



4. The executive director noted that union negotiations will be starting soon. A meeting that was scheduled for next week has been postponed at the union's request.

5. The draft SSEC annual budget for 2015-2016 will be presented at the March meeting. The business administrator expressed that the tuition increase will not exceed 3%, but hopefully will be around 2% or 2.5% for next year. Ms. Martin left the meeting at this time. The budget projection sheet and the financial summary update reports were reviewed. A motion to approve these items was made by Dr. Salim and seconded by Dr. Tyrell; unanimously approved.

6. The SSEC elopement policy for South Shore High School, Careers High School, and the Mini School High School classroom was recently revised. Adjustments were made to the policy for students who wish to leave the school building and have been assessed by a clinician to be safe. The policy outlines guidelines to be followed to ensure student safety and wellbeing under a variety of circumstances. Dr. Murray left the meeting at this time.

7. The executive director told the board that a Virtual Learning Academy is getting underway. It is comprised of 9 area collaboratives which represent 88 school districts. Additional information will be sent via email in the next week or so.

8. The DESE evaluation instrument was recently ratified by the union. The board chairperson may now sign this document as the board had reviewed it at an earlier meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Galo and seconded by Mr. Anderson; unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.