



**North River Collaborative Board of Directors**  
**Friday, April 1, 2022, 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 #834 2087 8933** provided through **ZOOM** and a **Passcode of PnkU63** will be used for this purpose.*

**Present:** Clarice Doliber, Marc Wright, Derek Swenson, Christine Godino, Mark Bodwell, Tom Raab, Peter Schafer, Julie Hamilton, Liz Legault, Alan Cron, Jeff Szymaniak, and Matt Ferron

**Absent:**

**I. Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order at 9:34 AM

**II. Approval of Minutes-February 4, 2022**

**Motion:** Liz Legault made a motion to accept the minutes of February 4, 2022. Alan Cron seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Derek Swenson, Christine Godino, Mark Bodwell, Tom Raab, Peter Schafer, Julie Hamilton, Liz Legault, Alan Cron, Jeff Szymaniak, and Matt Ferron

**III. Approval of Warrants**

**Motion:** Liz Legault made a motion to accept the warrants. Peter Schafer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Derek Swenson, Christine Godino, Mark Bodwell, Tom Raab, Peter Schafer, Julie Hamilton, Liz Legault, Alan Cron, Jeff Szymaniak, and Matt Ferron

**IV. Discussion/Action Items**

A. FY23 Budget Presentation-First Reading-Enc. A-Clarice Doliber presented the first reading of the FY23 budget to the Board. Clarice presented:

- A 2% salary increase for all employees except for drivers and monitors (currently in collective bargaining). This proposed increase equals the average of the settled teaching contracts for member districts from FY21-FY23
- A salary adjustment recommended due to comparable salaries and recruitment difficulties for Teaching Assistants, LPNs, as well as the Technology Coordinator, Transportation Director, and Human Resource Coordinator
- A 6% increase in the Autism tuition rates and a 3.5% increase for Multiple Disabilities tuition rates
- A 4% increase in the North River School tuition rate (both school year and summer)
- The CBV program will be moving to and run by Abington Public Schools in FY23
- An increase of 2.4% to 4% for District Service rates
- A 3.5% increase in tuition for Summer Work & Learning in FY23 as well as a 3.5% increase in the Social Work Intern Program rates and the BHI rates.
- Other assumptions-10% increase in utilities, auto insurance and professional and general liabilities
- A budgeted 6% increase in health insurance
- Overall, an 8.2% increase in the budget from FY22 to FY23

B. Treasurer Certification Letter for FY23 Budget-Enc. B- Clarice presented the certification letter from the NRC Treasurer, Art Sullivan for the FY23 budget.

**C. February Financials**

**1.Statement of Revenue and Changes in Fund Balance-Enc. C-** Marc Wright reviewed the February financials with the Board. He advised that the Board would see a swing to the positive in Medicaid moving forward. Marc also discussed the new payroll system, Paylocity, which will be up and running on July 1, 2022. The switch from Harpers Payroll was due to many issues including a lack of support and reporting issues.

**Motion:** Liz Legault made a motion to approve the Statement of Revenues and Changes in Fund Balance. Peter Schafer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Derek Swenson, Christine Godino, Mark Bodwell, Tom Raab, Peter Schafer, Julie Hamilton, Liz Legault, Alan Cron, Jeff Szymaniak, and Matt Ferron.

**D. Approval to Transfer \$150,000 to the Health Insurance Retirees Trust**

**Motion:** Liz Legault made a motion to approve the transfer of \$150,000 to the Health Insurance Retirees Trust. Peter Schafer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Derek Swenson, Christine Godino, Mark Bodwell, Tom Raab, Peter Schafer, Julie Hamilton, Liz Legault, Alan Cron, Jeff Szymaniak, and Matt Ferron.

**E. Financial Disclosure for Financial Interest in MMHG-Enc. D**

**Motion:** Matt Ferron made a motion to approve Kelli O'Brien McKinnon's Financial Disclosure for Financial Interest in Mayflower Municipal Health Group. Liz Legault seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Derek Swenson, Christine Godino, Mark Bodwell, Tom Raab, Peter Schafer, Julie Hamilton, Liz Legault, Alan Cron, Jeff Szymaniak, and Matt Ferron.

F. Construction Project Update: Clarice updated the Board on the proposed construction project.

G. Update on Classroom Space for FY23: Clarice advised the Board that the Learning Center would be using 4 classrooms in Bryantville next year.

**H. Acceptance of Staff Resignations, Hires, Terminations, and Changes in Contract-Enc. E**

**Motion:** Peter Schafer made a motion to accept the staff resignations, hires, terminations, and changes in contract. Liz Legault seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Derek Swenson, Christine Godino, Mark Bodwell, Tom Raab, Peter Schafer, Julie Hamilton, Liz Legault, Alan Cron, Jeff Szymaniak, and Matt Ferron.

I. Other Matters of Interest to Board Members

**V. Informational**

**J. FY21 Annual Report Compliance Review-Enc. F**

**K. Professional Development Offerings-Enc. G**

**Motion:** Liz Legault made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peter Schafer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Derek Swenson, Christine Godino, Mark Bodwell, Tom Raab, Peter Schafer, Julie Hamilton, Liz Legault, Alan Cron, Jeff Szymaniak, and Matt Ferron.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Alan Cron, NRC Board Secretary**