MINUTES
Board of Directors' Meeting
April 26, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:02 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 Ms. Mary Keane, Longmeadow Mr. Jeffrey Laing, Ludlow
Collaborative:	Mr. Roland Joyal, Jr., Executive Director Ms. Anna Bishop, Director of Finance Mr. Paul Pasterczyk, Treasurer

2. Directors introduced themselves to General Advisory members in attendance and Mr. Jarvis gave a brief overview of the status of career and technical educational programs for this school year with specific attention to the increase in enrollments.

   Representatives from each shop gave a brief overview of program accomplishments for the year including class projects, placement at state competitions, coop placements, articulation agreements, as well as any licenses and certifications attained. The Board was impressed by the dedication of staff and students as well as the community partnerships, coop job placements, and competition results.

At 5:50 p.m. there was a brief recess for dinner and at 6:49 p.m., the meeting resumed with Ms. Coyne, Mr. Crowe, and Ms. Emmelmann in attendance.

5. Ms. Emmelmann moved to approve this evening's consent agenda as presented. Ms. Murray seconded. Approved unanimously.

6. Mr. Pasterczyk introduced himself and reviewed his first year as Collaborative treasurer. He noted staff are supportive in his weekly examination of Collaborative records and noted nothing of significance to report. He does however suggest investigating more lucrative banking relationships as well as interest rates.

   Mr. Charles Crowe introduced himself to the Board and gave a brief overview of his experience and the transportation services that the Collaborative provides. Recruitment efforts continue to be a main focus. Mr. Crowe noted that new routing software will be implemented on busses for the start of the new school year with a phone application for parents.

8. B. Ms. Bishop reported that the electric busses and charging stations have been ordered with delivery expected in approximately nine months.

C. Ms. Bishop reviewed the process for preparation for sites to accommodate the electric busses and also moving busses from Southwick to Agawam. Roofing and paving at the Brush Hill facility is expected to begin as soon as students are out of the building for the summer. In addition, there is additional paving needed at the Wilbraham transportation facility. Underground electrical wiring will be installed before paving begins. Ms. Bishop also noted that there is additional grant funding available.

Mr. Crowe left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

7. A. Mr. Joyal noted that our annual report has been approved by DESE with no further requests for information.

B. Mr. Joyal had included for informational purposes the MOEC legislative agenda for FY23.

C. The process for evaluating the Executive Director, Director of Finance, and Treasurer will begin in the next few weeks.

8. A. Ms. Bishop reviewed current revenue and expenditures with nothing extraordinary to report.

Mr. Pasterczyk left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

9. Mr. Christopher moved to enter into executive session at 7:48 p.m. to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining. Ms. Emmelmann seconded. On a roll call vote, the following voted YES: Ms. Murray, Ms. Emmelmann, Mr. Laing, Ms. Keane, Mr. Christopher, and Ms. Coyne.

Open session resumed at 8:04 p.m. Ms. Emmelmann moved to adjourn. Ms. Coyne seconded. Approved unanimously.

6/21/23
Date

Diana Coyne
Diana Coyne, Clerk