



MINUTES
Virtual Board of Directors' Meeting
MARCH 24, 2021

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. Bronwyn Monahan, Longmeadow
 Mr. Jeffrey Laing, Ludlow
 Ms. Pamela Petschke, Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional

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. Ms. Emirzian thanked Mr. Joyal for presenting at her school committee meeting.
3. Mr. Mineo moved to approve this evening's consent agenda as presented. Ms. Emirian seconded. On a roll call vote, the following voted YES: Mr. Mineo, Ms. Emirzian, Ms. Petschke, Ms. Monahan, Mr. Laing, and Mr. Fonseca. Approved unanimously.
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 - A. Mr. Joyal reported that there are a number of bus drivers on personal and medical leaves which has created a shortage of drivers. As school returns to in-person learning, we will need to hire to cover routes.
 - B. The group discussed that as teachers and students ae returning to in-person learning, school committee meetings have returned to in-person as a show of support to the community. It was consensus of the group that the LPVEC continue to hold meetings virtually.
 - C. Mr. Joyal reported that we have received notice from the Department of Ed that our FY20 annual report met the reporting requirements.
 - D. Mr. Joyal reported that the Special Education coordinated program review has concluded with a final interview. He will share the state's final report as soon as it is received.
 - E. Mr. Joyal noted that superintendents have discussed Career TEC scheduling with regard to sending ninth graders. Information was included regarding student competitions in the Skills USA program.

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5. A. Ms. Bishop reviewed current revenues over expenditures with nothing extraordinary to report. She has been working with superintendents and business managers with regard to issuing credits as transportation services during the pandemic were under-utilized. Any dividends or credits issued last year need to be used by the end of June.
- B. Ms. Bishop reviewed current special education enrollments and referrals. LPVEC staff are working to build relationships with member districts to further boost enrollments.
- C. Mr. Joyal reported that the renovation of classroom space for the new social-emotional elementary program is in its final stages and we expect to accommodate eight to ten students when the program opens in September.

6. At 7:11 p.m., Ms. Petschke moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss conduct strategy sessions in preparation for collective bargaining and grievances. Ms. Emirzian seconded. On a roll call vote, the following voted YES: Mr. Mineo, Ms. Emirzian, Ms. Petschke, Ms. Monahan, Mr. Laing, and Mr. Fonseca. Approved unanimously.

Open Session resumed at 8:19 p.m. Ms. Petschke moved to deny the grievance filed by UFCW 1459 on March 23, 2021. Mr. Mineo seconded. On a roll call vote, the following voted YES: Ms. Emirzian, Mr. Mineo, Ms. Petschke, and Mr. Fonseca. Ms. Monahan and Mr. Laing voted NO. Motion carries.

8. The next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2021.

Mr. Mineo moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Petschke seconded. On a roll call vote, the following voted YES: Mr. Mineo, Ms. Emirzian, Ms. Petschke, Ms. Monahan, Mr. Laing, and Mr. Fonseca. Approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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(date)

William Garvey

, Clerk

