



MINUTES
Board of Directors' Meeting
OCTOBER 16, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the Chairperson of the Board, Mr. Jeffrey Laing. The following were present:

Board of Directors: Mr. Albert J. Christopher, Agawam
Mr. Gregory Thompson, East Longmeadow
Ms. Lisa Murray, Hampden-Wilbraham Regional
Mr. Jeffrey Laing, Ludlow

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 approve this evening's consent agenda items as presented. Mr. Thompson seconded. Mr. Christopher abstained. Motion carries 3:0:1.
4. A. Mr. Morton reported that a donation has been made to the CTEC Cosmetology Program which requires acceptance by the Board. Ms. Murray moved to accept the donation of cosmetology supplies to the CTEC Cosmetology Program in the estimated amount of \$5,380.00 as presented. Mr. Christopher seconded. Approved unanimously.
B. The group discussed the on-going personnel vacancies affecting transportation services. Two member districts have contacted the Governor's office appealing for any assistance they may be able to give. One district has suggested dissolving services to their district and contracting with an outside vendor. The LPVEC is exploring all possibilities and avenues to attract drivers and an every-door direct mailing is being developed in an effort to reach more potential applicants. Mr. Morton will keep the Board informed.
6. At 7:25 p.m., Ms. Murray moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations with non-union personnel and to return to Open Session at its conclusion. Mr. Christopher seconded. On a roll call vote, the following voted YES: Mr. Christopher, Mr. Thompson, Ms. Murray, and Mr. Laing.

Open Session resumed at 7:40 p.m.

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Mr. Morton noted that an Occupational Therapist job description will be developed and posted in order to hire an occupational therapist directly rather than trying to contract through an agency at a much higher cost. The LPVEC currently has 21 students needing services which are not being met. Member districts can also use these services as a direct bill-back. Mr. Morton also noted that we are still working with the union to negotiate a memorandum of understanding with our Unit B staff. Mr. Christopher moved to approve this hire at a range not to exceed the average salary of occupational therapists in member districts. Mr. Murray seconded. Approved unanimously.

8. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for November 20th at which time the annual report and audit will be presented to the Corporation and Collaborative Boards. This meeting will be held at 6 p.m.

Mr. Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Christopher seconded. Approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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