

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

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Friday January 24, 2025**

Present:

Jeffrey Szymaniak	Whitman-Hanson
Patrick Sullivan	Marshfield
Matthew Keegan	Norwell
Bill Burkhead	Scituate
Peter Burrows	Milton
Thea Stovell	Randolph
Jim Lee	Braintree
Micheal Jette	Hull
Sarah Shannon	Cohasset
Kathryn Roberts	Hingham
Melanie Curtin	Weymouth

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. Discussion has been tabled to give Abington a chance to answer any questions the board may have prior to a vote.
2. Acceptance of the minutes from the December 6th meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Keegan and seconded by Mr. Lee; unanimously approved. Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Burrows abstained from the vote as they were not at previous meeting.
3. A motion to rescind the SSEC 2024 Title IX/Sexual Harassment Policy previously approved by the board on 5/17/24 to reflect the US Department of Education revised Title IX regulations effective August 1, 2024 was made by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Lee; unanimously approved.
4. A motion to readopt the SSEC 2023 Title IX/Sexual Harassment Policy previously approved by the board on December 8, 2023 was made by was made by Mr. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Lee; unanimously approved.

5. A motion to rescind the Title IX/Policy to Support Pregnant Students previously approved by the board on May 17, 2024 to reflect the US Department of Education's Revised Title IX regulations effective August 1, 2024 was made by was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Sullivan unanimously approved.
6. Acceptance of the Surveillance Policy. A motion to accept was made by Ms. Stovell and seconded by Mr. Sullivan; unanimously accepted.
7. Approval of three Job Descriptions: Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist and Speech Language Pathologist. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Keegan and seconded by Mr. Burrow; unanimously accepted.
8. Acceptance of Psychology Evaluation increase: A motion to approve the Psychology Evaluation was made by Mr. Keegan and seconded by Mr. Lee; unanimously approved.
9. Acceptance of SY24-24staffing: A motion to approve the SY24-25 staffing was made by Mr. Keegan and seconded by Mr. Lee; unanimously approved
10. School Business Manager Update: As of 1/17/25, bank balance is over \$4.5million. At December's meeting the bank balance was over \$6.7 million. Credit line remains at zero, but we have \$3 million credit line if needed. OPEB balance as of 12/31/24 was \$1,392,660.50. As of December 2023, the OPEB balance was \$1,255,458.87. Our fund balance exclusive of OPEB as of 1/17/25 was \$8,752,049.96. At last year's January meeting the balance was \$9,629,838.67. Current staffing needs: Mini-1 Para and 1-SLP, Quest-1 teacher and 2 Paras, Community-1 Teacher and 3-Paras, Careers & SSH-none, and Ancillary Services-2 day per week SLP to be contracted out. SSEC received donations of \$300 from a former student in SSH's family and Community received \$1000 from a current student's family.
11. Discussion regarding tiered tuition rates: Met with Reeds Collaborative regarding the tiered tuition rates, which provides flexibility to not add additional staffing for students
12. Community Program update: During February break the classrooms from RHS will be moved to Hingham. After February break, both staff and students from the RHS Community program will all be permanently at the Hingham location. With the help of our member districts, we were able to secure a few sub nurses to be added to our pool. Currently in the process of finalizing the new Community Assistant Director staff member.
13. 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 and negotiations.

A motion to enter Executive Session for purpose #13 and not to return to open session was made by Mr. Keegan and seconded by Ms. Burrows; a roll call vote was taken, with Mr Sullivan voting yes, Mr. Burkhead voting yes, Mr. Keegan voting yes, Mr. Burrows voting yes, Ms. Stovell voting yes, Mr. Lee voting yes, Mr. Jette voting yes, Ms. Shannon voting yes, Ms. Roberts voting yes, Ms. Curtin voting yes and Mr. Szymaniak voting yes; unanimously approve.