



The Board of Directors of the Central MA Special Education Collaborative will meet
Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 8:30 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. Michael Kelly

The meeting was called to order at 8:48 AM.

- 1. Approval of the May 9, 2018 Board of Directors meeting minutes (voting item)**
 - a. Superintendent Goguen makes a MOTION to approve the minutes for May 9, 2018. Superintendent Binienda seconds the MOTION.
- 2. Presentation of the FY19 Budget (voting item)**
 - a. Review of history of the FY19 budget process.
 - b. Review of all changes and impacts to each program with the new budget.
 - i. The Board votes to amend the budget by adding a behaviorist for CMA and teachers for CMP and RGA to help create a teacher leader/ administration positions to increase administrative coverage of these programs
 - ii. The estimated cost of these positions is 160k (60 for the Behaviorist and 50k for each teacher) when fringe benefits are added in the estimate impact to the budget is \$200k total
 - c. Superintendent Goguen makes a MOTION to accept the budget. Superintendent Binienda seconds the MOTION.
- 3. Discussion and Vote to accept Wachusett Regional School District as a CMC Member District (voting item)**
 - a. Wachusett has been seeking entry into CMC since the end of FY17. WRSD Superintendent McCall and Special Education Director Merrick have toured the new facility and programs and have been impressed by the curriculum, staffing ratios and state of the art teaching facilities. In particular, they lauded the THRIVE program's use of the NECC's ACE curriculum and the currency of student data collection informing instruction.
 - b. The Collaborative agreement has to be reviewed and potentially re-written for the acceptance of WRSD. Mr. Tempesta will reach out to Paulajo Gaines from DESE to coordinate the next steps in this process.
 - c. Superintendent Goguen makes a MOTION to explore Wachusett Regional School District becoming a member of the Central Massachusetts Collaborative. Superintendent Binienda seconds the MOTION.
- 4. Member Requests/New Business**

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- a. Webster is giving a years notice to withdraw from the Collaborative. The Webster School Committee has voted on the withdrawal and Superintendent Goguen presented Mr. Tempesta and the Superintendent Binienda the withdrawal letter from her school board. Superintendent Goguen said that Webster belongs to two Collaboratives (CMC and SWEC) and that the meetings for both are a significant time commitment. Additionally, she would like to see the collaborative focus more on curriculum and safety, rather than just the rapid expansion that has occurred over the last two years. Superintendent Goguen said that she was also uncomfortable with aspects of the budgeting process, including voting on a budget that requires additional outside revenues (ODD tuitions) that are not yet in hand. Superintendent Goguen said that there could be a chance that Webster re-evaluates the situation during the course of next year and stays in CMC, but for now they want to give the notification of withdrawal so that they have both options.

Superintendent Goguen makes a MOTION to accept the letter stating Webster Public Schools will withdraw from the Collaborative a year from now. Superintendent Binienda seconds the MOTION.

Superintendent Goguen makes a MOTION to adjourn at 10:20 AM. 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.