**South Shore Educational Collaborative**

**75 Abington Street, Hingham, MA 02043**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday March 7, 2025**

Present:

Jeffrey Szymaniak Whitman-Hanson

Patrick Sullivan Marshfield

Matthew Keegan Norwell

Thea Stovell Randolph

Jim Lee Braintree

Michael Jette Hull

Sarah Shannon Cohasset

Kathryn Roberts Hingham

Melanie Curtin Weymouth

Kevin Mulvey Quincy

SSEC: Michael Losche, Executive Director

Erin Holder, Director of Student Services

Jon Reynard-School Business Administrator

1. Abington School District Presentation: Abington is looking to become a member of SSEC. Abington is currently members of North River and Reeds. Deadline for joining the collaborative for next school year has passed. A motion to vote Abington as a Collaborative member was made by Mr. Keegan and seconded by Mr. Lee.; a roll call vote was taken, with Mr. Szymaniak voting yes, Mr. Sullivan voting yes, Mr. Keegan voting yes, Ms. Roberts voting no, Mr. Mulvey voting no, Mr. Lee voting no, Ms. Stovell voting no, Mr. Jette voting no, Ms. Curtin voting no, Ms. Shannon voting no; motion did not pass. At this time motion did not carry, but the board would like to continue further discussion.
2. Acceptance of the minutes from the January 24, 2025 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Keegan; unanimously approved. Mr. Mulvey abstained from the vote as he was not at previous meeting.
3. Quarterly Board update: All Randolph Community classrooms were moved during spring break to Hingham.
4. Acceptance of the approval of appointments was made by was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Keegan; unanimously approved.
5. School Business Manager Update: The bank balance as of 2/28/25 is a little over $3 million. At last year’s March meeting the bank balance was a little over $5 million. The credit line of $3 million is still zero. Our current bank balances cover payroll and expenses approximately though the April 11th payroll. OPEB balance as of 3/28/25 was a little over $1.4 million. Last year’s balance was a little over $1.2 million. Our fund balance exclusive of OPEB as of 3/3/25 was $6,297,133.40 and at last year’s March’s meeting the balance was $7,081,794.71. Tuition increase proposal for Quest, Mini, and Community is 2 and 4%. SSH/Careers tuition increases proposal is 21% and 24.75% to align more with Quest. SSH and Careers will merge and use a co-teacher model with no Para’s, as well as increase the transition programs. Target enrollments for FY26 summer projecting 245 students, which is in line with last year.

The current Careers director is retiring and with the merge, the SSH Director does not require a coordinator to replace them. After this school year, we will no longer be paying for rental space at Randolph High as our classrooms will have moved to Hingham and Hull. In addition to the rental space payment, with the Careers/SSH para’s coming out of the budget, this will be a $215k positive impact to the budget..

1. 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: Personnel matter acceptance of prior Executive Session minutes.

A motion to enter Executive Session for purpose #6 and not to return to open session was made by Mr. Keegan and seconded by Ms. Lee; a roll call vote was taken, with Ms. Shannon voting yes, Ms. Curtin voting yes, Mr. Jette voting yes, Ms. Stovell voting yes, Mr. Lee voting yes, Mr. Mulvey voting yes, Ms. Roberts voting yes, Mr. Keegan voting yes, Mr. Sullivan voting yes, Mr. Szymaniak voting yes; unanimously approve.

A motion to leave Executive Session and return to open session for purpose #1 was made by Mr. Keegan and seconded by Mr. Lee; a roll call vote was taken, with Mr. Sullivan voting yes, Mr. Keegan voting yes, Ms. Roberts voting yes, Mr. Mulvey voting yes, Ms. Lee voting yes, Ms. Stovell voting yes, Mr. Jette voting yes, Ms. Curtin voting yes, Ms. Shannon voting yes, and Mr. Szymaniak voting yes; unanimously approve.