

**South Shore Educational Collaborative
75 Abington Street, Hingham, MA 02043**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Friday, January 21, 2022**

Present:	James Lee	Braintree
	Patrick Sullivan, Ed.D.	Cohasset
	Gary Maestas	Hingham
	Judith Kuehn	Hull
	James Jette	Milton
	Matthew Keegan	Norwell
	Kevin Mulvey, J.D.	Quincy
	Robert Wargo	Weymouth
	Jeffrey Szymaniak	Whitman Hanson

SSEC: Richard L. Reino, Executive Director
Patricia Mason, Ph.D., Director of Student Services

1. Executive Session: Chapter 39, Section 29, mandates that in order to go into Executive Session, the Collaborative Board must:
 - a. Do so on a roll call vote.
 - b. State purpose of Executive Session
 - c. Indicate whether the body will reconvene in public session.

Matters to be considered in Executive Session: Negotiations and Personnel

A motion to go into Executive Session with the intent of returning to Open Session was made by Ms. Kuehn and seconded by Mr. Lee; a roll call vote was taken, with Mr. Keegan voting yes, Dr. Sullivan voting yes, Dr. Maestas voting yes, Ms. Kuehn voting yes, Mr. Jette voting yes, Mr. Wargo voting yes, Mr. Mulvey voting yes and Mr. Lee voting yes; unanimously approved.

A motion to return to Open Session was made by Ms. Kuehn and seconded by Mr. Jette; a roll call vote was taken, with Mr. Keegan voting yes, Dr. Sullivan voting yes, Dr. Maestas voting yes, Ms. Kuehn voting yes, Mr. Jette voting yes, Mr. Wargo voting yes, Mr. Mulvey voting yes, Mr. Szymaniak voting yes, and Mr. Lee voting yes; unanimously approved.

2. Approval of the minutes from the December 3, 2021 meeting. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Maestas and seconded by Mr. Lee; unanimously approved.

3. FY 22 financial update and budget summary. The bank balance this morning was over \$3 million dollars. Credit line is zero. The line of available credit has been increased to \$2 million dollars. The OPEB balance is currently \$1,062,873.69. The budget remains frozen except for emergency use. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Kuehn and seconded by Mr. Jette; unanimously approved.
4. Discussion of tuition rates for the 2022-2023 school year. The executive director distributed tuition increase costs ranging from 2% to 6% for both member and non-member districts for the board to review. The entire SSEC budget is based upon tuitions. This spreadsheet outlines what the additional cost would be per district using the current student enrollment numbers. Following discussion, the board chair asked for a projection of a 3% and 5% increase and a 4% and 6% increase to see what the numbers look like, and how many enrollments SSEC would need to make the budget work. This information, along with the full FY 2023 budget, will be presented for review at the next board meeting in March.
5. 2022-2023 school calendar with board meeting dates. This will be sent electronically to board members for review of the dates.
6. Other items. The FY 21 independent audit was distributed. The Title IX situation has been resolved.

Board members expressed their gratitude to the executive director, the director of student services, the Community School director, the director of ancillary services and the therapeutic services coordinator for their thoughtfulness regarding SSEC students.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Kuehn and seconded by Mr. Jette; unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.