



MINUTES
Virtual Board of Directors' Meeting
OCTOBER 21, 2020

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

Board of Directors: Mr. Carmino Mineo, Agawam
 Mr. William Fonseca, East Longmeadow
 Ms. Michelle Emirzian, Hampden-Wilbraham Regional
 Ms. Pamela Petschke, Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional
 Mr. William Garvey, West Springfield

Collaborative: Mr. Roland Joyal, Jr., Executive Director
 Ms. Anna Bishop, Director of Finance

2. A public forum was offered. There were no comments from the public.
3. Mr. Mineo moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Mr. Garvey seconded. On a roll call vote, the following voted YES: Ms. Emirzian, Mr. Garvey, Ms. Petschke, Mr. Mineo, and Mr. Fonseca. Motion carries.
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 - A. Mr. Joyal shared positive feedback received regarding bus drivers in Wilbraham. A letter of recognition has been sent.
 - B. Mr. Joyal noted that Special Education programs have recently been reviewed by DESE and we received a favorable tiered focus monitoring report.
 - C. Mr. Joyal requested the Board's consideration in bringing back Career TEC students to a five day schedule beginning November 18th. There have been no instances of COVID-related illness. Mr. Joyal reported that Superintendents support the move. The group would like a metric developed that details what constitutes pivoting and when that would occur. Since there are three weeks until the full-time schedule would go into effect, the Board feels that if anything significant happens before that time, the decision could be revisited. Mr. Mineo moved to increase the Career TEC schedule from four to five days effective November 18th. Ms. Petschke seconded. On a roll call vote, the following voted YES: Ms. Emirzian, Ms. Petschke, Mr. Mineo, and Mr. Fonseca. Mr. Garvey voted NO. Motion carries.
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 - A. Ms. Bishop reported that special education has 55 students reported on October 1. Expenditures exceed revenues by \$302,000 at this time. A new elementary social emotional program is being developed which should boost enrollments and revenues.

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6. At 7 p.m., Ms. Emirzian moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body. Mr. Garvey seconded. On a roll call vote, the following voted YES: Ms. Emirzian, Mr. Garvey, Ms. Petschke, Mr. Mineo, and Mr. Fonseca.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 7:15 p.m. Mr. Garvey moved to adjourn. Ms. Petschke seconded. On a roll call vote, the following voted YES: Ms. Emirzian, Mr. Garvey, Ms. Petschke, Mr. Mineo, Ms. Monahan, and Mr. Fonseca. Approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

(date)

, Clerk