

SOUTH SHORE EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIVE
75 Abington Street, Hingham, MA 02043

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Friday, March 6, 2015

Present:	Braintree	Maureen Murray, Ed.D.
	Cohasset	Barbara Cataldo
	Hingham	Dorothy Galo, Ph.D.
	Hull	Kathleen Tyrell, Ed.D.
	Norwell	Matthew Keegan
	Scituate	John McCarthy
	SSEC:	Henry W. Perrin, Ed.D., Executive Director
		Richard Reino, Business Administrator

This item was taken out of sequence.

5. Board members discussed how districts are dealing with the unusual amount of snow days. Some towns are up to June 30th or beyond. Hull is holding a half day on Saturday, March 7. Other districts are considering being in session on Good Friday, or perhaps extending the school day itself in order to meet the mandatory number of hours.

1. Review and approval of minutes from the January 23, 2015 meeting. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Tyrell and seconded by Dr. Galo; unanimously approved.

2. The Board reviewed an updated Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) trust agreement. At a previous meeting, SSEC legal counsel spoke with the board and answered questions regarding setting up a trust agreement and appointing a Board of Trustees to oversee the trust. A few questions that arise are what the responsibilities of trustees would be, and whether or not districts would be liable for anything under unusual circumstances, such as the collaborative closing. The question was raised as to whether having an outside attorney review the document would be helpful. As board members continue to review the agreement and resolve their questions, the agreement will then be presented to member district town counsels for further review.

3. The business administrator presented an update on the current budget with a projection sheet and a financial summary for FY 15. It hasn't been necessary to use the line of credit so far during this fiscal year. The SSEC has not received a bill yet for snow removal from the parking lot, however, which may be considerable. Student enrollment has remained consistently high. Dr. Galo made a motion to approve and Mr. Keegan seconded it; unanimously approved. Mr. Keegan left the meeting at this time.

4. The business administrator provided an overview of the draft FY 16 budget. It includes a 2.5 % increase for student tuitions. A moving loan is the only outstanding loan the SSEC currently has. The Language Enhancement Program will be fully integrated into the Mini School for FY 16. The draft budget includes limited funding for contract negotiations which began on March 5, 2015. The business administrator and executive director are both available to answer any questions between now and the next board meeting in April.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Tyrell and seconded by Dr. Galo; unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:45.