

**South Shore Educational Collaborative
75 Abington Street, Hingham, MA 02043**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Friday, January 24, 2020**

Present:	Patrick Sullivan, Ed.D.	Cohasset
	Michael Devine	Hull
	Jeffrey Granatino	Marshfield
	Mary Gormley	Milton
	Matthew Keegan	Norwell
	Thea Stovell	Randolph
	Jennifer Curtis Whipple, Ed.D.	Weymouth

SSEC: Richard L. Reino, Executive Director
Patricia Mason, Ph.D., Director of Student Services

1. Acceptance of the minutes from the December 6, 2019 meeting. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Devine and seconded by Dr. Sullivan; unanimously approved.
2. Acceptance of the financial summary and budget update. The financial projection for this year remains positive. The year end projection calls for a positive net of \$196,229.34. The bank balance as of this morning was \$4,708,915.07. The OPEB balance as of 1/2/20 was \$515,546.08 and the fund balance as of last Friday was \$7,979,256. This information was discussed but not voted on during the meeting.
3. Discussion of the FY 2021 budget. The executive director explained how each tuition percentage increase would affect each district (member versus non-member rates). One board member stated that collaboratives are not compared and tuitions are never discussed in the district. The reputation of the programming speaks to the work being done and the value is evident. Quality programs and staff retention are important. For local districts there is saving on transportation costs. After review of the options, board members agreed that they would be comfortable moving forward with a budget based upon a 2% increase for members and a 4% increase for non-members. The budget will be formulated and be ready for review by board members at the meeting in March.
4. Acceptance of the amended agreement between DESE and SSEC to include the addition of Whitman Hanson Regional School District as a member. Board members were provided with a copy of the amended agreement with Whitman Hanson added. There was discussion of the benefits of being a member district. The next step in the process is to obtain a signature from each current member school committee chairperson. A motion to approve the amended agreement was made by Ms. Stovell and seconded by Ms. Gormley; unanimously approved.

5. SSEC school calendar for 2020-2021, including board meeting dates. Adjustments will be made to a few of the board meeting dates, and a revised calendar will be provided at the next board meeting.
6. Professional Development and Curriculum update. For FY 21 Wilson Foundations for grades K-3 and Just Words for grades 4-12 will continue. RBT was cancelled due to low enrollment but it will be offered again in August of 2020 to start, with some half day workshops in the fall. Educational Neuroscience will continue with part three in the fall. This is a series of one day workshops that have been very well received.
7. Other items. DESE sent SSEC correspondence indicating that all of the required reporting has been taken care of successfully (annual report, independent audit report). DESE will be holding meetings regarding the Student Opportunity Act and transportation reimbursement. District business managers and special education directors are encouraged to attend for an explanation of how the reimbursements will work. A meeting will be held at North River Collaborative soon.

The board chairperson thanked the board members for their attendance at SSEC board meetings. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Granatino and seconded by Ms. Stovell; unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.