



North River Collaborative Board of Directors Minutes
Friday, February 8, 2019, 9:00 AM

Attendance: Peter Schafer, Liz Legault, Mike Laliberte, Stephen Donovan, Clarice Doliber, Patty Oakley, Maggie Rizzi, Christine Godino, Derek Swenson

Absent: Jeff Szymaniak, Alan Cron, Matt Ferron

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman Peter Schafer.

II. Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2018/Executive Session Minutes of December 14, 2018:

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2018. Patty Oakley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Executive Session Minutes of December 14, 2018:

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to approve the executive session minutes of December 14, 2018 not to be released until all matters are resolved. Christine Godino seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Approval of Financials and Warrants:

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to approve the financials and warrants. Christine Godino seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Discussion/Action Items

A. FY19 General Fund Revenue and Expense Projection (Enc. A)-Mike reviewed the improvement in the deficit from (\$209,573) to (\$82,887) but advised that Independence Academy is still under the enrollment needed.

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to approve the FY19 General Fund Revenue and Expense Projection. Patty Oakley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Independence Academy Update / C. Collaborative Bill:

Steve discussed his recent email to Cliff Chuang, Associate Commissioner for the DESE regarding the FY20 state budget funding for recovery high schools. Steve introduced an “**Act Strengthening Recovery High Schools**”. The three-section act which proposes the ability to charge 2 ½ times the average of the Per Pupil Foundation, transportation reimbursement, and the designation of recovery high schools as regional schools for the purpose of receiving transportation reimbursements.

- Patty Oakley suggested getting out in front to the media as well as utilizing strong lobbying groups. She also suggested partnering with local colleges such as Massasoit Community College so that Independence Academy can continue supporting the recovery of the student. “Conclusive, concurrent enrollment: IA for therapy, Massasoit for schooling”
- Liz Legault posed the question does IA keep a student until they are 22 to support their recovery while the attend local colleges that partner with IA?
- Peter Schafer stated that he supports the efforts to increase funding for IA through the legislature. He stated that the Board will not support a \$300,000 deficit at Independence Academy.

D. FY20 Budget Presentation-First Reading: Steve presented the FY20 Budget to the Board:

Non-member Surcharge and Salaries

- 15% surcharge for non-member districts. Reciprocity will be reinstated for South Shore Educational Collaborative and Pilgrim Collaborative districts. The sur charge applies to all tuitions not services unless previously applied.
- 2.2% salary increase based on the average teacher raises for the past 3 years of member districts (FY17-FY19) except 50 cent adjustment in the Admin Support, Asst. Trans. Coordinator (Director) and Trans. Support Coordinator salary schedule based off salary comparisons and Business Manager recommendation
- Roll stipend into the salary plus 50 cent adjustment to the Executive Assistant/ Human Resource Coordinator
- \$1,000 stipends added to two existing stipends and creation of \$2,000 stipend for Technology Director for website maintenance and 24/7 maintenance of the network per Business Manager recommendation.
- Transportation Director up to \$80,000 based on experience

Learning Center Programs

- 5% increase in the tuition rates (unchanged from December presentation)
\$59,630 for multiple disabilities/\$54,632 for autism
- Increase of 5% for summer program rates
\$9,276 for multiple disabilities/\$8,498 for autism
- Eliminating one classroom and eliminating and consolidating staff as a result
- 15% surcharge for non-member districts (except SSEC and Pilgrim)

North River School:

- Tuitions will increase from \$42,251 to \$45,758 in FY20, summer program will increase from \$3,286 to \$3,559 (unchanged from December presentation)
- 15% surcharge for non-member districts (except SSEC and Pilgrim)
- Increase BCBA from .2 to .4
- \$1,000 differential for NRS counselors/social workers for team chair and additional summer responsibilities

Community Based Vocational (CBV)

- Increase rate 3% from \$6,572 to \$6,770 (unchanged from December presentation)
- 15% surcharge for non-member districts (except SSEC and Pilgrim)
- No change in staff

FY20 Service Rates

Summer Work & Learning, MSW Interns, Instructional Technology, and BHI Social Workers

- SW&L- tuition increase from \$1,811 to \$1,865
- MSW Interns-16 hours per week from \$7,386 to \$7,650
24 hours per week from \$9,000 to \$9,300
- Assistive Technology Eval/Consultant- from \$5,600 to \$5,800
- BHI Social Workers-from \$84,000 to \$88,000
- 15% surcharge for non-member districts (except SSEC and Pilgrim)

District Services

- Increase rates in all services 3% to 4% (unchanged from December presentation, still under other collaboratives hourly rate)
- 15% surcharge for non-member districts (except SSEC and Pilgrim)

School-Based Medicaid

- 0% fee increase
- Rates are calculated via a formula

Professional Development

- Rates are calculated in part via a formula

Transportation

- Rates are calculated via formula
- Eliminate one part time Transportation Supervisor and Staff changes will occur based on increased/decreased demand
- 2.2% increase in salaries

Other Expenses

- \$800,000 in capital expenditures
- Grants projected to decrease by \$185,000
- OPEB set aside \$160,000
- Overall assumptions increased by \$682,220

E. Strategic Plan Committee: Steve reviewed the strategic planning process and asked for two volunteers from the Board to participate. Derek Swenson and Liz Legault volunteered to participate in the planning retreats.

F. School Committee Vote to Approve Changes to the Collaborative Agreement

Abington: Rec'd 1/23/2019

Holbrook: Rec'd 1-18-2019

Avon:

Rockland: Rec'd 1-16-2019

Bridgewater-Raynham:

Stoughton:

East Bridgewater: Rec'd 1/25/2019

West Bridgewater: Rec'd 1/23/2019

Hanover: Rec'd 1/24/2019

Whitman-Hanson: Rec'd 1/17/2019

G. Letters of Appointment to the NRC Board of Directors still needed

Stoughton-

H. Acceptance of Staff Resignations, Terminations, and New Hires- (Enc. E)

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to accept the staff resignations, terminations, changes in work agreements and new hires. Maggie Rizzi seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Other Matters of Interest to the Superintendents

V. **Informational**

A. Professional Development Offerings

D. Executive Director Quarterly Report

Motion to adjourn: Patty Oakley made a motion to adjourn. Chris Godino seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM

Respectfully submitted by:

Elizabeth Legault, Board Secretary