

Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative Board

Minutes of August 19, 2020 Board Meeting

(Meeting held by Zoom due to declared State of Emergency)

Members Present: Carole Clifford, Christopher Cotter, Ann Fernandes, Donna McKenna, Christopher Oliver, Michelle Smith, Suzanne Tseki

Members Absent: Michael Shea

Staff Present: Catherine S. Cooper, Executive Director
Christopher Haraden, Director of Finance and Operations

Others Present: John Nunes, SMEC Treasurer

Mr. Oliver called the meeting to order at 5:08 P.M.

1. **VOTED** To approve the Minutes of the Board's June 17, 2020 meeting as submitted. Motion by Ms. Fernandes, Second by Ms. McKenna.

APPROVED

2. **VOTED** To receive, accept and place on file the LEA, SAIL and ADH funded staff appointments, transfers, promotions, resignations, terminations, and reductions as submitted on Agenda Attachment 1. Motion by Ms. Smith, Second by Ms. McKenna.

APPROVED

3. **VOTED** To approve the proposed fall Reopening Plan as submitted on Agenda Attachment 2 with a recommended hybrid model, four (4) days in person and one (1) remote day to start the school year to be amended as needed based on updated guidance. Motion by Ms. McKenna, Second by Ms. Tseki.

APPROVED

4. **VOTED** To maintain the Collaborative's FY21 Annual Tuition rates as previously approved but to adjust and increase the daily rate to be divisible by the DESE mandated 170 school days rather than 180 school days for FY21. Motion by Mr. Cotter, Second by Ms. McKenna.

APPROVED

5. **VOTED** To approve an annual stipend for the Collaborative lead nurse of \$1,000. Motion by Ms. Smith, Second by Ms. Fernandes.

APPROVED

6. **VOTED** To authorize the Director of Finance and Operations to apply for any COVID relief funds for which the Collaborative as a public entity may be eligible. Motion by Ms. Smith, Second by Ms. Mckenna.

APPROVED

7. **DISCUSSION** The Executive Director informed the Board that the amended Articles of Agreement and all required supporting documents had been submitted to the DESE prior to the June 15, 2020 extended deadline and to her knowledge the documents are still being reviewed by the Commissioner's office before being submitted to the Board of Education for final approval.

8. **SCHEDULED** The next scheduled SMEC Board of Directors meeting will be held on September 30, 2020 at 5:30 PM. by Zoom.

9. **VOTED** To adjourn at 5:46 P.M

APPROVED

**Respectfully submitted,
Catherine S. Cooper
Secretary to the Board**