



MINUTES
Virtual Board of Directors' Meeting
SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 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
 Mr. Jacob Oliveira, Ludlow
 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
 Ms. Karina Monroe, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment
 Ms. Cheryl Wiblyi, Director of Human Resources
 Ms. Jill Donovan, Assistant Transportation General Manager

Guests: Mr. Matt Szulborski, Vice President, UFCW Local 1459

Mr. Fonseca reported that UFCW Local 1459 has filed a grievance against the Collaborative and their representative would like to address the Board this evening. He noted that the Board will discuss the issue in Executive Session and he requested that the Board add this item to this evening's agenda. Mr. Mineo so moved. Mr. Garvey seconded. On a roll call vote, the following voted YES: Mr. Mineo, Mr. Fonseca, Mr. Oliveira, Ms. Petschke, and Mr. Garvey.

2. A public forum was offered. There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Szulborski stated that Local 1459 believes that the LPVEC has violated Section 6, 10, and 13 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement by not paying drivers and monitors on Wednesdays nor the full 180-day school year. The Union is demanding payment retroactively to the beginning of the normal school year, including Wednesdays. Mr. Szulborski stated that since the Collaborative had already budgeted the full year, there would be no financial burden in paying drivers on Wednesdays when schools are not in session. Mr. Szulborski left the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

3. Mr. Mineo moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ms. Petschke seconded. On a roll call vote, the following voted YES: Mr. Garvey, Ms. Petschke, Mr. Mineo, Mr. Oliveira, and Mr. Fonseca. Approved unanimously.

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4. Ms. Monroe introduced herself as the new Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment. She noted that she has started off the school year working with job alike groups and on a mentoring program. She welcomes any questions or comments from the Board.
5. Mr. Joyal noted that program calendars have been adjusted to accommodate the ten-day delay in the start of the school year. Mr. Mineo moved to approve the calendars as presented. Ms. Petschke seconded. On a roll call vote, the following voted YES: Mr. Garvey, Ms. Petschke, Mr. Mineo, Mr. Oliveira, and Mr. Fonseca. Approved unanimously.
6. Mr. Joyal reported that the school year has begun and the appropriate cleaning measures are taking place. We have conducted school resource officer interviews and have selected Danny Gryszko who will be coming on board shortly.
7. Mr. Joyal noted that his professional development plan for FY21 has been adjusted due to COVID-19 related cancellations. Ms. Petschke moved to approve Mr. Joyal's professional development as presented. Mr. Mineo seconded. On a roll call vote, the following voted YES: Mr. Garvey, Ms. Petschke, Mr. Mineo, Mr. Oliveira, and Mr. Fonseca. Approved unanimously.
8. The yearly policies and procedures for administration of prescription medication has been reviewed and the Board is now required to adopt. Mr. Mineo moved to adopt the policies and procedures governing the administration of prescription medications as defined by statute and regulation with no unlicensed personnel administering medications. Ms. Petschke seconded. On a roll call vote, the following voted YES: Mr. Garvey, Ms. Petschke, Mr. Mineo, Mr. Oliveira, and Mr. Fonseca. Approved unanimously.
9. Mr. Oliveira reported that STCC has closed 7 programs, many for which the LPVEC had articulation agreements. Mr. Oliveira noted that many districts have sent letters asking that STCC reconsider and bring the programs back next year. The Collaborative will send a letter to STCC as well as to state representatives and senators.
10. Ms. Bishop reported that our initial investment of \$250,000 in a post-employment benefit trust has grown over the past 7 years to \$344,742.70 as of June 30th.
11. Mr. Joyal noted that two supervisors and one coordinator are still handling the special education director duties until December 31st at which time we will evaluate and assess whether to fill the position or continue with interims. A stipend was paid last year and should continue to December 31st. Ms. Petschke moved to authorize a stipend of \$5,000 to each acting interim co-special education director and a \$2,500 stipend to the Special Education Coordinator through December 31, 2020 as presented. Mr. Garvey seconded. On a roll call vote, the following voted YES: Mr. Garvey, Ms. Petschke, Mr. Mineo, Mr. Oliveira, and Mr. Fonseca. Approved unanimously.

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Mr. Mineo moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining as the chair declares an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body. Ms. Petschke seconded. On a roll call vote, the following voted YES: Mr. Garvey, Ms. Petschke, Mr. Mineo, Mr. Oliveira, and Mr. Fonseca. Executive Session was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Open Session reconvened at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Petschke moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Oliveira seconded. On a roll call vote, the following voted YES: Mr. Garvey, Ms. Petschke, Mr. Mineo, Mr. Oliveira, and Mr. Fonseca. Approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

(date)

William Garvey, Clerk