



North River Collaborative Board of Directors
Friday, June 3, 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 #881 7950 0468 provided through ZOOM and a Passcode of b9e4t0 will be used for this purpose.***

Present: Clarice Doliber, Jeff Szymaniak, Mark Bodwell, Peter Schafer, Matt Ferron, Chris Godino, Liz Legault, Julie Hamilton, and Sarah Spatafore

Absent: Marc Wright, Derek Swenson, Tom Raab, Alan Cron,

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM 9.05 by a motion made by Liz Legault and seconded by Mark Bodwell. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Jeff Szymaniak, Mark Bodwell, Peter Schafer, Matt Ferron, Chris Godino, Liz Legault, and Julie Hamilton.

II. Approval of Minutes-April 8, 2022

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to approve and accept the minutes of April 8, 2022. Julie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Jeff Szymaniak, Mark Bodwell, Peter Schafer, Matt Ferron, Chris Godino, Liz Legault, and Julie Hamilton.

III. Approval of Warrants:

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to approve the warrant. Mark Bodwell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Jeff Szymaniak, Mark Bodwell, Peter Schafer, Matt Ferron, Chris Godino, Liz Legault, and Julie Hamilton.

IV. Discussion/Action Items

A. FY22-May Financials

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to accept the financials. Jeff Szymaniak seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Jeff Szymaniak, Mark Bodwell, Peter Schafer, Matt Ferron, Chris Godino, Liz Legault, and Julie Hamilton.

B. FY22 Budget Update- Clarice reviewed the budget and called attention to the North River School budget and advised that 45-day placements have made up a lot of the population at the school and Clarice thinks this trend will continue. The last five years has shown an average of 33 to 35 students but this year with the addition of the new principal it has increased the budget. In addition, Clarice reviewed the request for the Board to vote on Option 1: up to \$300,000 to the Capital Reserve, an NRS loan payment of \$160,000 and a pre-pay of van loans in the amount of \$100,000. After the completion of the option 1 payments there will be a projected surplus of \$15,607.

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to approve Option I: up to \$300,000 to the Capital Reserve, an NRS loan payment of \$160,000 and a pre-pay of van loans in the amount of \$100,000. Jeff Szymaniak seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Jeff Szymaniak, Mark Bodwell, Peter Schafer, Matt Ferron, Chris Godino, Liz Legault, and Julie Hamilton.

C. Independence Academy Financial Summary for FY22: Clarice reviewed the FY22 financial summary of Independence Academy. The projected loss is \$20,000 which is all from the cost of transportation.

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to accept the projected monetary loss of Independence Academy of \$20,000. Mark Bodwell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Jeff Szymaniak, Mark Bodwell, Peter Schafer, Matt Ferron, Chris Godino, Liz Legault, and Julie Hamilton.

- D. Independence Academy and Harvard Medical School Research Study: Clarice informed the Board that IA students participated in a study with Dr. Emily Hennessey from Harvard's Recovery Research Institute. For participation, IA received a \$1000 honorarium. The study involved a Social Identity Mapping task where students were asked questions about their social groups to create a visual map of their social network and an interview about their experience doing the social identity mapping. The purpose of this study is to help improve the social identity mapping process for other adolescents so that we can better understand what and how social aspects influence their recovery process.

E. Treasurer Evaluation for FY22

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to approve the Treasurer, Art Sullivan's evaluation. Jeff Szymaniak seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Jeff Szymaniak, Mark Bodwell, Peter Schafer, Matt Ferron, Chris Godino, Liz Legault, and Julie Hamilton.

F. Reorganization of the Board and Sub-Committees:

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to nominate Peter Schafer as chair for FY23. Jeff Szymaniak seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Jeff Szymaniak, Mark Bodwell, Peter Schafer, Matt Ferron, Chris Godino, Liz Legault, and Julie Hamilton.

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to nominate Alan Cron as Vice Chair for FY23. Julie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Jeff Szymaniak, Mark Bodwell, Peter Schafer, Matt Ferron, Chris Godino, Liz Legault, and Julie Hamilton.

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to nominate Tom Raab as Secretary/Clerk for FY23. Jeff Szymaniak seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Jeff Szymaniak, Mark Bodwell, Peter Schafer, Matt Ferron, Chris Godino, Liz Legault, and Julie Hamilton.

- G. Title III Grant Consortia Members Signatures- Clarice reviewed the status of the Title III Grant (7 districts).

- H. **NRC 2021-2022 Action Plan Summary:** Clarice reviewed the 2021-2022 Action Plan and noted that some of the plan was paused due to COVID issues and that the surveys developed would be implemented in the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion: Peter Schafer made a motion to accept the NRC 2021-2022 Action Plan to date. Liz Legault seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Jeff Szymaniak, Mark Bodwell, Peter Schafer, Matt Ferron, Chris Godino, Liz Legault, and Julie Hamilton.

I. Board Meeting Calendar-2022-2023

Motion: Peter Schafer made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Calendar for 2022-2023. Liz Legault seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Jeff Szymaniak, Mark Bodwell, Peter Schafer, Matt Ferron, Chris Godino, Liz Legault, and Julie Hamilton.

J. OPEB-Health Insurance Retirees Trust 2021 Tax Return

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to accept the OPEB Health Insurance Retirees Trust 2021 Tax Return. Julie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Jeff Szymaniak, Mark Bodwell, Peter Schafer, Matt Ferron, Chris Godino, Liz Legault, and Julie Hamilton.

K. Acceptance of Staff Resignations, Hires, Terminations, and Changes in Contract

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to accept Staff Resignations, Hires, Terminations, and Changes in Contract. Julie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Jeff Szymaniak, Mark Bodwell, Peter Schafer, Matt Ferron, Chris Godino, Liz Legault, and Julie Hamilton.

L. Other Matters of Interest to Board Members

V. Informational

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Professional Development Offerings

VI. Executive Session 11j923AM

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to adjourn the open session of the Board meeting and enter executive session not to reconvene into open session “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.”. Julie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote: Jeff Szymaniak, Mark Bodwell, Peter Schafer, Matt Ferron, Chris Godino, Liz Legault, and Julie Hamilton.

Open Session adjourned at 9:23 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Cron, Board Secretary