

The Board of Directors of the Central MA Special Education Collaborative will meet Thursday, June 14, 2018, at 11:00 am at the Lobby Conference Room at 14 New Bond St., Worcester, MA 01606

Board Members Present: Ms. Maureen Binienda, Chair

Ms. Ruthann Goguen

Others Present: Mr. Michael Tempesta, Executive Director

Ms. Beverly Tefft Mr. Joseph Meichelbeck Ruth from DESE Paula Jo from DESE Mr. Michael Kelly

The meeting was called to order at 11:26 AM.

1. Approval of the June 6, 2018 Board of Directors meeting minutes (voting item)

a. Superintendent Goguen makes a MOTION to approve the minutes from June 6, 2018. Superintendent Binienda seconds the MOTION.

2. Director of Finances & Operations Report

- a. FY18 YTD P&L @ 5.31.18
 - i. Includes all of the encumbrances to date. For the month of May, there were no extraordinary expenses.
 - ii. The actual utility bills are coming in and they are lower than what was budgeted for.
 - iii. The loss should actually be closer to a \$100-\$100,000 rather than \$200,000.
 - iv. The FY18 salaries are in here. Paying out employees who are leaving, so will be a little higher.
- b. FY18 B/S @ 5.31.18
 - i. Ebbs and flows as we pay our bills
 - ii. Our receivables look great.
 - iii. Changed everyone to monthly billing. Enables us to catch people who aren't paying sooner
 - iv. Audit starts on July 17. As soon as the month of June closes, we will have a better idea of where we stand. Ms. Tefft anticipates an uneventful audit.
- c. Warrants
 - i. Warrants are signed.
- d. Treasurer Update:
 - i. OPEB Resolution
 - 1. Five people proposed to be part of the board. Can have up to thirteen. One must be a retiree, one must be an employee, at least two business managers from member districts. The law is specific as to who can be on this board.

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- 2. Initial meeting early fall to adopt the language of the trust.
- 3. Accepted with the changes discussed in the meeting.
- 4. Superintendent Goguen made a MOTION to accept the outline of the OPEB fund as discussed. Superintendent Binienda seconds the MOTION.
- Mr. Meichelbeck will forward the changes to Lauren to include with the minutes.
- ii. Certification of FY19 Budget
 - 1. Mr. Meichelbeck submits a formal certification of the budget.
 - 2. Ms. Tefft will scan and send electronically.
- iii. Ms. Tefft discusses the costs for Recovery High School and how it is hitting our budget, historically
 - 1. Superintendent Goguen asks why the FY17 losses were so great. Ms. Tefft will dive deeper and provide details at a later time.
 - 2. Director salary, teacher salaries, recovery counselor costs come from this grant. PD for the staff, food expenses for the students.

3. Executive Director Report

- a. CMC Board Membership for FY19; Wachusett Regional School District entry into CMC
 - i. Timetable
 - ii. Next Steps
 - 1. Need a written letter of intent requesting to join the collaborative.
 - 2. Then our board needs to vote to accept it.
 - 3. Then DESE needs to write a new agreement.
 - 4. Theoretically, we can add and withdraw in the same amendment.
 - a. Superintendent Goguen states they will do what is required to keep the collaborative open.
- b. CMC Board Membership for FY19; Webster Public Schools
 - i. Timetable
 - ii. Next steps
 - 1. Webster will not go anywhere until this is resolved.
 - 2. Extend/Amend the withdrawal as time progresses to see what needs to be done.
- c. Acceptance of Donations (voting item)

4. Member Requests / New Business

- a. The lease for Rockdale. Mr. Tempesta has asked the lease for Rockdale to reconsider the cost of the lease. The landlord has agreed to reduce the lease from \$25 per square foot
- b. Superintendent Binienda does not think we should sign a 17-year lease. Superintendent Goguen agrees. Superintendent Goguen thinks we need to get out of the lease.
- 5. Request to enter Executive Session according to M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Section 21, Subsection 2, for the purpose of conducting strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel.

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Superintendent Goguen makes a MOTION to adjourn at 12:51 PM. Superintendent Binienda seconds the MOTION.

The matters listed are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair that may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may, in fact, be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for a discussion to the extent permitted by law.