

**South Shore Educational Collaborative
75 Abington Street, Hingham, MA 02043**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Friday April 5, 2024**

Present:

Judith Kuehn	Hull
Jeffrey Granatino	Marshfield
Matthew Keegan	Norwell
William Burkhead	Scituate
Kevin Mulvey	Quincy
Margaret Adams	Hingham
Robert Wargo	Weymouth
Jim Lee	Braintree
Peter Burrows	Milton
Thea Stovell	Randolph

SSEC: Richard Reino, Executive Director
Erin Holder, Director of Student Services

1. Acceptance of the minutes from the March 8th meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Mulvey and seconded by Mr. Lee; unanimously approved. Mr. Mr. Wargo, Ms. Adams and Ms. Stovell abstained from the vote as they were not at previous meeting.
2. Acceptance of the FY24 Financial Summary. Fund balance as of March 29 is 11 million, which is lower than last year at this time, but that is due to later deposits. Credit line is zero and we do not anticipate using it. The budget is frozen and we continue to not use any outside agency staff. A motion to approve the FY24 Financial Summary was made by Mr. Keegan and seconded by Mr. Granatino; unanimously approved.
3. FY25 Budget first reading: Budget calls for a 5% member and 7% non-member increase. Personal changes are minimal. Only two new positions, floater nurse and a professional position. Health insurance budgeted at 6%, but came in at 4%. Mr. Mulvey contacted a CPA firm regarding the Treasurer position, but no firm was interested. Being tabled until Business Manager is hired. FY25 CBA increase of about 1.3 million is included in the budget. A motion to approve the FY24 Financial Summary was made by Mr. Mulvey and seconded by Mr. Lee; unanimously approved.
4. Member request from Abington public schools: Our lawyer stated we do not have the authority to waive the 180 day per the collaborative agreement. Membership would not happen until July 2025 for FY26. DESE would need to know by April 2025.

5. Other: Business Manager Discussion: Per the lawyer, a Business Manager needs to be appointed by the Board. Erin, Michael and Judy will look over the resumes. Mr. Mulvey will be on the interview committee representing the Board.
Employer shared responsibility payment fee from IRA for staff that cannot afford health insurance: Our lowest insurance is \$155 higher than the threshold for insurance. Rick will reach out to MASBO to get some information/opinions regarding split, salary increases, and insurance costs and fees.
Room Rentals Hull/Randolph: 5% increase for next year. Need to draw up a formal lease with hull for three years.

A motion enter Executive Session at 9:16am, and not to return to open session was Mr. Granatino and seconded by Mr. Keegan; a roll call vote was taken, with Mr. Granatino voting yes, Mr Keegan voting yes, Mr. Burkhead voting yes, Mr. Mulvey voting yes, Ms, Adams voting yes, Mr. Wargo voting yes, Mr. Lee voting yes, Mr. Burrows voting yes, Ms. Stovell voting yes and Ms. Kuehn voting yes; unanimously approve.
Meeting adjourned at 9:16am.