



North River Collaborative Board of Directors

Friday, November 1, 2024 - 9:00 AM

In Person with Remote Option (if required)

198 Spring Street, Rockland, MA 02370

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On March 29, 2023, Governor Healey signed into law an extension of the temporary provisions pertaining to the Open Meeting Law to March 31, 2025. Specifically, this further extension allows public bodies to continue holding meetings remotely without a quorum of the public body physically present at a meeting location, and to provide "ad equare, alternative" access to remote meetings.

Present: Paul Tzovolos, Ellen George, Marie Grable, Kelli O'Brien-McKinnon, Felicia Moschella, Jeff Szymaniak, Joe Baeta, Liz Legault, Julie Hamilton, Ryan Powers

Absent: Alan Cron, Mark Bodwell, Matt Ferron, Lori Jodoin

I. Call to Order: Chairman Joe Baeta called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM.

II. Approval of Minutes for September 20, 2024

Motion: Jeff Szymaniak made a motion to approve the minutes of September 20, 2024. Julie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

III. Discussion/Action Items

A. FY25 Budget Update- Director of Business Ellen George updated the Board on the FY24 Budget's current position. She noted that the Learning Center programs are ahead of budget projections and North River School and SAILS are below projection but have referrals for enrollment.

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to accept the FY24 Budget Update. Felicia Moschella seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

B. FY25 Budget Amendment: Executive Director Paul Tzovolos advised the Board that due to a calculation error that was embedded in the budget spreadsheet under "Additional Services Contingency" was duplicated in both revenue and expense columns in the amount of \$300,000. Mr. Tzovolos advised that there was no further impact throughout the budget. The overall general fund balance, without capital expenditure, changed from \$14,137,535 to \$13,837,535 due to this amendment to the FY25 budget. The overall general fund balance, with capital expenditure, is now \$14,437,535. This now reflects a 1.3% increase over the FY24 budget rather than the previous 3.4% increase. Superintendent Liz Legault asked what the effects of this budget amendment were to the overall budget, specifically the revenue and expense sides. Mr. Tzovolos assured the Board that there was no overall impact other than a decrease to the revenue side. told the Board that the full FY25 amended budget will be sent and labeled accordingly.

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to accept the FY24 Budget Amendment. Jeff Szymaniak seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Acceptance of Staff Resignations, Hires, Terminations, and Changes in Contract: Mr. Tzovolos advised the Board there was an additional termination effective October 31, 2024 for a Transportation Dispatcher. The salary for the employee was paid through November 1, 2024.

Motion: Liz Legault made a motion to accept the staff resignations, terminations, hires and changes in contract. Jeff Szymaniak seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously but roll call vote.

D. Appointment of North River Collaborative Sick Bank Committee Members: Felicia Moschella and Julie Hamilton volunteered to represent the NRC Board of Director's on the NRC Sick Bank for FY25.

Motion: Jeff Szymaniak made a motion to approve the appointment of Felicia Moschella and Julie Hamilton as the NRC Sick Bank Committee Members representing the NRC Board of Directors. Liz Legault seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

E. DEI Consultant Update: Paul Tzovolos advised the Board that only one district has reached out with one billable hour to date. Mr. Tzovolos told the Board he would like to open the services to non-member districts. Superintendent Liz Legault suggested that the consultant reach out to the member districts and make time to visit the member districts.

F. Reconsideration of Member District Information Gathering Projects: Paul

Tzovolos updated the Board on the project's responses:

1. Special Education Caseloads -2 districts out of 10
2. Paraprofessional Compensation - 6 districts out of 10
3. Professional Development Calendar – NRC created a PD calendar for uniformity.
4. Other Recommendations by Board Members -Paul Tzovolos asked the Board if there were any new needs.

IV. Informational

- A. MOEC and MASS/MASC Conference Networking Opportunity -Friday, November 8, 2024 at 7:30 – 8:30 AM at Osterville.
- B. Advanced Studies and Leadership Program at Mass Maritime Opportunity- two-week summer college like residential experience developed by Cape Cod Collaborative with the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. The program emphasizes leadership and project oriented instruction in STEM and the humanities for high-achieving 7th and 8th grade students.
- C. NRC Transportation Recruitment Flyer Paul Tzovolos asked the Board to include the NRC Transportation flyer in their school newsletter or email to their respective districts.
- D. DESE Collaborative Training Update

V. Other Matters of Interest to Board Members

Motion: Julie Hamilton made a motion to adjourn. Jeff Szymaniak seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 AM

Respectfully submitted by:

Ryan Powers, Board Secretary