapp, Mike LeMay, Lina Mateus, Mary O'Regan, Lynn Watras, Nicole Wood

TMS Staff: Marc Richard, Allen Himmelberger

Attorneys: Felicia Vasudevan

DESE Staff: Ruth Hersch, Paulajo Gaines

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. Ms. Bodie read a statement regarding public meetings being held remotely during the pandemic as per Governor Baker's order of March 12, 2020.

2.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, sect. 21 (3) to: discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares – Potential Litigation around dissolution

A **motion** was made by Ms. Charlupski to move into Executive Session and seconded by Ms. Wong. The **motion passed** by a roll call vote and the meeting moved into Executive Session at 9:40 a.m.

Roll Call: Peter Light, Kathleen Bodie, Philip Conrad, Helen Charlupski, James O'Shea, Laurie Hunter, Bella Wong, Tamika Olszewski, Brad Crozier, Brian Reagan, Deanne Galdston, Marguerite Connelly

A **motion** was made by Ms. Wong to return to open session and seconded by Mr. Crozier. The **motion passed** by a roll call vote and the meeting returned to open session at 10:06 a.m.

Roll Call Vote: Peter Light, Kathleen Bodie, Philip Conrad, Helen Charlupski, James O'Shea, Laurie Hunter, Rebecca McFall, Bella Wong, Tamika Olszewski, Brad Crozier, Brian Reagan, Deanne Galdston, Marguerite Connelly

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

3.1 A **motion** to accept the minutes from the 4.15.21 Board of Directors meetings was made by Ms. Wong and seconded by Ms. Hunter. The **motion passed** by a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Kathleen Bodie, Peter Light, Philip Conrad, Helen Charlupski, James O'Shea, Laurie Hunter, Rebecca McFall, Bella Wong, Tamika Olszewski, Brad Crozier, Brian Reagan, Deanne Galdston, Marguerite Connelly

4.0 BUSINESS OFFICE UPDATE:

No report was submitted. The Business Office continues to work to finalize FY21 budget figures and continues work on the FY22 budget.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS:

5.1 Surplus List – The board was presented with three surplus inventory lists that included books, equipment and miscellaneous additional items. A **motion** to authorize the disposal of all surplus as presented on April 26, 2021 in accordance with EDCO policy and Chapter 30B was made by Mr. Conrad and seconded by Ms. Olszewski.

Roll Call: Kathleen Bodie, Philip Conrad, Helen Charlupski, James O'Shea, Laurie Hunter, Bella Wong, Tamika Olszewski, Brad Crozier, Brian Reagan, Deanne Galdston, Marguerite Connelly.

Laurie Hunter abstained as she had just joined the meeting and missed the discussion around the motion. The **motion passed**.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS:

6.1 Amendment to FY21 Budget – A vote on an amendment to the FY21 Budget based on the financial figures presented by Mr. Richard at the April 15, 2021 Board Meeting is required according to the EDCO Articles of Agreement. Several questions and concerns regarding the amendment were discussed. If a district is unable to pay their FY21 deficit assessment at this time, they can wait to pay it with no penalty but it will need to be paid in full by June 2022. Concerns were raised if districts do not pay the deficit assessment in the next few weeks that EDCO would not have the resources needed to close out programs in June 2021. Ms. Taymore indicated that it would be helpful for districts to pay their assessments at this time but there is no recourse if they are not paid.

After further discussion it was determined that the board could take a vote on the Amendment to the FY21 Budget today, but they would need to reaffirm the vote as the Articles of Agreement state that a vote to amend the budget is needed 30 days following the vote to propose the amendment which took place on April 15, 2021. Also, the FY22 Budget will be presented at the

May 13, 2021 meeting and will require a second vote. There will be a poll sent out to members regarding dates for an additional board meeting in late May or early June.

A vote on the **motion** to amend the Fiscal Year 2021 budget and thereby to increase assessments as outlined in Mr. Richard's April 15, 2021 Budget Update and to include restoration of Seefurth Funds used for operational costs in FY21 as determined by the executive director was taken.

Roll Call: Kathleen Bodie, Peter Light, Philip Conrad, James O'Shea, Laurie Hunter, Rebecca McFall, Bella Wong, Brad Crozier, Brian Reagan, Deanne Galdston, Marguerite Connelly.

Abstained: Helen Charlupski, Tamika Olszewski

The **motion passed**.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT:

A **motion** to adjourn was made by Ms. Wong and seconded by Ms. Charlupski.

Roll Call: Kathleen Bodie, Peter Light, Philip Conrad, Helen Charlupski, James O'Shea, Laurie Hunter, Rebecca McFall, Bella Wong, Tamika Olszewski, Brad Crozier, Brian Reagan, Deanne Galdston, Marguerite Connelly.

The **motion passed** and the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary O'Regan, Executive Administrative Assistant
EDCO Collaborative
April 26, 2021