



NRC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 8, 2019, 9:00 AM

Attendees: Patty Oakley, Jeff Szymaniak, Matt Ferron, Mike Laliberte, Stephen Donovan, Clarice Doliber, Alan Cron, Chris Godino, Maggie Rizzi, Liz Legault

Absent: Peter Schafer, Derek Swenson

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes of February 8, 2019

Motion: Patty Oakley made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2019. Jeff Szymaniak seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Approval of Financials and Warrants (Enc. A)

Motion: Matt Ferron made a motion to accept the financials and warrants. Patty Oakley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Discussion/Action Items

- A. **FY19 General Fund Revenue and Expense Projection (Enc. B)** Mike reviewed the previous deficit balance of (\$82,887) which is now \$41,005 in the positive. The balance reflects changes at North River School (no principal salary and one teacher resignation) and Independence Academy decrease in their own deficit. Mike stated that things turning around, and he is optimistic for the end of the year balance.

Motion: Patty Oakley made a motion to accept the FY19 General Fund Revenue and Expense Projection. Matt Ferron seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Independence Academy Update – Steve spoke to the House of Representative’s Bill currently in the house. There are three parts to the bill. 1. Raising the foundation, 2. Special Education stabilization fund, a revolving account could be used by school districts to pay for students to attained recovery high schools from 2% to 2.5% benefits to all sped costs. 3. Regionalizing recovery high schools which would allow for transportation to be covered.

- Matt Ferron stated that the stabilization increase won’t benefit the districts because it puts the onus on the town budget.
- Patty discussed the use of Medicaid reimbursements funding stabilization funds.
- Jeff Szymaniak offered that regionalization of transportation doesn’t always reimburse the districts.

- C. North River School Update: Steve discussed the open position for the principal. There is one strong candidate.

- D. **FY20 Budget Presentation- Second Reading (please bring budget with you from Feb. meeting):** Steve discussed the amendments to the budget, specifically the Transportation organization chart and job descriptions as well as the Transportation salary schedule (monitors and drivers are subject to collective bargaining).

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to approve the FY20 NRC Budget. Patty Oakley seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

1. **FY20 NRC Treasurer Budget Letter (Enc. C)-** Arthur Sullivan, Treasurer for the NRC has reviewed and states that it fairly and accurately projects the revenues, expenses and tuitions for the period of July 2019-June 30, 2020
2. **Transportation New Job Descriptions (Enc. D)-** Steve reviewed the changes to the Transportation job descriptions.
3. **FY20 Transportation Salary Schedules (Enc. E)-** Steve reviewed the FY20 Transportation salary schedule.

- E. **Transportation Evaluations (Enc. F)**- Steve reviewed the evaluations for Van Driver and Van Monitor which have been updated to reflect the job description.

Motion: Patty Oakley made a motion to accept the Transportation evaluations. Maggie Rizzi seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- F. **Executive Director Mid-Cycle Evaluation (Enc. G)** Steve reviewed his goals on his mid-cycle review.

Goal 1: By June 2019, both NRS and IA will finalize a courses of study document and revamp their curriculum maps for each course of study.

Goal 2: By June 2019, enhance marketing of the Collaborative by reissuing the Collaborative Brochure, utilizing Constant Contact to inform districts about NRC's programs and services, revamping the NRC website, and creating a Twitter feed to post (on average) biweekly to communicate information to the community through social media.

Goal 3: By June 2019, create a Strategic Plan (together with a Strategic Planning Committee) in order to establish a sense of direction and to outline goals for the Collaborative for the next three fiscal years.

Motion: Maggie Rizzi made a motion to approve the Executive Director's mid-cycle evaluation. Jeff Szymaniak seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- G. "Back to the Future Protocol"-Strategic Planning Process (Enc. H) Steve asked the Board to participate in the Project to the Future worksheet.

1. Project to the Future worksheet

- Patty Oakley wants to see more consolidation within the Collaborative. Would like to see an expansion of Transportation. Thinks the North River School be re-invented, what is the niche market.
- Chris Godino would like to see more consolidation of services/programs.
- Maggie Rizzi-pick the things we (NRC) do well.
- Alan Cron would like to see Independence Academy thriving. NRC should offer a robust social/emotional elementary program.

- H. **SEL Academy Grant (Enc. I)**- Steve explained the new SEL grant through MOEC to fund the SEL/Mental Health Academy Initiative. This grant will fund training for schools picked by the DESE.

Motion: Maggie Rizzi made a motion to approve the SEL Academy Grant application. Patty Oakley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- I. School Committee Vote to Approve Changes to the Collaborative Agreement

Abington: Rec'd 1/23/2019

Holbrook: Rec'd 1-18-2019

Avon: Rec'd 2/14/2019

Rockland: Rec'd 1-16-2019

Bridgewater-Raynham: Rec'd 2/15/2019

Stoughton: Rec'd 03/05/19

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

- J. Letters of Appointment to the NRC Board of Directors still needed

Stoughton-

- K. **Acceptance of Staff Resignations, Terminations, and New Hires- (Enc. J)**

Motion: Patty Oakley made a motion to accept the staff resignations, terminations and new hires. Maggie Rizzi seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Matters of Interest to the Superintendents

Informational

A. Professional Development Offerings (Enc. K)

B. FY19 Medicaid Eligible Students (Enc.L)

C. Save the Date! "Read Across the Learning Center" (Enc. M)

Motion: Patty Oakley made a motion to adjourn. Liz Legault seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05

Respectfully Submitted By:

Liz Legault, Board Secretary