

MINUTES
Board of Directors' Meeting
JANUARY 29, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by the Chairperson of the Board, Mr. Jeffrey Laing. The following were present:

Board of Directors: Mr. Albert J. Christopher, Agawam
 Ms. Lisa Murray, Hampden-Wilbraham Regional
 Mr. Jeffrey Laing, Ludlow
 Ms. Julie Anne Wise, West Springfield

Collaborative: Mr. Alvin W. Morton, I, Executive Director
 Ms. Anna Bishop, Director of Finance

2. A public forum was offered. There were no comments from the public.
3. Ms. Murray moved to enter into Executive Session to investigate charges of criminal misconduct or to consider the filing of criminal complaints and also to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements, specifically M.G.L. CH. 148, Section 2A, and to return to Open Session at its conclusion. Mr. Christopher seconded. Approved unanimously.

Open Session resumed at 7:03 p.m.

Ms. Murray moved that the Board will authorize the electric bus project to progress only with regard to completing the infrastructure at the three transportation facilities. No electric vehicles will be charged or considered to be put into service until a final determination as to the cause of the recent electric bus fire has been received and all electric vehicles are determined to be safe in the transport of students. Mr. Christopher seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. Mr. Morton reviewed a request from the Director of Career and Technical Education regarding additional staffing to accommodate the increase in enrollments in the Carpentry Program. A number of current technical assistants have been transferred amongst programs based on the need to maintain staff to student ratios during the recent placement of Exploratory students in their shop of choice for the remainder of the school year. The Carpentry Program is experiencing an increase in enrollment and therefore will require an additional staff member to accommodate such. Funds remain available within the budget due to unfilled positions and can be used to support a temporary technical assistant for the remainder of the school year if approved.

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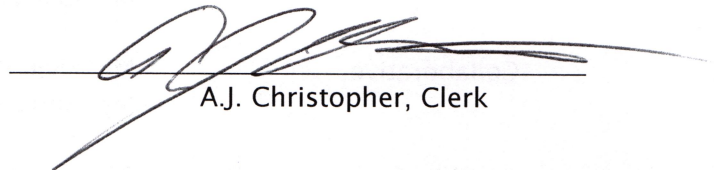
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Mr. Christopher moved to approve hiring a temporary technical assistant for the remainder of the school year for the Carpentry Program as presented. Ms. Murray seconded. Approved unanimously.

5. Mr. Morton distributed four articles regarding recent changes to federal immigration policies and how they may affect students in our districts. Staff will be given guidance on how to support students and families who may be affected by these changes.

Mr. Christopher moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Murray seconded. Approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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A.J. Christopher, Clerk