

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

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Friday, March 31, 2023**

Present:	James Lee	Braintree
	Margaret Adams	Hingham
	Judith Kuehn	Hull
	Matthew Keegan	Norwell
	Kevin Mulvey	Quincy
	Thea Stovell	Randolph
	William Burkhead	Scituate
	Robert Wargo	Weymouth
	Jeffrey Szymaniak	Whitman Hanson

SSEC: Richard L. Reino, Executive Director
Erin Holder, Interim Director of Student Services
Jon Reynard, Community School Program Director

1. Acceptance of the minutes from the March 3, 2023 meeting. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Wargo and seconded by Mr. Lee; unanimously approved, with Ms. Stovell abstaining from the vote as she was not present for this meeting.
2. Acceptance of the financial summary and budget update. The credit line remains at zero, and hopefully will not be needed for the final lump sum payment in June. Dr. Adams and Dr. Mulvey arrived at this time. Student enrollment is up slightly higher than this time last year. Quest has a long wait list, and Community has room for students but does not have enough staff to bring more students in. A motion to approve the financial summary and budget update was made by Mr. Wargo and seconded by Ms. Stovell; unanimously approved.
3. Acceptance of the FY 24 budget. The budget was reviewed with board members. Tuitions increases for FY 24 will be 4% for member districts, and 6% for non-member districts. There are a few new positions listed in the budget; they will not be added if there is not funding available for them. Following a brief discussion, a motion to accept the FY 24 budget was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Dr. Mulvey; unanimously approved.

4. SSEC ESY and 23-24 school year calendars were reviewed. The last day of school in June, 2024 will be an early release day, which will be added to the calendar.
5. Authorization to request from the OPEB Board of Trustees to pay FY 23 retiree and other post employee benefits from the OPEB trust account. This was acceptable to the board.
6. Other items; board members requested that information on timelines for selecting a new board representative be sent to them to be shared with their school committee members.
7. Executive Session: Chapter 39, Section 29, mandates that in order to go into Executive Session, the Collaborative Board must:
 - a. Do so on a roll call vote.
 - b. State purpose of Executive Session
 - c. Indicate whether the body will reconvene in public session.

Matters to be considered in Executive Session: Legal matters update

A motion to enter Executive Session, with no plan to return to Open Session, was made by Ms. Kuehn and seconded by Mr. Lee; a roll call vote was taken, with Mr. Lee voting yes, Dr. Adams voting yes, Ms. Kuehn voting yes, Mr. Keegan voting yes, Dr. Mulvey voting yes, Ms. Stovell voting yes, Mr. Burkhead voting yes, Mr. Wargo voting yes, and Mr. Szymaniak voting yes; unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Keegan and seconded by Dr. Mulvey; unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.