



North River Collaborative Board of Directors
Friday, December 17, 2021, 9:00 AM Via Zoom
Minutes

*In response to Governor Baker's declaration of a public health emergency and the related Emergency Executive Order dated March 12, 2020, the North River Collaborative Board of Directors shall be meeting remotely until further notice. **The Meeting ID #885 1454 8860 provided through ZOOM and a Passcode of zp32Fh will be used for this purpose.***

Present: Stephen Donovan, Clarice Doliber, Jeff Szymaniak, Christine Godino, Tom Raab, Mark Bodwell, Marc Wright, Liz Legault, Julie Hamilton, Attorney Sarah Spatafore, Derek Swenson

Absent: Matt Ferron, Alan Cron, Peter Schafer

I. Call to Order- Former Board Chair Liz Legault called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Motion: Jeff Szymaniak made a motion to call the meeting to order. Tom Raab seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote from Jeff Szymaniak-yes, Christine Godino-yes, Liz Legault-yes. Tom Raab-yes, Julie Hamilton-yes, Mark Bodwell-yes.

II. Approval of Minutes-November 19, 2021

Motion: Tom Raab made a motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2021. Jeff Szymaniak seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Jeff Szymaniak-yes, Christine Godino-yes, Liz Legault-yes. Tom Raab-yes, Julie Hamilton-yes, Mark Bodwell-yes

III. Approval of Warrants

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to approve the warrants. Jeff Szymaniak seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Jeff Szymaniak-yes, Christine Godino-yes, Liz Legault-yes. Tom Raab-yes, Julie Hamilton-yes, Mark Bodwell-yes

IV. Discussion/Action Items

A. Acceptance of the 2020-2021 Annual Report-Enc. A

Motion: Christine Godino made a motion to accept the 2020-2021 Annual Report. Jeff Szymaniak seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Jeff Szymaniak-yes, Christine Godino-yes, Liz Legault-yes. Tom Raab-yes, Julie Hamilton-yes, Mark Bodwell-yes

B. Transportation Handbook for Parents, Change- Enc. B- Steve reviewed the proposed changes to the Transportation Parent Handbook with regards to drop off and pick up for children 12 and under as well as children 12 and older along with new parental sign offs for requests for independent van pick up and drop off.

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to accept the changes to the Transportation Handbook for Parents. Tom Raab seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Jeff Szymaniak-yes, Christine Godino-yes, Liz Legault-yes. Tom Raab-yes, Julie Hamilton-yes, Mark Bodwell-yes

C. November Financials

- 1. FY22 General Fund Revenue and Expense Projection-Enc. C** – Marc Wright reviewed the projection report for November which shows a surplus of \$114,964 which is a positive increase from the deficit balance in October of (\$129,122). The increase is due to an increase in enrollments in both the Learning Center and North River school

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to accept the FY22 General Fun Revenue and Expense Projection. Jeff Szymaniak seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Jeff Szymaniak-yes, Matt Ferron-Yes, Christine Godino-yes, Liz Legault-yes. Tom Raab-yes, Julie Hamilton-yes, Mark Bodwell-yes

2. Cumulative Surplus Worksheet-Enc. C- informational.

D. Budget Sub-committee- Steve discussed the budget subcommittee with the Board and offered that he would like a Superintendent focused committee. After discussion, the Board concluded that the budget committee formed last year which is comprised of district business managers and special education directors worked well and there was no need to change the composition.

E. Construction Project Update- not much to talk about holding pattern-RDA architects contracted Covid

F. Acceptance of Staff Resignations, Hires, Terminations, and Changes in Contract-Enc. D

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to accept the staff resignations, hires, terminations, and changes in contract. Jeff Szymaniak seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Jeff Szymaniak-yes, Christine Godino-yes, Liz Legault-yes. Tom Raab-yes, Julie Hamilton-yes, Mark Bodwell-yes

G. Other Matters of Interest to Board Members

V. Informational

A. Professional Development Offerings-Enc. E

VI. Executive Session

“To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.”

A. Discrimination and Harassment Solutions Engagement Letter-Enc. 1

B. Approve Executive Session Minutes of November 19, 2021-not to be released until all matters are settled.

(2) “To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.”

Motion: Tom Raab made a motion to adjourn open session and convene into executive session and not to reconvene into open session at the conclusion of the executive session (1) “To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual, and (2) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.” Mark Bodwell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Jeff Szymaniak-yes, Christine Godino-yes, Liz Legault-yes. Tom Raab-yes, Julie Hamilton-yes, Mark Bodwell-yes

Open Session adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Cron, NRC Board Secretary