

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friday, April 7, 2017

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| Present: | Braintree | Frank Hackett, Ed.D. |
| | Cohasset | Louise Demas |
| | Hingham | Dorothy Galo, Ph.D. |
| | Norwell | Matthew Keegan |
| | Quincy | Richard DeCristofaro, Ed.D. |
| | Randolph | Thomas Anderson |
| | Weymouth | Jennifer Curtis-Whipple, Ed.D. |

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| SSEC | Henry W. Perrin, Ed.D., Executive Director |
| | Richard Reino, Business Administrator |

1. Acceptance of the minutes from the Friday, March 10, 2017 meeting. The executive director reviewed item #2 on the minutes regarding the status of CHARMS Collaborative. The SSEC will accept student referrals from CHARMS but will not take over the collaborative or incur any liability or personnel challenges. Item #4 on the minutes was also reviewed. A one time credit was issued to Hull for FY 2018 in the amount of \$60,424 to assist the town with the tuition alignment in a program in which Hull has a number of students. The actual credit for 2018 will include an additional \$7,385 for one extended school year tuition. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Dr. Galo and seconded by Mr. Keegan; unanimously approved with Dr. Hackett, Ms. Demas, Dr. DeCristofaro and Dr. Curtis-Whipple abstaining as they were not present for that meeting.

2. Acceptance of the financial summary and FY 17 budget update. The business administrator noted that the current bank balance is very good. The budget projection sheet was reviewed. Mr. Keegan asked what the balance was in the OPEB account; the business administrator said the balance is a little under \$15,000. Dr. Curtis-Whipple arrived at this time. A motion to approve the financial summary and FY 17 budget update was made by Mr. Keegan and seconded by Dr. Galo; unanimously approved.

3. Review and acceptance of the FY 18 budget. The business administrator reviewed the budget with board members. The executive director provided an explanation of the new member and non-member tuition rates, and reviewed the comparison of collaborative tuition rates versus other collaborative and private school tuition rates. A motion to accept the FY 18 budget was made by Dr. Hackett and seconded by Mr. Keegan; unanimously approved.

4. The health insurance incentive plan was reviewed by the business administrator. By offering staff incentive to change from legacy health insurance plans to either rate saver or benchmark

plans, there is a cost savings to both the employee and the collaborative. An insurance expert from AFT spoke with staff and explained what is happening with health insurance plans and premiums. The Town of Hingham has changed to GIC and notes that health insurance premiums are much less expensive. The Town of Braintree is self insured. A motion to approve the incentive plan was made by Dr. Hackett and seconded by Dr. Galo; unanimously approved.

5. The South Shore High School senior class trip to Washington, D.C. is all paid for with donations. This will be the first time that the senior trip has involved being away for a few nights out of state.

6. A reminder was provided to board members that their school committee must take a vote on who they will appointment to the SSEC board for FY 18.

7. Other items: a FY 2018 draft calendar with six board meeting dates was distributed for review. The meeting dates will be finalized during the May board meeting. The executive director talked about the therapeutic schools at SSEC; they have had a psychiatrist here to assist with student medications and appointments. This has proven to be a worthwhile benefit to the families of students. The psychiatrist's daughter has been employed as a school nurse and is becoming a nurse practitioner/prescriber who would be qualified to prescribe medications to students. The executive director will be meeting with special education administrators in April to discuss this. The question was raised as to whether the SSEC could find a clinic that a social worker could drive students to with the parents' permission. SSEC is reviewing alternatives to having medications prescribed onsite. The psychiatrist on staff would continue to do student evaluations. Hingham Public Schools uses the psychiatrist as a resource for counsellors. A recommendation was made to post a nurse practitioner position if SSEC decides to move forward in that direction.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. DeCristofaro and seconded by Ms. Demas; unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am.