

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

REMOTE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Friday, June 10, 2022

Present:	James Lee	Braintree
	Patrick Sullivan, Ed.D.	Cohasset
	Gary Maestas	Hingham
	Judith Kuehn	Hull
	James Jette	Milton
	Matthew Keegan	Norwell
	Kevin Mulvey, JD	Quincy
	Thea Stovell	Randolph
	William Burkhead	Scituate
	Jeffrey Szymaniak	Whitman-Hanson

SSEC: Richard L. Reino, Executive Director
Patricia Mason, Director of Student Services

1. Approval of the minutes from the April 8, 2022 meeting. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Burkhead; a roll call vote was taken, with Mr. Lee voting yes, Dr. Sullivan voting yes, Dr. Maestas voting yes, Ms. Kuehn voting yes. Mr. Jette voting yes, Mr. Keegan voting yes, and Mr. Szymaniak voting yes. Unanimously approved, with Mr. Burkhead and Ms. Stovell abstaining as they were not present for that meeting.
2. FY 22 financial update and budget summary. The bank balance is good at this time. Balances for OPEB and fund balances were reviewed. Without one time state funds issued during FY 22, the collaborative would have had a different end result financially. State reimbursement was provided as follows; Covid leave reimbursement in the amount of \$110,000, Covid expense reimbursement in the amount of \$209,000, Summer '21 ESSER reimbursement in the amount of \$200,000, and a nursing grant in the amount of \$100,000 for a total FY 22 funding of \$619,000. A motion to approve the FY 22 financial update and budget summary was made by Ms. Kuehn and seconded by Ms. Stovell; a roll call vote was taken, with Mr. Lee voting yes, Dr. Sullivan voting yes, Dr. Maestas voting yes, Ms. Kuehn voting yes. Mr. Jette voting yes, Mr. Keegan voting yes, Ms. Stovell voting yes, Mr. Burkhead voting yes, and Mr. Szymaniak voting yes. Unanimously approved.

3. Appointment of board chairperson and vice chairperson for the 22-23 school year. Ms. Kuehn has served as the vice chairperson for the past few years, so she volunteered to become the chairperson. A motion to appoint Ms. Kuehn as the board chairperson was made by Mr. Keegan and seconded by Mr. Lee; a roll call vote was taken, with Mr. Lee voting yes, Dr. Sullivan voting yes, Dr. Maestas voting yes, Ms. Kuehn voting yes. Mr. Jette voting yes, Mr. Keegan voting yes, Dr. Mulvey voting yes, Ms. Stovell voting yes, Mr. Burkhead voting yes, and Mr. Szymaniak voting yes. Unanimously approved. The executive director expressed appreciation to Mr. Keegan for having served as the board chairperson. A motion to appoint Dr. Sullivan as the vice chairperson was made by Mr. Keegan and seconded by Mr. Szymaniak; a roll call vote was taken, with Mr. Lee voting yes, Dr. Sullivan voting yes, Dr. Maestas voting yes, Ms. Kuehn voting yes. Mr. Jette voting yes, Mr. Keegan voting yes, Ms. Stovell voting yes, Mr. Burkhead voting yes, and Mr. Szymaniak voting yes. Unanimously approved.
4. Approval of OPEB funds transfer. The OPEB trustees met on June 3, 2022. During FY 22, \$42,000 was contributed to the OPEB account, then payments were suspended based on the budget. There has been an overall increase of 5% to the account since it was started. Trustees recommended making a onetime payment of \$40,000 in June of 2022 for a total contribution during FY 22 of \$82,300, then begin contributing \$10,000 per month during FY 23. A motion to approve the trustees' recommendation to the SSEC board was made by Dr. Sullivan and seconded by Ms. Kuehn; a roll call vote was taken, with Mr. Lee voting yes, Dr. Sullivan voting yes, Dr. Maestas voting yes, Ms. Kuehn voting yes. Mr. Jette voting yes, Mr. Keegan voting yes, Ms. Stovell voting yes, Mr. Burkhead voting yes, and Mr. Szymaniak voting yes. Unanimously approved.
5. Approval of the transfer of funds to the revolving account. Funds would be moved to facilitate the possible purchase of vans, in an amount of up to \$150,000. This would be considered an encumbrance; we can expend FY 22 funds. The donations/central office account is where the funds would go. The reason for the request is due to the uncertainty of the grants. Board members expressed concern that moving a large amount of money may raise questions. Collaboratives have flexibility that school districts don't have. A purchase order would always be signed by the board chairperson. Following discussion, the executive director withdrew his request. Any surplus funding typically is rolled into the next fiscal year.
6. Report of the Director of Student Services on the AACTE conference. Over the past 2 years a group has done research on the effect of the pandemic on teaching. There has been significant burnout no matter what conditions people were teaching in, but many teachers were creative and innovative. Some teachers are stuck in their role as they have known it; other teachers are leaving the field as soon as they can. This group is excited

about the collaboration that took place and would like more of that. Dr. Mulvey arrived at this time. For some teachers, the exhaustion and fatigue was overwhelming. SSEC administrative staff saw differences here in wifi accessibility when students worked from SSEC versus working from home. Mr. Jette left the meeting at this time. Dr. Mason will send board members a summary of the information she provided.

7. Other items; SSEC Covid numbers are low. Next year the testing program will continue during the summer and fall.
8. 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: Negotiations and Personnel

The board will not be returning to open session. A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Ms. Kuehn; a roll call vote was taken, with Mr. Lee voting yes, Dr. Sullivan voting yes, Dr. Maestas voting yes, Ms. Kuehn voting yes, Mr. Keegan voting yes, Ms. Stovell voting yes, Dr. Mulvey voting yes, Mr. Burkhead voting yes, and Mr. Szymaniak voting yes. Unanimously approved.