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**Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.
14 New Bond St., Worcester, MA 01606**

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

Michael Lucas, Superintendent of Schools, Oxford Public Schools
Monique Pierangeli, Superintendent of Schools, Webster Public Schools

Also Present:

Dr. Susan Farrell, Executive Director, CMC
Beverly Tefft, Director of Finance and Operations, CMC

Members Absent:

Dr. Rachel H. Monárrez, Superintendent of Schools, Worcester Public Schools

Also absent:

John Lafleche, Treasurer, CMC

- 1. Superintendent Lucas called the open session Meeting to Order at 9:09am.**
- 2. Approval of the April 13, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Superintendent Pierangeli made a MOTION to approve the April 13, 2023 Board of Directors meeting minutes.

Superintendent Lucas seconds the MOTION.

- 3. Director of Finance & Operations Report**

- Warrants

Ms. Tefft presented warrants for April 2023. No extraordinary expenses have been incurred.

The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which 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 discussion to the extent permitted by law.

b. Financial Statements

Ms. Tefft reported that year end spending is taking place. Priorities include investments in curriculum for vocational programs, classroom needs, and facility safety.

Ms Tefft reported that the Collaborative continues to maintain a healthy and robust balance Sheet.

c. Treasurer's Report

Ms Tefft presented reconciled bank balances as of 4.30.23.

Ms. Tefft reported that the OPEB Trust fund is receiving great interest. A meeting will be held later this month.

4. Executive Director Report

a. CMC Census and Staffing Updates

Dr. Farrell presented the CMC census for April 2023. The census is currently four hundred and twenty five (425) students.

Dr. Farrell reported that CMC has hired two (2) additional staff since the last Board meeting. There are currently forty (40) open positions and we are now hiring for the 23-24 school year. CMC has offered positions for FY24 to one (1) ASL Interpreter and one (1) Instructional Assistant.

Dr. Farrell reported that DESE conducted a Coordinated Program Review. DESE will be presenting a preliminary overview of their visit on Friday May 12, 2023 with a full report to follow.

Dr. Farrell reported that CMC has been invited to participate in the Equity Leadership Accelerated Program. This free two year program has the following objectives:

1. Increase high and equitable learning outcomes for students.
2. Retain talent and level-up experienced leaders.
3. Prepare early career principals to mentor the next generation of leaders.
4. Implement long-lasting systems and practices to provide a sustainable pipeline and continuous career development for school leaders.

b. CMC FY24 Budget Presentation (voting item)

Dr. Farrell presented the proposed FY24 budget. A brief discussion was held regarding line items.

Superintendent Pierangeli made a MOTION to approve the CMC FY24 Budget of \$21,520,799 as proposed.

Superintendent Lucas seconds the MOTION.

5. Member Requests/New Business

No new business

6. Adjournment

The open session meeting adjourned at 9:43am.